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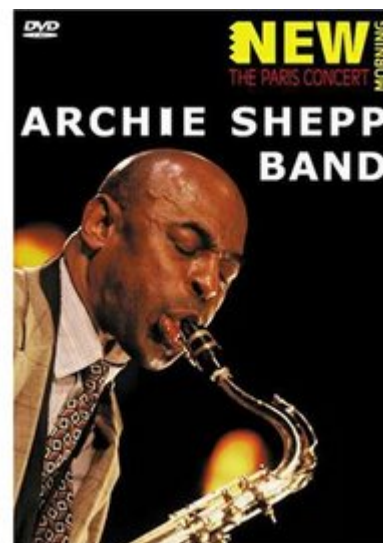
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Archie Shepp Band – New Morning: The Geneva Concert

Picture: C+ Sound: B-
Extras: C Concert: B-

Archie Shepp is an enduring Jazz Saxophonist who worked with the challenging Cecil Taylor, which led to his meeting almost every important figure in the Jazz world. He would mix Afro-centric and Be Bop forms with his Jazz in a Blues fashion that made for a distinctive identity that would soon be joined by a political sense, which all these years later would explain why you have not heard much of or about him.



This new DVD from the **New Morning** series is a Geneva concert from August 23rd 1994 and features the following songs:

- 1) *Revolution*
- 2) *Things Ain't What They Used To Be*
- 3) *Ask Me Now*
- 4) *Arrival*
- 5) *The Reverse*
- 6) *Steam*
- 7) *Up Phat*
- 8) *Sophisticated Lady*

Running about two hours, it is a good, but not great concert, feeling spotty, muddy and uneven at times. The style is different, but there is a sense that some of the styles and songs chosen do not mesh, though you do get extended jams and all. It is worth a look for Jazz diehards and those interested in hearing something a little different.

The letterboxed 1.78 image is a little soft, though color is not bad for its age. The sound is here in decent PCM 16bit/48kHz 2.0 Stereo, which is a

little clearer than the Dolby Digital and DTS 5.1 mixes, which sound compressed as the audio is just too old and limited for such remixes. An interview with Shepp and piece on he & Les Gnawas de Tanger are the only extras.

- Nicholas Sheffo