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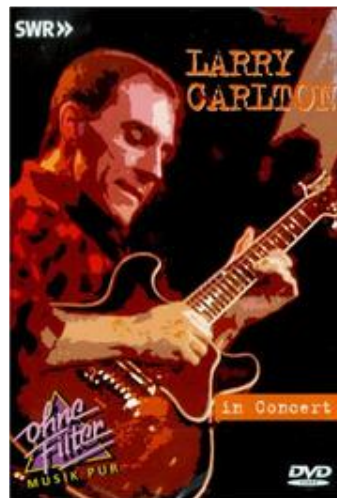
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Larry Carlton In Concert (Ohne Filter)

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

Larry Carlton is an exceptional Jazz/Blues guitar player and has worked with so many big names in the business, it requires and extended, separate essay. However, you are likely still to have heard his work, including striking guitar on two Steely Dan classics: *Don't Take Me Alive* and *Kid Charlemagne* back in 1976. Fast-forward to October 11th, 1984 and you have an impressive **Ohne Filter** concert appearance that has him solo after co-creating the theme from **Hill Street Blues** with Mike Post, he is as distinct as ever in the great German music show performing the following:



- 1) *Strikes Twice*
- 2) *Blues Under*
- 3) *I'm A Fool*
- 4) *Larry's Secret*
- 5) *Last Nite*
- 6) *Rio Samba*
- 7) *I Gotta Right*
- 8) *'D' Modal Thang*

This runs under an hour, but is always a great show and one can tell this could have gone on for 2 to 3 times as long and been as great. If anything, Carlton gets better with age and his fellow musicians (Terry Trotter and Brian Mann on Keyboards, Rick Marotta on Drums, Michael Fisher on Percussion, John Patitucci on Bass, Johnny Mars on Harp; some of whom are Steely Dan alumni) are tight and on the money, delivering one of the best concerts in the series to date.

The full frame PAL color video is about what would expect for a taping of the time, having the usual limits in its good color, with fuzziness and limited definition. The sound is available in the usual PCM CD-type 2.0 16bit/48kHz Stereo, as well as a surprisingly limited Dolby Digital 5.1 AC-3. There is not the depth in the 5.1 here as a result, versus the clarity heard in the Mark King, Tony Joe White or even the band America's DVD from the series, all reviewed elsewhere on this site. Maybe an SACD version would reveal more detail and clarity. Besides repeating the same stereo cords ad placement, other DVDs in the series, and **Ohne Filter** producer interview, it has a good biography of Carlton.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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