



The Great Hip Hop Hoax

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Film ★★★★★
 Bonus Features ★★★★★

Main Plot Points:

- Californian hip-hop duo Silibil n' Brains were going to be massive. No one knew the pair were really Scottish, with fake American accents and made up identities. When their promising Scottish rap act was branded "the rapping Proclaimers" by scornful A&Rs, friends Billy and Gavin reinvented themselves as LA homeboys.
- The real deal. The lie was their golden ticket to a dream life. With confessions from the scammers, insight from the music execs they duped and doodle reconstructions, the film charts the roller coaster story of the highs of the scam and the lows of madness and the personal toll the deception took. A film about truth, lies and the legacy of faking everything in the desperate pursuit of fame.

What We Thought:

- I wasn't familiar with the story in **The Great Hip Hop Hoax**, but I found it rather interesting.
- I've never heard of Silibil N' Brains, but how they came about is pretty funny. Not taken seriously as Scottish rappers, they create this backstory of being from Los Angeles and all of a sudden they are signed to a label. That's hysterical considering hip hop is about "keeping it real" and this whole thing

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as a fabricated story.

- And the best part is, they would have gotten away with it because they had for years! After a record label shake up, the band fell apart and it was years after that Gavin announced it was all fake. Nobody ever figured it out after they spent tons of money and created this fake buzz.
- It's not really my type of music or anything, but just the balls these guys had to pull this off is what amazes me. They stayed in character for years even with family and friends. Just goes to show that talent isn't everything and that if you can walk the walk, sometimes you can get signed.
- If like me you aren't familiar with the group, **The Great Hip Hop Hoax** is an interesting documentary. I seem to like a lot of music documentaries even if I don't like the band if the story is intriguing. This one definitely is. I'm sure others have done it, but these guys were perfect at it.

Special Features:

- None

Notable Cast & Crew:

- Silibil N' Brains
- Billy Boyd & Gavin Bain
- D12

Recommended if You Like:

- Silibil N' Brains
- Milli Vanilli
- Musical Documentaries

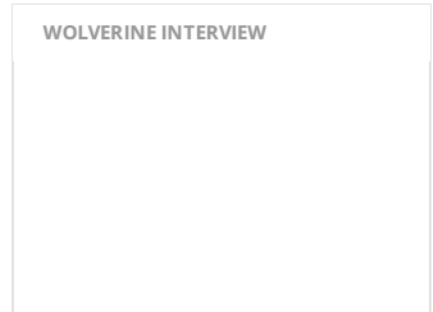
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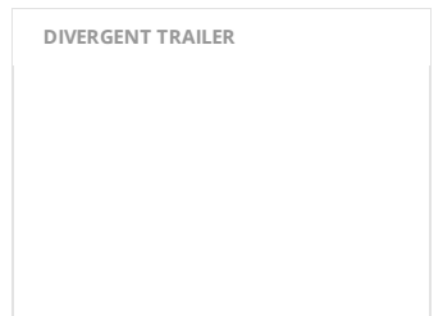
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