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TUPAC SHAKUR - FINAL 24 DVD REVIEW

Tupac Shakur is the best selling rapper of all time and his influence on hip-hop music is undeniable - even 14 years after he was infamously shot dead in Las Vegas. However, as time passes a new generation of fans have sprung up who, while they may know the name, may be relatively unfamiliar with Tupac the man and the rapper. There are also those who will recall Tupac Shakur in his heyday who perhaps want to remember him or gain a greater insight into his last moments on earth.

'Tupac Shakur- Final 24: His Final Hours' offers a great vehicle for the newcomer to the 2pac legacy and the die-hard fan alike. As is usual in this series, this 60-minute documentary uses actors, archive footage and interviews to show what happened, moment-by-moment during the 24 hours that would end with Tupac shot and unsuccessfully fighting for his life. The DVD also offers perspective by delving into Tupac's background, including his mother Afeni's associations with the Black Panther Party, Tupac's rise to hip-hop success, his childhood, various troubles with the law, and more besides.

Insight from his mother, cousin, members of the Outlawz and Thug Life crews and also his bodyguard Frank Alexander take you closer to Tupac and also the fateful night that would see him shot dead in a murder that is still unsolved. However, this documentary doesn't do what so many others that came before have tried - 'Final 24' does not look to solve Tupac's murder, instead it presents the facts in a clear and concise manner - all brought to life with some solid acting performances and the invaluable insights from those who were there.

Those who have followed Tupac's career will perhaps not find too much new information from this film, however it is a clear and well-presented realization of Tupac's final 24 hours. That the film plays out each important scene as it happened across the day adds a real perspective to this documentary, while clearly showing what went down and how. The film also offers glimpses of what was going through Tupac's head during his last hours via testimony of those who were there with him at the time.

A great addition to the collections of any die-hard Tupac fan, this slick production is one of the best overviews on the market right now and, as such, will also prove invaluable to anyone wanting to be introduced to the late rap legend and what went down on the night he was fatally shot.