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Al Di Meola - *One Of These Nights*

Released: 2004

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Reviewed by: Keith "Muzikman" Hannaleck, April 2005

Al Di Meola is a virtuoso without equal; I have always said that and will maintain that belief. He is unrivaled in his genre, a true innovator and legendary performer that certainly deserves to have more performances such as this documented to DVD. *One Of These Nights* is an exceptional video of high quality and sound.

When he played in the super group Return To Forever, he was the anchor on lead guitar. Once he took flight with a solo career, everything started to take shape. He has gone through many phases in his career. The heavy electric jazz fusion period was exciting and what many fans want to hear, if you are partial to that sound you will not appreciate this DVD.

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Di Meola ventures into his acoustic Latin classical side on this set. Occasionally he cuts loose with a few exciting electrical voyages via his converted acoustic guitar. I found the transitions he made with that particular piece of equipment amazing. He rarely had to swap guitars because of the versatility the instrument offered. The guitar was a match for his own exceptional flexibility.

The give and take with percussionist Gumbi Ortiz is such a joy to watch. The magnificent interplay is a show of mutual respect from both men; it becomes rather obvious very quickly that both musicians are in their element, enjoying every second of their musical bliss.

This is one of the best DVDs I have had the pleasure to view. From top to bottom its solid, the production and picture is outstanding, so much so that it allows you to be right there in the front row. For me, that is exactly the way I want to feel while watching a performance. This is an absolute must for any Di Meola fan.

*Recorded May 17, 2004 at Scala, Ludwigsburg, Germany*

Rating: 5/5

*[See also Steph's review -ed.]*

*More about One Of These Nights:*

**Track Listing:** Innamorata / Misterio / Azzurra / Orient Blue / Rhapsody Of Fire / This Way Before / One Night Last June / Fugatta / Libertango / Beyond The Mirage / Egyptian Danza

**Features:** Biography, Making Of

**Musicians:**

Al Di Meola - guitars

Mario Parmisano - acoustic piano and synths

Gumbi Ortiz - percussion

Ernie Adams - drums

Andr as Sturcz - cello

Gyula Benk o - viola

G bor Csonka - 1st violin

Victor Uhzik - 2nd violin

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- ***Land Of The Midnight Sun (1976)***
- ***Elegant Gypsy (1977)***
- ***Casino (1978)***
- ***Splendido Hotel (1980)***
- ***Friday Night In San Francisco (1981)***  
w/John McLaughlin and Paco De Lucia
- ***Electric Rendezvous (1982)***
- ***Tour de Force- "Live" (1982)***
- ***Passion, Grace & Fire (1983)***  
w/McLaughlin and De Lucia
- ***Cielo e Terra (1985)***
- ***The Al Di Meola Project: Tiramisu (1987)***
- ***Kiss My Axe (1991)***
- ***World Sinfonia (1991)***
- ***The Best of Al Di Meola: The Manhattan Years (1992)***
- ***World Sinfonia/Heart Of The Immigrants (1993)***
- ***Scenario (1993)***
- ***The Essence Of Al Di Meola (1994)***
- ***Orange and Blue (1994)***
- ***The Rite of Strings (1995)***
- ***The Guitar Trio (1996)***  
w/McLaughlin and De Lucia
- ***Di Meola Plays Piazzolla (1996)***
- ***The Infinite Desire (1998)***
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