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John Sinclair - "20 To Life: The Life And Times Of John Sinclair" DVD - This informative and curious documentary covers the history of 60's "poet/revolutionary/political prisoner" Sinclair, who founded artists' workshops in Detroit, managed the MC5, and was arrested and imprisoned for marijuana possession back in those turbulent times. His arrest created a major coup, even involving John Lennon and Yoko Ono as spokespersons for his release and the challenging of the Constitutional laws regarding marijuana use. Rare and original footage of Sinclair, in all his beatnik/hippie glory, as well as supporters like Allen Ginsberg, and his own modern day blues/jazz band performances all serve as a telling portrait of a man who dared to speak up (and still does today). As well, it's an extraordinarily well-done peek into the whole artists' scene in the 60's, unbiased and rich in community activism (and hedonistic consciousness-changing). I was shamefully unaware of John Sinclair before this DVD, and I now consider myself informed. A fine work and worthy of a viewing if you're at all inspired by the revolutionary art of the radical sixties. (MVD Visual)

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