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Good image & sound characterize this German concert video by a band mixing country rock, blues & folk



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Studio: In-akustik GmbH & Co. Video: 1.33:1 Full Frame Audio: DD 5.1, PCM 2.0 Extras: Biography, Sound Tuning, Artist Biography, Interview with the Producer Length: 60 minutes Rating: ***1/2

Jim Lauderdale may not exactly be a household name, but is an important artist performing

American roots music today. The music he makes with his live band is a mixture of country rock, blues, and folk. Lauderdale is from North Carolina and is somewhat of a pioneer in the Americana movement. He's a gifted singer/songwriting who has been influenced by bluegrass and many great country artists and has played with Dwight Yoakam and Lucinda Williams and toured with Hootie & the Blowfish, Johnny Cash, and Nick Lowe. Lauderdale has released a handful of albums all staying true to his roots. Jim has that country swagger in his voice, but while listening to songs like "Divide and Conquer" or "Why Do I Love You" it is clear there is much more to him than that. He plays acoustic guitar and sings and is accompanied by a very solid band.

This recording was made on May 16, 1998 at TV-Studio "Ohne Filter" in Germany. The producer of the show explains the goal of the program that has produced over 300 shows in the interview on this disc. It is a music show that attracts bands that would not normally be on television in the States (i.e. R&B, blues, country, jazz fusion, soul, etc.) The surround information is modest and mainly serves to open up the space. There is some moving camera as well as fixed, but it is all done in the style of a live TV performance—not too fast and quick, yet still moving from performer to performer. The sound is very good overall. The

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concert is highly entertaining even from the perspective of a person who is not normally interested in this kind of music.

Songs included: This Is The Big Time; I'm On Your Side; Life By Numbers; And That's A Lot; Why Do I Love You; Divide And Conquer; Take Me Down A Path My Heart Won't Know; She Used To Say That To Me; Hole In My Head; Three Way Conversation; Grace's Song; The King of Broken Hearts; Sometimes; Half Way Down; Mojo Workin'.

-Brian Bloom

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