



This Week's DVD Releases

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Style Wars

Graffiti: art or vandalism? That question has been debated continually for more than 25 years, especially in cities where taggers have turned entire transit systems into a) mobile galleries, or b) rolling eyesores ... depending on your point of view. Made in 1982, **Tony Silver** and **Henry Chalfant's** provocative documentary, **Style Wars**, may have been the first serious attempt to present both sides of the debate, without making advocates of either position seem like Neanderthals or criminals. It introduced the most prominent taggers to PBS audiences, and argued that graffiti, break-dancing and hip-hop music all were a slice of the same Big Apple pie. A second-disc updates viewers on the fates of the B-boys, offers a photo gallery of their work and adds previously trimmed material. -- *Gary Dretzka*

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