

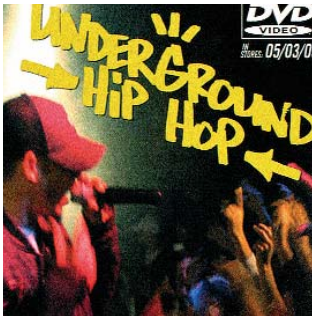
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Basement TV Underground Hip Hop

Need to do something with all those hip hop performances you recorded over the past five years? Basement's solution is to compile and compact two hours of in-store performances and shows onto one DVD. Basement

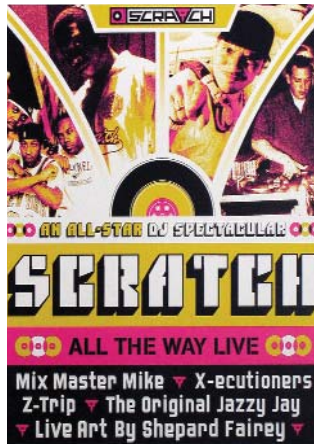


stated, "Don't look for any skits or interviews—this is all meat and potatoes." As a matter of fact don't look for 5.1 Dolby Digital sound or HDTV video; it seems their camcorder was pretty shitty. But there is quality content: a collection of 25 or so of some of the best underground emcees to date.

—www.basementhiphop.com

Scratch: All the way Live

The 2002 Scratch Tour played 15 spots in the United States before it went to Japan, Australia and New Zealand, marking itself as the only international hip-hop festival tour. Participants to date include DJ Swamp, DJ Craze, Black Thought,



Scratch, The Beat Junkies, Jazzy Jeff and Rahzel. This DVD shows off Jazzy Jay, Z-Trip, The X-ecutioners, Mix Master Mike and a rare look at Q-Bert. For those who can't get enough of tablists *Scratch: All The Way Live* is the first in a series of must-own videos. This edition features Shepard Fairey of Obey Giant and his ideas and tips on paste-ups, stencils and the inspiration behind his art.

—www.scratchworldwidemedia.com

The Crazy Bikini Show Import Entertainment

Damn. This is the bomb. When you go to the shows as a fan there are three things you must see. One, the fly honey dips around the whips; two, the fly honey dips at the booths, and three, the fly honey dips



on stage taking their milk baths and pole dancers ripping off their clothes. If you're a real man you'll do this. This is the DVD for those who make it out to the shows or download every Asian MPEG available. This video was four years in the making so we're sure every bit of footage is truly "educational." Look out *Girls Gone Wild* there's a new thong in town.

—www.boomboomshow.com

Slowjam Sessions: Vol 1 Various Artists

Some Filipinos are sappy romantics. You can start dissing now but by the time you squeak out your last word, a brown-skinned emo-thug will have taken your girl's heart hostage, marking her with a hickey before



she has peeled off the Dickies and returned to her broken-hearted wannabe. Serves you right. A variety of singers from the Pinoy scene collect potent tracks for this release. For some this would be a great lure, but use it wisely; you don't want to spoil the bait.