

Dinosaur Jr.

Bug Live at 9:30 Club: In the Hands of the Fans MVD



Shock, awe and six-string shrapnel shower the sticky crowd at Washington, D.C.'s 9:30 Club with **Dinosaur Jr.'s**

distorted sparks. In their new fan-shot concert film DVD recorded in 2011, the legendary grunge trio perform their hallowed 1988 album *Bug* in its entirety. **Henry Rollins**, another 1980s icon, introduces the band and interviews them in the bonus features. For all of their grey, chunkier builds, the three musicians have lost little edge from their late '80s prime—and they prove it here in sustained bursts of ragged, blessed-out glory. Remember, Nirvana used to open for these guys, though Dino Jr. always shared more with Neil Young in their penchant for playing ramshackle, sludge nuggets. From their crunchy credo, "Freak Scene," to the closing "Keep the Glove," **J Mascis'** stoked Jazzmaster riffing lifts **Murph** and **Lou Barlow** into inspired territory. With Hiwatt amps cranked to 11, Dinosaur Jr. remind the raucous crowd—and us—just who once were the noise-kings of melodic grunge.

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