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Johnny "Guitar" Watson - Music Hall in Concert - Uncut/MVD

Not many people know about Johnny "Guitar" Watson, one of funk and soul's pioneers. With hits like "All About The Dollar Bill" and "Booty Ooty," Watson was one of the funkiest people to ever grace a stage. With a loose guitar style and eccentric personality as unique as that of Buddy Guy or John Lee Hooker, Watson carried a pimp's swagger. This DVD, filmed in Germany for TV in 1993 features 8 songs by this legendary performer, and though I didn't get to hear my favorite track, "Funk Beyond The Call of Duty," the performance itself is nothing short of spectacular with each member of the band given the opportunity to shine. Sadly, Johnny "Guitar" Watson passed away in 1996, but his music will never die. It can't die. It will continue to inspire for generations to come.

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