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Steve Hackett fans unite! There was a recent Steve Hackett release called **Steve Hackett: Spectral Mornings** that was a live broadcast on Musikladen in 1978. For Steve Hackett collectors, Steve's *Spectral Mornings* was one of his first solo LP's which featured members of Genesis, including Phil Collins and Anthony Phillips.

On this DVD, however, he didn't have those musicians. But he did have excellent musicians playing with him. The line-up consisted of John Shearer on drums, Dick Cadbury on bass guitar, Pete Hicks on vocals and Steve's long-time partners-in-crime Nick Magnus (keyboards) and brother John Hackett (guitar, bass pedals and flute). All of them gave a perfect performance on a high level – and this was only the fifth gig they played as a band!

The DVD is only 71 minutes, and I wish it had run longer. The sound and video was top notch for an archived concert video from the 70s, and the songs wove right into each other perfectly.

Some standout numbers included "Racing in A / Ace of Wands," "Narnia," "Kim" and "Shadow of the Hierophant."

I highly, highly, highly recommend this DVD to either Steve Hackett fans or early Genesis fans, as this really shows him off well, and he's funny too as he messes with the audience! Definitely, this is a worthy buy.

Songs / Tracks Listing

01: Intro (Excerpts of Tigermoth & Land Of A Thousand Autumns) **02:** Racing In A **03:** Ace Of Wands **04:** Narnia **05:** Optigan/A Tower Struck Down/Spectral Mornings **06:** Horizons / Kim **07:** Shadows Of The Hierophant/Clocks – The Angel Of Mons **BONUS Tracks** **08:** Carry On Up The Vicarage **09:** Band Introduction **10:** Star Of Sirius

Reviewed by Kevin Pollack

Rating: 5/5

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