

Blu-Ray Review: HD Release For Beloved 'The Breakfast Club'

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CHICAGO – People LOVE "The Breakfast Club." It seems to have even jumped generations. While it likely still appeals most strongly to those of us who were at or near the age of the characters on the film's initial release, John Hughes' comedy seems to speak to something timeless about the high school experience. The 25th anniversary edition of "The Breakfast Club" on Blu-ray should be a hit.

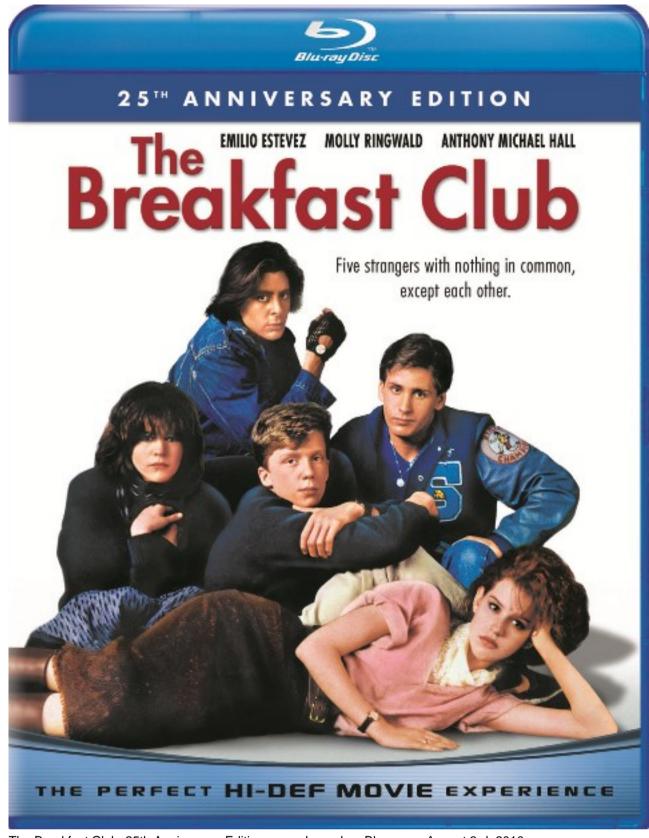


Blu-Ray Rating: 3.5/5.0

Considering that the special features on "The Breakfast Club" Blu-ray have been available before on the standard DVD (in the "Flashback" Edition" released in 2008), the big question is whether or not that those who own the latest release need to bother with an upgrade merely for the video and audio offered by HD. Probably not. The HD video picture looks just okay. It's a bit muted and the overall picture looks soft, like there's Vaseline on the lens instead of a proper remastering. It's not a "bad" transfer but certainly not significantly better than an upconverted standard DVD.

So, "The Breakfast Club" on Blu-ray is for those of you who don't already own one of the most beloved '80s comedies or have worn out your original version. Everyone else can probably wait for the 30th anniversary. The movie will still be finding new generations of fans at that point and probably well-beyond it.





The Breakfast Club: 25th Anniversary Edition was released on Blu-ray on August 3rd, 2010 *Photo credit: Universal*

Synopsis:

"From writer/director John Hughes is an iconic portrait of 1980s American high school life. When Saturday detention started, they were simply the Jock, the Princess, the Brain, the Criminal and the Basket Case, but by that afternoon they had become closer than any of them could have imagined. Featuring an all-star '80s cast including Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, and Ally Sheedy, this warmhearted coming-of-age comedy helped define an entire generation!"

Special Features:

- o "Sincerely Yours" In this 12-part documentary, Judd Nelson, Anthony Michael Hall, Ally Sheedy and other cast members of "The Breakfast Club" reflect on the making of the film that defined an entire generation! Revisit the unforgettable characters and music plus hear filmmakers such as Amy Heckerling and Diablo Cody as they discuss the cultural resonance of the film.
- o "The Most Convenient Definitions: The Origins of the Brat Pack" Cast members, journalists and film historians discuss the "Brat Pack" label and its impact on pop culture and the group's careers.
- o Feature commentary with Judd Nelson and Anthony Michael Hall

'The Breakfast Club: 25th Anniversary Edition' stars Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, Ally Sheedy, Molly Ringwald, Emilio Estevez, and Paul Gleason. It was written and directed by John Hughes. It was released on Blu-ray on August 3rd, 2010 and is rated R. It runs 97 minutes.



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