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One Of These Nights

by: **Di Meola, Al**



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Recorded on May 17th, 2004 at Scala, Ludwigsburg, Germany

TRACKS

Innamorata

- Misterio
- Azzuria
- Orient Blue
- Rhapsody of Fire
- This Way Before
- One Night Last June
- Fugatta
- Libertango
- Beyond The Magic
- Egyptian Danza

- Feature - The Making of Al Di Meola Live at Scala, Ludwigsburg, Germany

PERFORMERS

Al Di Meola

Guitars and Synths

Mario parmisano

Acoustic Piano and Synths

Gumbi Ortiz

Percussion

Ernie Adams

Drums

Andras Sturcz

Cello

Gyula Benko

Viola

Gabor Csonka

1st Violin

Victor Uhzik

2nd Violin

DISCOGRAPHY

- 1976** Land Of The Midnight Sun
- 1977** Casino
- 1977** Elegant Gypsy
- 1979** Splendido Hotel
- 1981** Electric Rendezvous
- 1983** Senario
- 1984** Orange and Blue
- 1985** Cielo e Terra
- 1985** Soaring Through A Dream
- 1988** Tiramì Su
- 1990** The Grande Passion: World Sinfonia
- 1990** World Sinfonia
- 1991** Kiss My Axe
- 1996** Guitar Trio: Paco de Lucia/John McLaughlin/Al Di Meola
- 1998** The Infinite Desire
- 2002** Flesh On Flesh
- 2004** VIDEO One Of These Nights

ProGGnosis Comments & Reviews

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Words like "genius," "legend" and "virtuoso" are thrown around far too easily these days, so it's understandable if some people are a little jaded when they hear them, but if any American guitarist deserves to be described in such words, it's New Jersey's own **Al DiMeola**.

One of These Nights serves as yet more proof of why he is so deserving, as if such proof were needed. This extraordinary live DVD presents, with pristine sound and picture quality, the six-string master at the very peak of his form, displaying his usual mind-boggling technical prowess on eleven pieces of music that are as sophisticated, lyrical and complex as they are melodic and engaging. **DiMeola** plays acoustic guitars equipped with MIDI synthesizer controls, so he is able to paint with a broad sonic palette; he can even simulate his classic Les Paul electric guitar sound - and often does, to great effect.

His band is, as always, consistently great (especially pianist Mario Parmisano and drummer Ernie Adams), but what makes this performance unique is the inspired presence of Hungary's **Sturcz String Quartet**, which adds a sublime new dimension of symphonic colors and shadings to **DiMeola's** compositions. Perhaps the best illustration of this effect is the disc's closing piece, the old favorite *Egyptian Danza*, which takes on stunning new life with the string quartet, awakened and transformed into something nearly transcendent.

While the material performed is drawn mostly from **DiMeola's** more recent 'world music' influenced albums, his solos are still as remarkably fast and crisp as ever, powered by that ever-phenomenal picking speed and technique - which means that fans of his classic 1970s solo albums (such as *Casino* and *Elegant Gypsy*) will find much to enjoy here. Hence, longtime fans and newbies alike are encouraged to purchase this DVD, for after a career spanning over thirty years, **Al DiMeola**, on *One of These Nights*, has gifted us with perhaps his *very best recorded performance ever*, showing yet again that he is not only one of the greatest guitarists of all time, but one of the instrument's finest composers as well.
