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JEFF QUEEN PLAYING WITH STICKS

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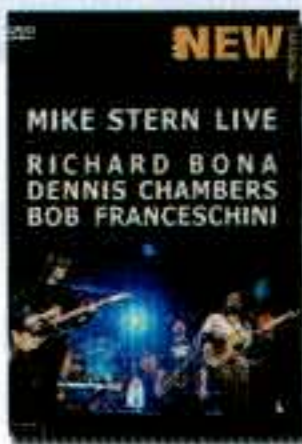
If you're looking for a total package dedicated to developing strong, balanced hand technique for drumming, this is the ticket. Queen, a four-time world snare drum champ, unleashes everything he's got on this well-produced disc. Covering all bases of modern rudimental snare drumming techniques, *Playing With Sticks* should be a must-see for every marching percussionist and drum corps player interested in taking their playing to the apex of their abilities. The well-designed format begins with the basics of fundamental stick techniques, including grip and height control, advancing into detailed info on Moeller- and velocity-style techniques, grid and 4-2-1 exercises, timing, rolls, diddles, flams, and many hybrid techniques. Queen performs and explains his stick tricks and speed techniques, plays some amazing snare solos, and offers many useful practice tips. PDF files of many of the exercises are included on the disc. Are your hands ready for this? (Hudson Music) **Mike Haid**

ISLAND GROOVES WITH CHRIS HANNING

DVD/CD-ROM LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE \$16.95



Island Grooves is an excellent instructional DVD/CD-Rom package dealing primarily with soca and calypso. Drummer Chris Hanning demonstrates the basic rhythms, variations, and fills used in these two important styles, and explains how the drums are incorporated into a typical island ensemble. What makes this package particularly valuable is the short history of the music, giving a context to the drumset in the "engine room" (percussion section). Hanning also briefly discusses reggae, shango, zouk, and other regional grooves. The DVD includes lessons and on-screen music examples, while the CD has sheet music and play-along tracks. The entire package is professionally done, informative, and successful at effectively bringing up to speed anyone interested in calypso, soca, or steel-band drumming. (Panyard Inc.) **Martin Patmos**



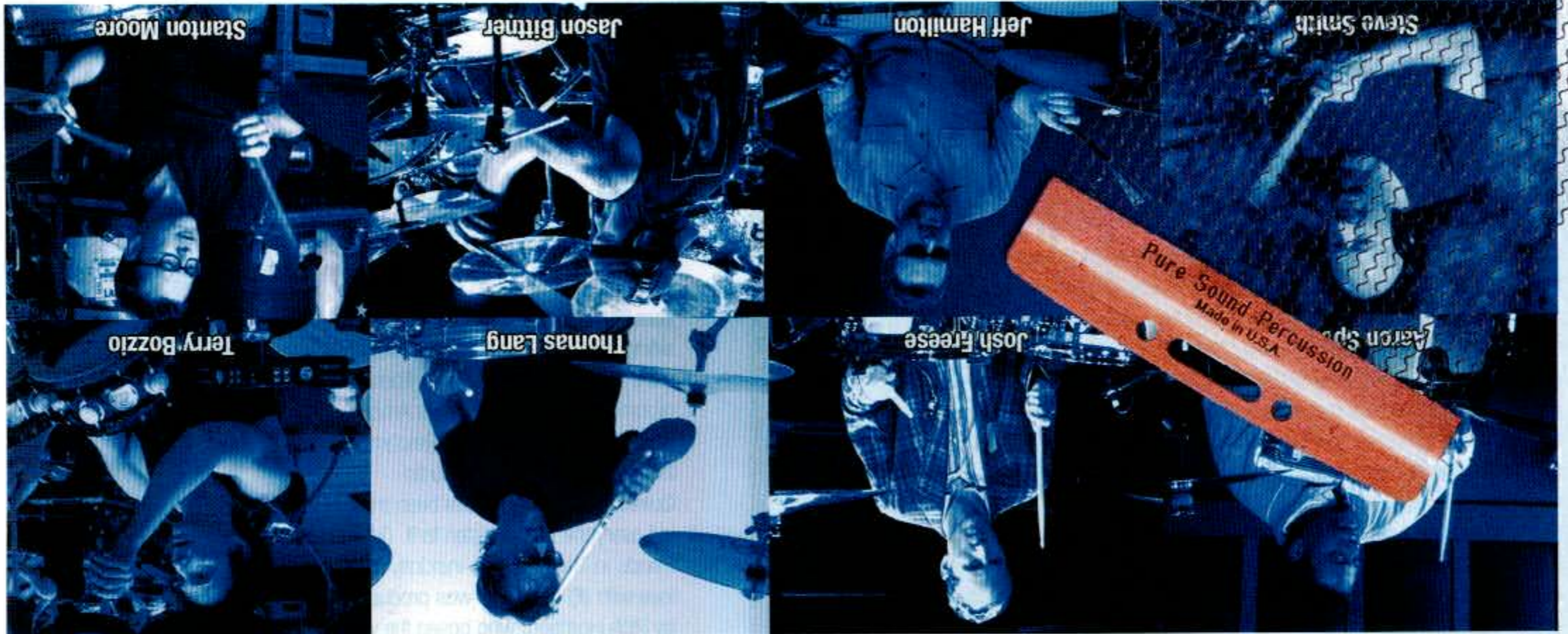
MIKE STERN

LIVE—THE PARIS CONCERT DVD LEVEL: ALL \$14.98

If you've never witnessed a Mike Stern gig at his 55 Bar watering hole in New York, this live DVD is almost better than being there. Recorded in November, 2004 at the New Morning club in Paris with bassist **Richard Bona**, saxophonist **Bob Franceschini**, and drummer **Dennis Chambers**, this is a monster performance from a dangerous band. Playing the guitarist's supercharged funk 'n' bop, Chambers expands on his gargantuan reputation, executing ridiculous backwards metric modulation, typically blazing single-stroke rolls, and even some surprisingly delicate straight-ahead jazz. Recorded in excellent audio and video, this is a must-have document for Dennis fans. (Inakustik) **Ken Micallef**

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