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01. *Tunnel Of Love* – 8:08
02. *Romeo And Juliet* – 5:59
03. *Skateaway* – 6:37
04. *Expresso Love* – 5:09
05. *Hand In Hand* – 4:47
06. *Solid Rock* – 3:25
07. *Les Boys* – 4:06

Personnel:

- Mark Knopfler - guitar, vocals
- John Illsley - bass, vocals
- Pick Withers - drums, vocals
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- Roy Bittan - keyboards
- David Knopfler - guitar (uncredited)
- Sid McGinnis - guitar (uncredited)

Without second guitarist David Knopfler, Dire Straits began to move away from its roots rock origins into a jazzier variation of country-rock and singer/songwriter folk-rock. Naturally, this means that Mark Knopfler's ambitions as a songwriter are growing, as the storytelling pretensions of *Making Movies* indicate. Fortunately, his skills are increasing, as the lovely "Romeo and Juliet," "Tunnel of Love," and "Skateaway" indicate. And *Making Movies* is helped by a new wave-tinged pop production, which actually helps Knopfler's jazzy inclinations take hold. The record runs out of steam toward the end, closing with the borderline offensive "Les Boys," but the remainder of *Making Movies* ranks among the band's finest work. --- Stephen Thomas Erlewine, allmusic.com

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