

A Good Band Is Easy To Kill (Music Video Dist.) follows the band Beulah across what in hindsight would become its final tour in 2003. Beulah was responsible for eight years of glorious quasi-psychedelic indie pop, and this band is monumentally entertaining on- and offstage on this DVD. But this film is special in the universal way that it could be about any one of a zillion indie bands traveling the Beachland/Grog Shop-type circuit. Van problems, venue logistics and other mundane experiences of the indie-rocker lifestyle become grand dramas and comedies, driven by a diverse cast of characters, including the tour's opening act John Vanderslice. Slick but not flashy in its editing and pacing, powerful in its humble lack of hype, this movie has an immense, warm heart that invites you to revisit it. The DVD is packed with majestic, huge-sounding performances in modest-sized clubs, including 17 fabulous bonus live clips presented in their entirety.

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