

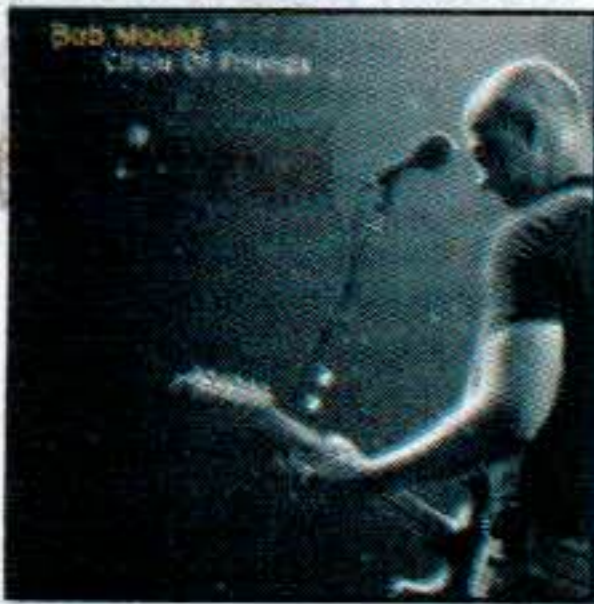


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energy set to 10. Mould's trademark buzzsaw guitar is here, in all its ferocity, and these 23 songs are insurmountable evidence that Mould is a world-class songwriter. He pours himself into every riff and melody, and his band back him up with equal tenacity. I can't understand why Mould's records aren't 'top 10' - such a combination of melody, power, and emotion are all too rare in music these days. How's the show, you ask? Energetic, spellbinding, and beautiful. I'll say no more.

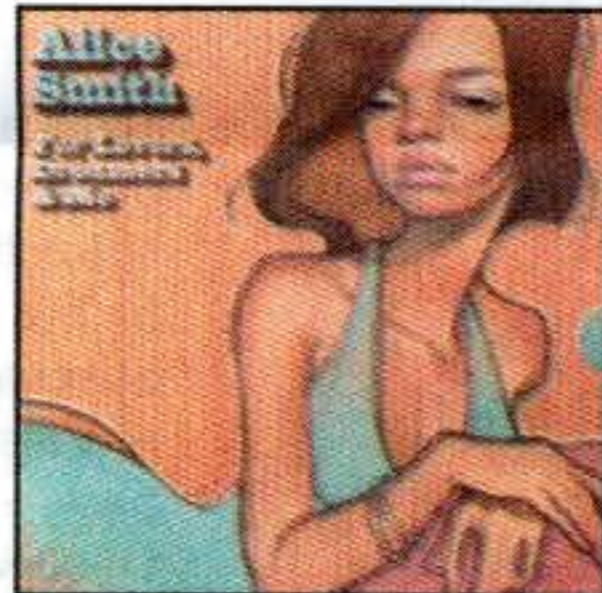
— Todd Zachritz

Bob Mould – *Circle Of Friends*
(MVD Visual)



Punk rock legends don't often age gracefully. Bob Mould is the rare exception. He could easily milk the cash cow and retread his past favorites from his Husker Du & Sugar days, and coast on that retro trip, but this live in DC set includes a new electric band (including Brendan Canty from Fugazi), and looks quite forward, thank you very much. On *Circle Of Friends*, Bob and company scorch through a variety of songs from his past and future - with the electricity and

Alice Smith – *For Lovers, Dreamers and Me*
(Epic)



This CD packs a big punch with deep, bluesy lyrics and piano. Fiona Apple meets 70s funk is what came to mind. Ms. Smith's lusty voice opens *FLD&M* with the single "Dream," an upbeat song with sad undertones. It progresses in order, as well, being

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