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Even though Bob Mould has had a formidable run with Hüsker Dü, Sugar and on his own, the 90-minute career-spanning concert captured on Circle Of Friends (MVD) gets a little tiring, in large part because it's more or less one relentless roar from start to finish. But credit is still due to Mould's current backing band, which jumps from peak to peak without missing a step. (Mould's sidemen also provide a necessary service in a pre-show featurette by describing how their notoriously cranky boss has mellowed over the years). Mould fans will want to pick up this DVD mainly to dip into its stunner moments, like a version of Zen Arcade's "Chartered Trips" that's so ferocious it makes the camera vibrate.
Grade: B

- Noel Murray