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## [“In the Hands of the Fans”: Unique Documentary on Tap from Dinosaur Jr. \(MVD\)](#)

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IN THE HANDS OF THE FANS represents an exciting and inventive new way of taking advantage of our era of technology in the realm of filmmaking. And it’s all about music! So there’s a lot going on here. Surface-wise, this is a music documentary; it captures a show Dinosaur Jr. did at the 9:30 Club in D.C. But it’s more than the documentation of a rock show by a classic alt-rock band. It’s not just a live concert DVD. This is also an experiment of sorts in docu-filmmaking, technological egalitarianism, artist-consumer-artist interface via the Internet, etc. A contest held on the Web turned up six lucky bastards who had the chance to not just see, but FILM, Dinosaur Jr. on stage playing “Bug” – the whole thing, too, not just excerpts. From that footage was crafted this uniquely cultivated rock-n-roll documentary. It’s a tribute to director Dave Markey (of “The Year Punk Broke” fame) that he took the fan-shot footage and melded it into a final product, a piece of music history and, possibly, a history-making approach to filmmaking.

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