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Review

by Joe Viglione

On March 29, 1990 Sarah Jane Morris performed for the German TV show *Ohne Filter/Musik Pur* which, loosely translated, means "unfiltered, pure music." This DVD is the result of that broadcast and sounds so contemporary a couple of decades later that it stands as a testament to Morris's elegant artistry. Yes, the rock beat has a bit of a disco tinge, and the six male musicians backing her are all very dapper in their laid back attire, but the 49 minutes plus of music is as expert as if Tom Scott himself was leading the band. There's no description of the players, no credits that roll, and it is the lack of real bonus material which makes this feel a little bare. You won't find a rendition of her 1986 hit, "Don't Leave Me This Way", though it is referenced on the back cover, but a song from 1995's *Blue Valentine* is advanced here, a nice take on "Afraid Of The Dark". She introduces "Me & Mrs. Jones" as a single she had out the year before, and proceeds to give a convincing rendition of Billy Paul's #1 1972 hit without changing the gender, of course - perhaps her time with Jimmy Somerville rubbing off a bit. "This Ain't Living" and "Me & Mrs. Jones" were originally on her 1988 release *Leaving Home* and she concludes the disc with both those numbers, dedicating the final track to Margaret Thatcher and in a not very flattering light. As stated above the bonus tracks are rather sketchy...a decent 7 page biography on Sarah, a strange out-of-place bit about sound tuning, as well as a wonderful catalog of the Inakustik performances available on DVD. There's also a pretty generic, not very revealing, interview with he producer, Michael Au, so be prepared that the nine songs are what you came for and pretty much all that you are going to get. That's OK, Sarah Jane Morris does a fine job and the camera work and direction capture it all in an appealing way.

Tracks

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1	To Blind [DVD]		
2	Another Side to Love [DVD]		
3	Do You Know [DVD]		
4	China Blue [DVD]		
5	Afraid of the Dark [DVD]		
6	Ain't No Turning Back [DVD]		
7	Another Time [DVD]		
8	Me & Mrs. Jones [DVD]		
9	This Ain't Living [DVD]		

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