

## The Plain Dealer

### "Gold"

The late 1960s saw a counterculture explosion of ground-breaking artistic endeavors, but we tend to look back on the period with rose-colored glasses. In truth, not everything was groovy. Some of it was just plain awful. Case in point, the 1968 film "Gold," subtitled "Before Woodstock, Beyond Reality." Finally being released on home video for the first time in any form, it's being billed as missing for 40 years. More likely, it was hidden out of embarrassment, because this acid-drenched hippie love fest makes no sense whatsoever. The rambling acting is pitiable, the producers frequently inject non-sequitur sex scenes, and phony establishment stand-ins rant about the perils of public nudity to no end. Freaked-out efforts like this only served to give the youth movement a bad name. Unrated, 90 minutes. DVD extras: two commentary tracks and vintage interviews. From [MVD Visual](#).

- Chris Ball