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Bernie Worrell

Stranger: Bernie Worrell On Earth (Wienerworld)

Never heard of Bernie Worrell? Don't worry, you're not alone, but just check the list of people more than happy to wax lyrical about the man, George Clinton, David Byrne, Mos Def, Bill Laswell, Bootsy Collins, Prince Paul and Doug Wimbush are just some of the talking heads on offer (in more ways than one as Byrne is also joined by Tina Weymouth and Chris Franz), and all of these people are clearly both in awe of, and exceptionally fond of, Bernie Worrell. Still none the wiser? well you may well have heard his playing on both Parliament/ Funkadelic and Talking Heads albums but this is just a small part of his incredible musical life as Worrell was also a musical prodigy, learning to play the piano by age three and writing a concerto at age eight.

Worrell himself speaks very little but the film is absolutely littered with his playing which speaks volumes, it also highlights the fact that this prodigiously talented and influential keyboard player is pretty much broke and finds it damn near impossible to get his music released or indeed to even play it live. One assumes Worrell will earn something from this DVD so do yourself and the man a favour and buy one today.

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