



MOTOWN HIGH

A High School Band Rises To The Ultimate Challenge



Featuring Motown Superstar
Martha Reeves
and her hits
Heatwave and **Dancing in the Streets**

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69 Minutes -- Produced in HD

Yes, they are very talented.
Yes, they are incredibly disciplined and hard-working.

But can a likable bunch of high school kids *really* transform themselves into a professional back-up band for Motown legend **Martha Reeves**?



This spirited performance documentary follows a Canadian high school band as they form a bond with their idol, Motown diva Martha Reeves. As the legendary Reeves becomes a dedicated mentor to the teens, she invites them to perform with her when she headlines the Victoria International Jazz Festival.

Motown High captures the kids' boundless enthusiasm -- and absolute terror! --- as, with coaching from their school band leader, from Martha's musical director, and of course from Martha herself, they rise to the challenge of the superstar's professional standards.

A fuse of cinema verité, candid interviews, and great performances, the film explores every aspect of these young musicians' lives: their high hopes, petty squabbles, personal anxieties, academic challenges and family conflicts.



We follow as they painstakingly practice the music and choreography. We see them triumph at an African American high school, and mature musically and personally under the tutelage of a master of the art and a dedicated teacher. Emotionally, the audience is right with this band as tension builds for the big night.

Motown High is a powerful endorsement of music in the schools, and a stirring tribute to the influence of gifted teachers and mentors. Director Barbara Hager builds the story to a climactic week of final exams, high school graduation, and an astonishing performance with Martha Reeves.

**Showcasing one of the world's most vibrant, popular music styles,
and powered by original performances of hit after classic hit,
Motown High is a pure, spirit-soaring triumph.**

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