

DVD SNAPSHOT

DVD Review

My Breakfast With Blassie

» HOME

» ABOUT US

» INTERVIEWS/SPECIAL
FEATURES

» LINKS

» CONTACT US

» SEARCH

INFO@DVDSNAPSHOT.COM



Official Synopsis:

In characteristic Andy Kaufman style; he and professional wrestler "Classy" Freddie Blassie run a parody of *My Dinner with Andre* in this hilarious film. Kaufman and Blassie have discussions over the minutia that is their lives, including wrestling, stardom, hygiene and whether to eat bacon or sausage.

Our Take:

Before Sacha Baron Cohen was running around making films about "real" people being made uncomfortable by his antics to generate laughs, Andy Kaufman was doing the same thing while also crossing-over into the mainstream as an actor on the hit TV-show *Taxi*. Sadly, Andy Kaufmann is only revered in comedy circles, never really reaching the mainstream success of Mr. Cohen.

Now, thanks to small-time DVD distributor Music Video Distribution comes **My Breakfast with Blassie**. The film is Andy Kaufman's take on *My Dinner with Andre*, the serious dinner conversation film made two years earlier. The hour-long movie takes place in a California diner where Andy Kaufman as himself and self-proclaimed King of Men and former pro wrestler Freddie Blassie has a conversation and occasionally talk to other patrons at the diner. Like *Borat* and soon-to-be-released *Bruno*, the effectiveness of the comedy at work is dependant mostly on the audience believing that what the film tells you is real is in fact such. The making of bonus material on this disc makes certain that such was neither real nor filmed in real time; everyone was in on the joke except the audience. The laughs come from Kaufman doing his late-career obnoxious chauvinist bit, which Freddie Blassie has mastered as well. The two seem to genuinely like each other so the hour goes smoothly and their improvised conversation seems believable.

Special Features:

For a relatively small distribution company, Music Video Distribution has managed to scrap together what could easily be described as the most comprehensive set of supplements one could hope for **My Breakfast with Blassie**. The set of supplements are generally all behind the scenes stuff scraped off the cutting room floor and the video quality of such is about the same as the main feature, which means it looks like someone is shooting it with a standard store bought video camera. The

SHARE

© Copyright 2009 DVD Snapshot. All Rights Reserved.

supplements are as follows:

- Lost Footage: Andy in the Raw
- Blassie Graffiti Bonus Footage
- Legendary Graffiti Home Movies
- The Making of My Breakfast with Blassie
- Photo Gallery
- Film Premiere Footage

Conclusion:

A pre-cursor to the Sacha Baron Cohen comedy (not-so-) vérité movement, **My Breakfast with Blassie** is a fun hour spent with Andy Kaufman and while it will not have you on the floor laughing, there are definitely enough hysterics in here to make it worth your time.

Overall Picture:

Movie: **B**

Extra Features: **B+**

- *Matt Orlando*
Staff Writer



© Copyright 2009 DVD Snapshot. All Rights Reserved.