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**Michael Franti & Spearhead – Live In Sydney (DualDisc)**

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**Michael Franti & Spearhead** are a Reggae group that also uses Rap and Hip Hop more extensively than their predecessors. **Live In Sydney** is a new concert disc in the DualDisc format that ruins about an hour on the CD side and more like 70 minutes on the DVD-Video side. The concert is not bad, but too short and does not offer as much new and interesting twists on genre as expected. However, they have some talent and energy, delivering the following songs:

- 1) *What I Be*
- 2) *Pray For Peace*
- 3) *Every Single Soul*
- 4) *Stay Human*
- 5) *Feelin' Free*
- 6) *Everyone Deserves Music*
- 7) *Rock The Nation*
- 8) *Sometimes*
- 9) *Taxi Radio*
- 10) *Never Too Late*

It should be noted that the songs are of the "extended jam" variety, which should give you an idea of what to expect from playback. The DVD's letterboxed 1.78 X 1 image has some serious problems with definition and a digital strobe effect that ads vertical lines on Franti often, especially when he moves. The sound is Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo on the concert and first bonus clip, while it is slightly better PCM 2.0 16Bit/48kHz Stereo on the latter two clips. The CD side is PCM 2.0 16Bit/44.1kHz Stereo. None have surrounds of any kind and the three bonus performances are more like extras stage clips than Music Videos, but are the only bonus. Know that the DualDisc format does not always play well on all DVD or CD players, so expect some delays for your machine to adjust to it. If it does not pick up after a certain point, DO NOT endanger your player. Take the disc out and try it on another machine.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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