



John Hammond Live In Paris "New Morning"

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John Hammond: Live at the New Morning, Paris, February 19, 2004

{^John Hammond: New Morning - The Paris Concert} is a quite wonderful DVD from producer { $\$$ Daniel Farhi} and director { $\$$ Patrick Savey}. Twenty five songs are captured by the fine camerawork and excellent sound in this intimate Paris setting. There are no frills whatsoever here, in fact the song titles and program information are on a separate icon in the tracking and not on the concert tape. So you get to see the show from start to finish with absolutely no outside etchings except for the credits which roll after the final song, {"Honest I Do"}. Hammond is great during this set, saying (this is) "Maybe my favorite club in the world" before going into the first tune, {"Just Your Fool"}, and with so little of his video on the market prior to this release, it is refreshing to enjoy - or study - this solo outing by the legend who performed in the Village with { $\$$ Jimi Hendrix}, { $\$$ Buzzy Linhart}, { $\$$ Richie Havens}, { $\$$ John Sebastian} and so many others. With precision guitar and harp playing behind his journeyman voice, John effortlessly rolls through number after number, the camera lovingly capturing the moment with various tight shots that pretty much stay trained on the musician. The lighting and colors of the club add to the charm. There's a wonderful 10 minute interview clip taped by producer { $\$$ Daniel Farhi} which runs over footage of Hammond strolling the streets, having dinner, more than your usual one on one interview - and the extra effort deserves high marks. Farhi writes a paragraph on the back of the DVD cover, but that's about it for information. It's in the grooves and nowhere else. The concert on this DVD can be played track by track, which is always helpful, or in its entirety.

Hammond, John/guitar, vocals

Farhi, Daniel/Producer

Savey, Patrick/Director

le Roux, Sophie/Photography

Roessle, Bernhard/Executive Producer

Meslem, Brice/Production assistant

Guihot, Francois-Xavier/video

Loquesol, Regis/lighting

Tardon, Sebastian/lighting

Roul, Pascal/cameras

Garcia, Richard/cameras

Borelli, Guillaume/cameras

Morineau, Severine/cameras

Rochet, Bruno/sound engineer

Skotnicki, Piotr/assistant sound engineer

Yevas, Damien/online editing

Fremont, Jean-Marie/remastering

- Joe Viglione