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My Breakfast with Blassie (1983)

Rating: 3 Stars (out of 4)



Eggs on Faces

By Jeffrey M. Anderson

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Andy Kaufman stars with wrestler Fred Blassie in this hour-long takeoff on Louis Malle's *My Dinner with Andre* (1981), set at a Sambo's Restaurant. As with anything Kaufman, it's hard to tell what's real and what's really a put-on. It appears to be a fully improvised conversation over breakfast, in which Blassie and Kaufman discuss hygiene, food and wrestling, with a few interruptions from annoying fans. One fan, who pulls a booger out of his nose and places it on Andy's plate, is actually Andy's pal Bob Zmuda. And co-director Johnny Legend has revealed that the shoot actually took closer to four hours. Regardless, it's very funny -- and sometimes surprisingly warm -- and essential for Kaufman's fans. VCS has released a new 2009 DVD, though the picture and sound are fairly middling; it looks like an old VHS tape, complete with jumps and dropout and muddy audio. Extras include nearly a full hour of outtakes from the shoot, including more Kaufman antics, interviews with co-directors Legend and Linda Lautrec, and lots of vintage footage on Blassie.



With: Andy Kaufman, Fred Blassie

Written by: Johnny Legend, Linda Lautrec

Directed by: Johnny Legend, Linda Lautrec, Mark Shepard

MPAA Rating: Not Rated

Running Time: 56 minutes

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