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MISSION OF BURMA- NOT A PHOTOGRAPH: THE MISSION OF BURMA STORY- MVD- Of all the band reunions these past few years I think the Mission of Burma one had to be the most unlikely (ok, The Pixies one was probably the most unlikely). Not because Boston's M.O.B. broke up in a haze of anger and drug abuse.....that couldn't be further from the truth. As far as i know the band broke up being singer/guitarist Roger Miller developed tinnitus, (the constant ringing in his ears). Not only that but it seemed like the band had accomplished all they had wanted to do. Even in this new documentary, Miller states, "I still am not sure why we are doing this." The amazing thing is, the band has lost nothing in twenty years. While this documentary focuses on the band's out-of-the-blue (to me , anyway) 2002 reunion there is plenty of old footage to ogle over and even some of their previous band, The Moving Parts. But it all leads up to the band members are currently doing. Bassist Clint Conley works for a local tv station where some of the younger employees are giddy this "rock star" status, Peter Prescott works at a Boston record store and Roger Miller has continued to play music all of these years. The original tape loop guy , Martin Swope, has been replaced by the able Bob Weston. In interviews before their big 2002 reunion gig in NYC the band members seem a bit bemused by it all but seem happy at the same time. One of the best bits on here is when drummer Prescott mentions how The Ramones wanted to keep it simple with three chords and not complicate things, yet how with M.O.B. they wanted to complicate things and with their edgy, arty brand of angular rock they sure did. It took along time but it seems like this bunch are finally getting their due. 'bout time. ( [www.musicvideodistributors.com](http://www.musicvideodistributors.com) )

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