

## NOT A PHOTOGRAPH: THE MISSION OF BURMA STORY DVD (Element / MVD)

They began playing in 1979, and influenced Minutemen and Hüsker Dü (who then influenced The Pixies, who later influenced Nirvana). They released two singles, and inspired changes in the music of Sonic Youth and Gang of Four. They released only one album at that time (*Vs.*), and turned down a tour with Rush. Then, they broke up in '83 and were almost forgotten by all except music critics and a handful of fans in Boston. That is, until the new millennium. It must be really odd performing with a band you haven't jammed with for 19 years. But, that is the Mission of Burma story: formed from the ashes of the punk / no wave outfit The Moving Parts, ending it all due to bleeding ears within five years, reforming a near twenty years later, and still rewriting music today. And now, you can learn the full history for yourself thanks to this documentary. Running seventy minutes, this tells the story of the band through interviews, plus music clips from throughout their history - old shows and new. The interviews are with the band, through both older videos and new footage shot for this film, as well as fans like ex-Vatican Commando and present techno-head Moby (whose most popular song "Revolver" is a MoB cover), Hugo Burnham of Gang of Four, author Michael Azzerbad (*This Band Could Be Your Life*), Lee Renaldo of Sonic Youth and many more. The DVD is also filled to the brim with extras, including studio outtakes from the recording of their newest album (*OnoffON*), a Boston news segments from 1983, live performances from The Moving Parts in '78, and MoB from '79, '81 and six songs from different shows from the 2002 tour. Seriously, you'll have to excuse me... I'm gonna go blast, "That's How I Escaped My Certain Fate", full volume! (Feb 24, 2007)

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