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## Duncan McTier – Live In Vienna

Picture: C Sound: C+ Extras: C- Concert: B-



It is great when you can become heavily identified with one of the great string instruments and that is what has happened for musician

Duncan McTier. Working at it all his life, an award in 1982 established himself as one of the best double bass soloists in the world. This new **Live In Vienna** DVD captures a short (43 minutes) but solid concert taped February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 with the following five pieces:

- 1) *Spring Song*
- 2) *Melodie (Romanza Patetica)*
- 3) *Vocalise*
- 4) *Sonata Kontrabass & Klavier*
- 5) *Apr S Un R Ve*

Joined by Rebecca Woodcock on piano, these are very good performances and not the usual boring Classical genre because not all Classical is necessarily good and many more play that kind of music with a slowness and passive attitude that has given the genre a bad name. Here, McTier plays the music with a heart, soul and intent that keeps this art alive and when you finish watching, you see why he is getting all the accolades he had been.

The case says this is a standard ratio DVD (1.33 x 1) but is actually anamorphically enhanced 1.78 X 1 video that has detail, depth and even slight color issues, but is watchable just the same. The Dolby Digital 2.0 is simple stereo, but recorded nicely enough, though hard to tell if the original recording is at an audiophile level. Extras include text on McTier and his music releases and interview with McTier about music and his work that is also too short. McTier's got a good disc here and he should go all out on the next one.

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