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DVD Spotlight

Jose Feliciano, "New Morning - The Paris Concert" (MVD). 3.5 stars.

Some folks may have thought Jose Feliciano had fallen off the face of the earth, but the extraordinarily gifted guitarist is still very much with us and his voice and fretboard work have only gotten better with time.

That's very apparent on this DVD, recorded at a Paris nightclub on Aug. 5, 2008. Feliciano and his fine-tuned five-piece band work through a 20-song set with ease, with highlights ranging from his classic interpretations of "Purple Haze" and "Light My Fire" to a feisty "I Got a Woman," a staggering take of George Benson's "Affirmation," and even an intriguing rendition of the late Michael Jackson's mega-hit "Billie Jean."

This is great stuff from a guy who richly deserves a major comeback.