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Grind Mode Special Details**Grind Mode Special Title****DVD REVIEW: THE QUIET ARRANGEMENT**

'The Quiet Arrangement' is a thriller that will appeal to fans of underground / cult filmmaking. While this is certainly not a big-budget production, it is clear that director David C. Snyder has done his cinematography homework. Indeed, it is the structure and style of this movie that carries it along - even as the plot twists and turns, drawing the viewer in further.

The story follows the abduction of the wife of prominent lawyer, Walter Briggs. But everything is not as it first seems, as the characters reveal their various backgrounds, personalities and secrets. While starring Kyle Jason ('Dirty Shield'), Rob Stone ('Endgame') and Public Enemy's Chuck D, it is not so much the acting that is likely to earn plaudits as the way the story is told.

Although there are scenes of a sexual nature, violence and bad language these are not gratuitously presented, instead acting to help introduce and develop the personas of the characters. The movie has a gritty, fly-on-the-wall feel that leaves you guessing, as more layers are undone through the actions of the various characters. Detailing the events of just a handful of days and characters, the chronology of the tale switches back and forth as you see the abduction and subsequent occurrences from different perspectives.

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The cinematography helps as the use of color and picture clarity changes for each character while the sound also alters from an eerie silence to more cacophonous aural as the scenes require. Fans of cult films will certainly find something to latch onto - but this is no Hollywood blockbuster. Don't expect big-budget special effects and action - but rather an at-times claustrophobic telling and retelling of a tale that challenges your perceptions of the characters on show.

Without a doubt, some of the acting performances could have been improved and, at times, the film seems to revel too long in its own intricacies. However, while not threatening the Oscars, this remains a solid movie which could well gain a following among fans of independent filmmaking.

As an added bonus, this DVD release also includes deleted and extra scenes, an alternate ending, trailers, music videos, a making-of documentary, director and actors commentaries and three short films. If you are a fan of underground drama and independent films then this DVD is certainly worth a look...

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