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When Michael Jackson's "Dangerous" tour came to Moscow in 1993, much went wrong. The expensive tickets sold poorly, media coverage was lacking, and rival promoters tried to sabotage it. A cold, steady rain didn't help the outdoor event. The experience was so warped and puzzling, it partly inspired a Jackson song, "Stranger in Moscow," a slow R&B ballad. Child abuse allegations were following the pop legend everywhere. Meanwhile, Russia was still emerging from the shadow of the recently collapsed Soviet Union. This documentary about the tour stop, directed by Egor Trubnikoff, uses archival footage shot by Yury Burak, who gained rare access to Jackson, recording intimate moments during his time in Russia. Unrated, 52 minutes. No extras. From MVD Visual. Released in February

- Chris Ball