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"Busted Circuits and Ringing Ears," TAD (MVDvisual, **)**

These Feb. 19 DVDs feature bands that weren't commercially successful, but had lots of fun playing hard, loud, fast and even adventurous music.

TAD, fronted by hefty guitarist-vocalist Tad Doyle, was started in 1988 in Seattle after his solo Sub Pop single convinced him to form a band. Other Seattle scenesters, like Soundgarden's Kim Thayil, Nirvana's Krist Novoselic and Mudhoney's Mark Arm confirm the TAD was playing the most subversive, uncommercial, heavy music at the time. Their 1989 co-headlining European tour with Nirvana, plus several early Sub Pop releases, made them seem like they were favored for massive success once the grunge hype machine began to grind in earnest.

The story of TAD again illustrates how things often go wrong in the music business thanks to distribution mishaps, controversy, substance abuse and personnel problems. The DVD is loaded with good live footage, interviews and bonus music videos. It's also loaded with f-bombs, so parental advisory is suggested. Get your copy locally or at the MVDvisual site.

- Ricky Flake