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John Scofield: New Morning: The Paris Concert (Inakustic DVD, www.in-akustik.com)

Guitarist John Scofield's new concert release shows the master playing his edgy take on straightahead jazz, accompanied by drummer Bill Stewart, bassist Ben Street and pianist/keyboardist Michael Eckroth. This 2&1/4 hour presentation includes Sco's interpretations of such classics as Dizzy's "Woody 'n' You" and Bird's "Relaxin' at Camarillo," as well as new takes on his own repertoire, with a burning version of "Groove Elation" finding the leader and Eckroth doubling lines. Sco's fans won't need anything more than the fact of this DVD's release to pick up on this, while jazz fans in general will appreciate the versatility of this master guitarist.

- Martin Z. Kasdan Jr.