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Videogame Theatre comes from the creators of most notably Team America, Crank Yankers, Freestyle 101 and various others. Screening on MTV Europe the shows spoofs various 8 bit 1980's video game characters via a range of puppets, crayon drawings and varying audio-visual techniques. And it's wilfully politically incorrect stuff here.

Thus we learn that Pac-Man apparently spent all the money on pills and porn, Miss Pac-Man is meanwhile a dirty whore and worse of all Junior Pac-Man is queer!. Moreover Q-Bert is apparently America's first retarded video game character and Donkey Kong seems to have hijacked Chewbacca's ridiculous speech patterns!. It's a bizarre, geeky, smart, stupid mix then, and frankly all the better for it. With enough in-jokes and passing references to please that of your garden variety nerd to casual gamer (note the Half-life hotel or Sim City University as proof). It's originality and inventiveness give the whole concept a seemingly idiot-savant grace, and enough laughs to more than stake it claim amongst other MTV stoner classics. Making it justifiably well worthy of more than a passing glance.

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