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**Andy Kaufman "My Breakfast With Blassie" (VSC)**

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There's no "fine line" when it comes to Andy Kaufman. You're either a huge fan of his work or you hate him with a passion. Personally, I thought he was pure genius. You never...NEVER....knew what was real and what wasn't. That's why, to this day, people still believe that he faked his own death and that he's still floating around out there with a big smile on his face.

You almost have to be an Andy Kaufman fan to enjoy and appreciate "My Breakfast With Blassie." If you're not familiar with his work in any way, shape or form and this is your first Andy Kaufman experience, well, you'll probably walk away from this film thinking, "God, that was boring!"

To be honest with you, it is kind of boring. There's really not a whole lot of "entertainment" to be seen here. It's basically Andy Kaufman having breakfast with wrestling legend Classie Freddie Blassie. They talk about wrestling, stardom, personal hygiene and what to have for breakfast and the conversation doesn't really go into all that much detail and, personally, I think that's the beauty of this release. Now, I don't know if this is what Andy was going for or not, but, the way I see it, as you watch this release, you almost expect something to happen. You're waiting for something to happen. The punchline for a joke that's never told. Near the end of the movie, there's a dude who throws up on the table and that's your "shocking" moment. Talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk...BLAH! There it is. A random sight gag...and they really don't make all that big a deal out of it.

I think Andy might have made this film for the people who didn't like him. He might have thought, "Let's see if I can get people to sit through this for an hour." Remember, this is the guy who would stand on stage and read "The Great Gatsby" when the audience heckled him.

If you're already a fan, you're already familiar with this movie. You know what it's about. You've probably seen it before. But, this version is a special commemorative edition and it's the bonus features that add a little more excitement to the main feature. There's additional (supposedly "lost") footage of Andy. Behind the scenes and all that. There's extra footage of Freddie Blassie, including wrestling matches. There's a "making of" feature, film premiere footage and a lot of Johnny Legend material as well. That's worth the price of admission alone.

Bottom line...this is classic Andy Kaufman. It's a must have if you're a fan. Well worth checking out.

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