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Phil Upchurch – Ohne Filter (Concert Series)

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

Phil Upchurch is yet another session musician getting his due in this DVD installment of the German TV concert series **Ohne Filter**, this time taped October 28th, 1992. Yet another good Blues guitar player, the famous session player has played for a huge roster of the tip name in the music business and even scored a Top 30 Pop single back in 1961!

Well, he's looking good and playing at least as well on the following songs:

- 1) *6 To 4*
- 2) *Invitation*
- 3) *1225*
- 4) *Blues March*
- 5) *Whatever Happened To The Blues?*
- 6) *The Tide Keeps Lifting Me*
- 7) *Angel Eyes*
- 8) *I Don't Want Nobody*

It never ceases to amaze me the dozens of Blues titles that just keep coming out on DVD, while many of them have been among the over two-dozen **Ohne Filter** releases we have covered to date. Still, it does not feel like any kind of comeback for Blues, but too often a substitute for those who are unhappy with the decline of Rock and are not going to settle for second-rate candy-coated Country. Gavin Christopher is the guest lead singer, bringing a dynamic that is not stuck in any genre, joining the set half way through.

The 1.33 X 1 full frame PAL color video is one of the softest installments we have seen in the **Ohne Filter** DVD series to date, with color a bit off and very limited definition. The sound is available in the usual PCM CD-type 2.0 16bit/48kHz Stereo, as well as a very slightly better Dolby Digital 5.1 AC-3, which combine either way to make you feel like something happened to the picture. Besides repeating the same stereo cords ad placement, other DVDs in the series, and **Ohne Filter** producer interview, it has a biography of Upchurch as par for the course in this series.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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