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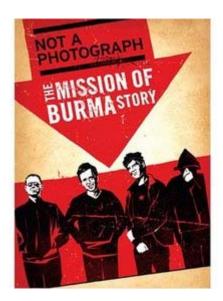
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Mission Of Burma is yet another Rock band that has disappeared, only to reappear in a reunion. It seems this is a new cycle, music acts reuniting to get together and the programs are often only as good as the band.



Fortunately, Not A Photograph - The Mission Of Burma Story is a good program about a good band. Too bad this only lasts 70 minutes as that is its big flaw.

The program is a crash course on the band and shows why they broke up and reformed, which is not as predictable as you might think. The oddest thing is the debate about age and not doing what they did when they were young. That is a dilemma of the counterculture in general, but its great flaw is assuming you have to be old, tired, boring and not have fun or energy as you get older. That killed that and Rock in general. It is a lesson they do not learn in the end, though they come close to it.

The 1.33 X 1 image was shot in analog NTSC video and maybe digitally affiliated at that, serving adequately for this presentation. The Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo is also serviceable, but nothing to write home about. Extras include a 1983 news segment (WBZ-CBS) on the band, 6 live 2002 clips, three archival live clips (1978, 79, 81) and ONoffON footage of the band in-studio. A paper essay is also inside the DVD case.

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