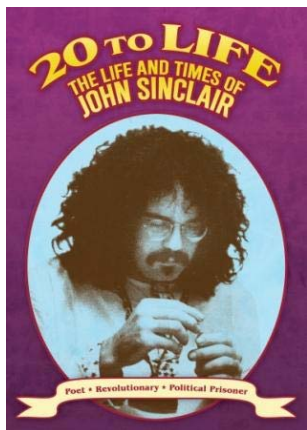


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Directed by Steve Gebhardt

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After viewing this DVD several times I am convinced that John Sinclair is a second rate poet, a second rate musician and a hanger on who was in the right place at the right time. His poetry and rants are cheap imitations of Lenny Bruce; his musical forays are cheap imitations of Ornette Coleman and Pharoah Sanders as well as Thelonious Monk.

Getting busted with two joints and being sentenced to twenty years to life brought him to the attention of a true innovator and experimentalist - John Lennon. In hindsight, it seems that being busted elevated him to a unbelievale stature for one of such questionable talent.

Now that the problems in Iraq are still raging and very much in the world consciousness, I find it ironic that John Sinclair is living in Amsterdam, perhaps still in a sixties induced pot coma.

The DVD shows that Sinclair has not moved forward since his heyday, and is living in the past, a past that is over romanticized in countless DVD's and reissues. Although the man himself may be lacking in certain regards, this is a thought provoking DVD with interesting comments and great archival footage of the sixties.

DVD Bonus

* 4 complete poems performed by John Sinclair and Ed Moss

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