



ALL ACCESS EDITION: HARD CORE LOGO INCLUDES HARD CORE LOGO 2 (Blu-ray) – VSC

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Hard Core Logo starts with a brief German introduction during the opening credits. Made by Canadian filmmaker Bruce McDonald, Hard Core Logo is the story of Joe Dick and his band Hard Core Logo setting up a reunion tour and benefit concert for the shot punk rocker, the legendary Bucky Haight. The band tours across Canada and travels to Haight's home to find out he was never shot and this was only a reunion attempt by Dick. The somewhat predictable trials and tribulations of young men doing drugs, drinking and fighting are all seen in a pseudo-documentary style. The final scenes included in the film by the 'sole decision' of McDonald show Dick shooting himself in front of the camera at the very end of the reunion tour.

Hard Core Logo 2, this time starting with a Japanese intro, is wholly different. This is probably what a script looks like when written while on some acid journey or something like that. Early impressions while watching this 'really not a sequel' are that one is not really clear what this movie is or where it is really going. Bruce McDonald - as not himself but a fictionalized somewhat successful filmmaker - travels to meet Care Failure singer of Toronto punk band Die Mannequin, who claims to be channeling the spirit of his old friend Joe Dick. McDonald becomes involved in the story and attempted last chance for success of Die Mannequin, more than anything to do with Dick's spirit. After ingesting a mushroom McDonald eventually finds his way to an ice cave where a fox starts talking to him - via Dick - and telling him to ditch 'Jesus tv' and start making films like he used to. This somehow leads him to the fear that Care Failure might be contemplating suicide much the same way Dick did, in front of a camera. A surprise ending awaits the viewer.

As a film this is the definition of unorthodox, probably very apt for a punk rock themed one. Each film comes with special features like audio commentary, music videos, trailers and other bonus features. – Anna Tergel