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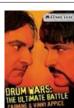
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Both are great drummers in their own right. Except one pronounces his last name 'ap-a-cee' and the other 'a-piece', one has a Fu Manchu mustache and the other one doesn't, one is old and the other is older, one has played with Rod Stewart, Vanilla Fudge, Cactus and B.B.A. (Beck, Bogert and Appice) and the other one has played with John Lennon, Dio and Black Sabbatth, one is ugly and the other one slightly uglier. But the question is, which one is better? Which one came first? And which one copied which? Who's got the most power and the most skills? And more importantly, who pronounces the last name correctly?

In this seemingly vanity project, the Italian Brooklyn brothers try to put all comparisons to rest and 'bad blood' to side by going head to head on an interpretation of Led Zeppelin's "The Ocean". For it, they prepare by bad mouthing each other through some mildly (and some genuinely) funny moments refereed by ABC's Francesca Capucci (I've got no idea who she is) and have recruited the talents of guitarist Jennifer Batten (who used to play for Michael Jackson and here dons some seriously dated soccer mom blue jeans) and of bassist Alphonso Johnson (Weather Report). The drum wars itself take place at the famous Rainbow Bar & Grill in the infamous Sunset Boulevard and features both drummers playing at once; with each one improvising and infusing its own personal style to the classic. The whole "Drum Wars' show gets old after seven or eight minutes when we realize that no matter how great these two are and how much imagination they put into their playing, the competition is quite irrelevant and the show is rather boring with two drummers that at the core share much of their style and power.



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