

club le monde

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Details 18/80 mins./October 11
Director Simon Rumley
Cast Tony Maudsley, Allison McKenzie, Brad Gorton, Dawn Steele

Most clubbing movies think music plus drugs equals the meaning of life. Club Le Monde has the good sense to know that a big night out doesn't hold earth-shattering answers – it should just be a good laugh. At last, here's a movie that's not scared to acknowledge that most loved-up ravers are annoying twats. Writer-director-producer Rumley has a keen ear for comic dialogue, and he switches between groups (the posh underagers, the coke-fuelled Essex girls in the loo, the former lovers who meet up by accident) in a manner that's more like a character-based sketch show than a feature-length movie. Overall, though, the film is limited by its scope and a few types stray in beside characters who are more fully realised; but it doesn't over-reach and the performances are all strong. Fun from beginning to end, this is one of the best low-budget British indies of the year.

★★★ Alan Morrison