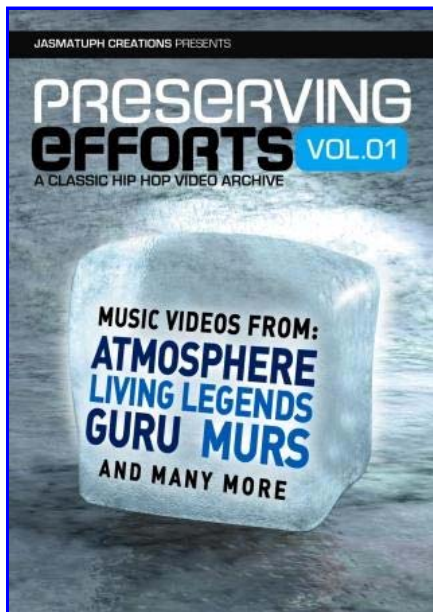


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Preserving Efforts Vol. 1
A Classic Hip Hop Video Archive
MVD

This collection of videos from five countries claims to preserve the efforts of those whose works are seen by few, and in this respect presents a strange diversity of artists. Good ol' Slug hits it off with "Say Hey there", definitely not the strongest Atmosphere track and a rather self indulgent vid, and the Australians that follow make you wonder where's the fucking connection? Seriously, as for the international shit, only the ugly Englishmen of Def Tex are even noteworthy for music and visuals. Guru embarrasses himself with the ridiculous melodrama of "Hood Dreamin", and the Living Legends are only adequately interesting. Honestly the only real gem on the whole disc is the mighty Murs with "H-U-S-T-L-E", fucking hilarious, with WWE superstar John Cena throwing people through walls while rapping!

On a serious note, will someone please tell me if there is any Australian Hip Hop worth listening to whatsoever? With seven out of fourteen vids coming from the former penal colony you'd think there would be enough urban crunch to produce something world class. Alas the shit ranges from cookie cutter b-boys (Bliss N Eso, Koolism), to dishwater dull (Mnemonic Ascent), to self indulgent white boy wankers with annoying accents (TZU, Urthboy). No discernible regional flavour at all, just mimicry.

And then we have the only Canadian to cap it off – Wordburglar (WTF?!). This shit is so stupefyingly bad it makes me want to go to Australia! Nauseating animation with racist undertones, with Saturday morning cartoon style rap. Made me puke. Fuck man, I'm all for preserving efforts but most of this shit

should be deleted for ever and the producers actively discouraged from doing further work...except Murs!

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