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Mike Stern Band

New Morning—The Paris Concert (Inakustik)

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Filed at the New Morning club in Paris in May 2008, this DVD showcases Stern in his element—an intimate club gig with complete musical freedom and an extraordinary band. Throughout, Stern and Co. are clearly relaxed and having fun, whether blowing bop-rock lines or vamping on power chords. For guitar players, there are plenty of licks to steal, too, from both Stern and saxophonist Bob Franceschini. On the included bonus feature "Soundcheck Sketches," Stern talks about playing at the New Morning theater, gives glowing commentary on his band, and offers inspirational tips and advice.

Highlights: "Tumble Home," "What Might Have Been," "Chromazone"