

Desperately Seeking Paul McCartney

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Ruth Anson was a teen entertainment field reporter for ABC news in the mid-1960s. In August, 1965, Paul McCartney asked to marry her at the Capitol Records building during a press conference. It went like this:

Anson: Any definite plans for marriage coming up soon?

McCartney: No, unless you'll marry me now.

Anson: Oh, I'd love to!

41 years later, she pitches her idea to catch up with all of the people she interviewed, Paul McC included to a panel of reality show producers. She is told to go for it, capture it and bring it back. Too bad most of the people she interviewed have passed away...

The lines between rockumentary and mockumentary blur. Cushman tears Anson down in a mean manner that you begin to wonder what's going on—how can someone be so damn judgmental, especially on camera? Another odd moment is when Anson meets Jeff Toczynski, who plays Paul in Beatles tribute band Ticket to Ride in L.A. They peruse her scrapbook consisting of photos of women with McC on which Anson pasted her own head! Other moments of freakish stalking include psychoanalysis, being turned away at the Capitol Records building, and attending the Grammys in hopes of finally meeting her beloved Paul once again. Does it happen? Get the film and see for yourself.

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