

Praise for Dean Budnick's WETLANDS PRESERVED

“Crammed with colorful interviews, digital animation and live performances, this frisky and forthright film by Dean Budnick chronicles a vision of financing social progress with really great tunes.” - Jeanette Catsoulis, *New York Times*

“Lively, anecdotal reminiscences, plentiful photographs and archival mementos bear keen witness to the wide spectrum of music that found a forum at Wetlands...grungy splendor.”
- Ronny Scheib, *Variety*

“A funny and heartfelt tribute to a legendary New York rock club... inventive, first-rate... a fond and funny family album for anybody who ever spent a sweaty night there, and it conjures just enough of the place and time to give everybody else an idea of what they missed.”
- Jürgen Fauth, *About.com*

“Comprehensive look at the venerable club ... very entertaining ... If you have ever spent any time in the club or a fan of some of the bands, you'll want to check out this doc.”
- *Comingsoon.net*

“Tells the story of a groundbreaking club with intelligence, spirit, great music and love.”
- *Woodstock Times*

“Portrays a critical moment in recent music history, and is a tribute to a club that closed prematurely on September 10, 2001.” - *Indiewire*

“A charged psychedelic flair that proves as visually inventive as it is spiritually soothing ... the lingering feeling of the film is one of infectious motivation.” - Rob Humanick, *Slant*

“a fitting tribute to those intrepid souls who dared to try to carve out an altruistic utopian escape right in the midst of the hustle and bustle of a most materialistic metropolis.”
- Kam Williams, *News Blaze*

“Budnick entertainingly builds a convincing case for the club's significance.”
- *Nora Lee Mandel, Film Forward*

“Watching *Wetlands Preserved*, it's hard not to appreciate the idealism and unbridled optimism of an activist nightclub that survived in New York City for more than 10 years before being beaten down by Mayor Giuliani and rampant gentrification.” - *Austin Chronicle*

“Tells a fascinating story and shows a unique perspective ... these interviews offer insight that might resonate with anyone who has a soft spot for the girders, grime and grooves that lie at the core of life in the Big Apple.” - *Poughkeepsie Journal*