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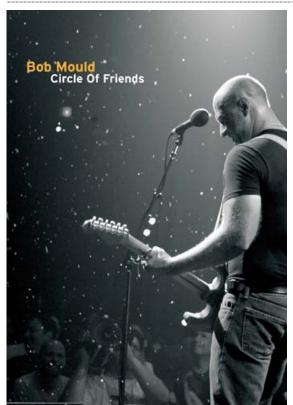
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Filmed at the 9:30 Club on October 7, 2005 for support of Bob Mould's Body of Song album, this concert DVD transports the viewer to the coveted front row for the last show of the tour. Grateful to be home and playing in DC, Bob's usual dour persona is lifted for this performance where he is unusually buoyant and upbeat, talking to the crowd, jumping around stage, and psyched by the music and the oh-so-passionate crowd. Still focused and intense after almost thirty years as an alternative rock icon, Bob plays his usual scorching Stratocaster with a full band this time around: Brendan Canty (of Fugazi fame) on drums, Jason Narducy on bass and backing vocals, and Rich Morel on keyboards and additional backing vocals. The start of the DVD features Bob and the band talking about how they all met, and their affinity and camaraderie is apparent from the start. Could this be Bob's new Circle of Friends? Once we sense that this is a fresh Bob Mould energized by his new company, we are treated to 23 ear-blistering nuggets from all corners of Bob's far-reaching discography. Bob plays seven songs from his new album, seven songs from Sugar's "Copper Blue" album alone (this is enough to make any Sugar fans melt), six Husker Du songs (wow!), and three additional solo songs including the seminal "See A Little Light" from "Workbook". For long time Bob Mould fans, watching this DVD will be like watching home movies and re-living some of your past, leaving you feeling nostalgic and a little sad those days are over (too bad the DVD doesn't include pictures spanning Bob's career). And yet we don't have to feel sad or nostalgic for long, because....(drum roll)....we can't wait for the new Bob Mould album in January called "District Line". According to Anti, Bob's record label of late, the new album has "memorable melodies, heart-heavy lyrics, plenty of guitars." We wouldn't expect anything less.

By the way, the DVD is the very first official Bob Mould live concert release ever. This is hard to believe after his three part career in as many decades, so a little history comes with this small package that packs a wallop.

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Me and Anne attended the show he did here where it was part interview, part solo set and then a screening of this DVD and (amongst other things) he said that he was already working on another new album, which is to be released in 2009!

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