

ATHENS, GA INSIDE OUT (MVD) - DVD

Hot on the heels of REM's breakout into college radio domination, this little film converges upon Athens which at the time was the latest pop hotbead. It sounded like a stretch at the time, with only said band and The B52s enjoying any semblance of notoriety, but as it turned out there were several gems awaiting discovery. Flat Duo Jets, Pylon and Love Tractor parlayed their appearance in the film into subsequent recording deals, and the Athens scene proved to be quite real. A mix of staged videos, interviews, silly bits and live footage, "Athens, GA Inside Out" works wonderfully because it is a fly by the seat of your pants indie film, that has like minded subjects. There is great charm in the wide eyed innocence of this production in every aspect, and it's great to see a communal collective flourishing in their infancy, some making the big time, most not. That's rock and roll.

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