



At the movies

'Spinal Tap' is heavy satire on heavy metal



Heavy metal rock isn't dead, but Rob Reiner's savage, rude and

terribly satirical pseudo-documentary "This Is Spinal Tap" may have given it a near critical blow.

Director and co-writer Reiner co-stars as Marti Di Bergi, the director of this "rockumentary." Di Bergi remembers this band from their early days in the '60s, when they were not only "one of the most creative rock bands, but one of the loudest." His dream is to capture the band's first U.S. tour in six years on film.

"This Is Spinal Tap" covers this disastrous tour through concert footage, soul-searching interviews and candid behind-the-scenes sequences. The film is so successful that, if you're not careful, you might wind up forgetting that the whole thing is a farce.

"This Is Spinal Tap" is actually the brainchild of four collaborators: Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, who also portray the three major members of the band, and Reiner. The band Spinal Tap is their creation, a fictitious heavy metal rock group that is trying for a comeback.

The group is not without its problems, of course, bad music notwithstanding. Their concert dates are canceled by the dozens and the distribution of their latest album, "Smell the Glove," is held up in the U.S. because of its sexist cover. The biggest problem occurs, however, when the girlfriend of lead singer David St. Hubbins (McKean) shows up and begins disrupting the relationships in the group.

All this drama unfolds hilariously and quite believably in the film because it actually looks and feels like a genuine documentary.

The actors of "Spinal Tap" ad libbed scenes after working out the premise to give spontaneity to the dialogue, and they actual-

ly performed the concert numbers live. The result is a film with a genuinely realistic, natural feel.

The bite comes in the content — rude song lyrics to such hits as "Big Bottom" and "Sex

Farm"; pithy, shallow remarks during the interviews; narcissistic attempts at musicianship (particularly in Tufnel's abysmal guitar solos); and the silly, maudlin storyline of the tour. The funny thing about it all

is that it works and it works well.

The film is a brilliant piece of satire that doesn't stop at heavy metal music. Reiner and company, who also wrote all the songs, take digs at '60s folk rock, pretentious '70s music and

documentary films in general. If not the most polished, "Spinal Tap" is the most bizarre and original film of the year.

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