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DVD REVIEW

HARDCORE COLLECTION: FILMS OF RICHARD KERN (Various)

Directed by Richard Kern

Review by Mark Jason Murray



Released by:

Music Video
Distributors

Year of Release:

1999

Running time:

140 min.

Rating:

NR

Color format:

Color / B&W

Audio / Subtitles:

Stereo, Mono

Region Code:

0, NTSC

Aspect Ratio:

Fullscreen

16:9 enhanced?

No



From the mid 80's through the mid 90's there was a small but interesting underground film scene in New York which came to be known as the 'Cinema of Transgression'. Two primary figures, Nick Zedd and Richard Kern, became the most widely known artists from this period, achieving various levels of underground fame and recognition.

In a 1994 interview I conducted with Kern, he stated, "The 'Cinema of Transgression' was basically trying to show things that people won't do but they'll watch." This attitude led Kern to produce several shocking, violent and downright offensive short films, the majority of which are featured here on this DVD collection.

Shot in black and white or color 8mm film, Kern's main objective is to offend. His films cover themes of sexual perversion, violence, fantasy, alienation, drug use and even suicide. No visual or theme is taboo, from hardcore sex to gore and genital mutilation, Kern's films are freak level art wallowing in sleaze and catering to the prurient

interests of fringe crowds.

Thirteen of Kern's films are included in this collection. Shorts like **SUBMIT TO ME** and **SUBMIT TO ME NOW** are a barrage of crazed imagery and jarring music. **THE BITCHES** features two women competing for the attention of a male only to ultimately reverse the sexual roles (the penetrator is now the penetrated). Other cringe inducing shorts include, **THE SEWING CIRCLE**, as Kembra Pfahler (lead singer of The Voluptuous Horror of Karen Black) has her vagina sewn shut. The assaultive nature of Kern's work becomes obvious even during the DVD's opening moments.

Thankfully, the collection also includes Kern's best and most offensively shocking piece, **FINGERED** (1986) featuring underground cult diva, Lydia Lunch. After a violent and explicit sexual encounter with one of her phone sex clients, the two set out on a rampage of murder, brutality and attempted rape leaving the viewer aroused, disgusted or both.



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No



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In 1992, Film Threat Video released two VHS volumes of Kern's films which included four shorts not included on this DVD (**KING OF SEX**, **MONEYLOVE**, **PIERCE**, and **NAZI**). I would have liked for all of his films to be included and presented in chronological order, but this collection does satisfy my much needed Kern fix on DVD format and does include a couple shorts not included on videos.

Aggressively erotic and perversely shocking, **THE Hardcore Collection** is highly recommended for those who seek the bizarre and over the top outer reaches of underground cinema.

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