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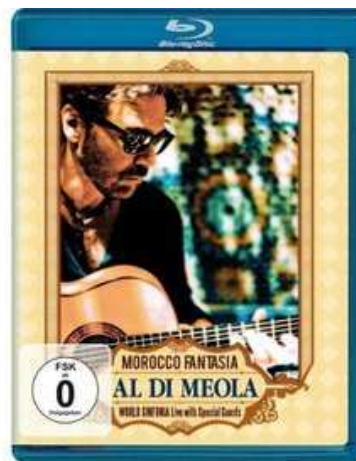
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Al Di Meola: Morocco Fantasia
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(2011/Naxos DVD set)



Picture: C+/C/C+/C Sound: B- (**Moyers:** C+) Extras: C+/B-/D/C
Main Programs: B-

Here is a variety of music programs that might grab your attention...

Al Di Meola: Morocco Fantasia (2011) is the second recent Blu-ray we have has of the amazing guitarist closely following this Montreux concert:

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This is almost as strong a show, but playback was an issue throughout the show as far as the image was concerned. This is just not as well-shot an HD production, but the seven tracks (*Misterio, Siberiana, Double Concerto, Michelangelo's 7th Child, Gumberio, Turquoise, Egyptian Danza*) are different than the other disc and the previous DVDs (though the last track is the last on our earliest DVD review of his work) and fans will enjoy this for the most part. Extras include bonus tracks, teaser, Photo Gallery, Soundcheck and Rehearsals.

Bill Moyers – Amazing Grace (1990 – 1994) has the legendary TV host researching the origins and endurance of the song of the title, a spiritual that may be one of the most successful songs of its kind ever written. Though 80 minutes might be a long time fir some to examine a song, Moyers is thorough enough and makes this a character examination of faith as well as a music history lesson. Extras include a small, illustrated booklet on the subject in the DVD case, text bios of the major players here and featurette *Pure Pete Seeger* (54 minutes) on the great, once controversial folk singer at home talking about music and the world we

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live in.

Bradley Kaplan and Albert Maysles decided to co-direct **The Love We Make** in old 1.33 X 1 framing and black and white film. The basic premise of the film is following the great Paul McCartney around New York as he shows his support for the U.S. days after the events of 9/11/01 and how he uses his name and clout to get a special concert together to raise money, awareness and support for the city. He is observed rehearsing for the show, how brilliantly he interacts with the public, business people, handles fame, the business and that makes it unique among the many McCartney titles we have enjoyed in recent years.

There is also the way he handles being on *The Howard Stern Show* and lets Howard know later how he crossed the line, has a total grasp of what has befallen New York City and his gusty attempt to write a brand new song especially for the event, which actually makes everyone a bit uncomfortable, reflecting how uncomfortable the whole ugly post-attack situation was. This one is definitely worth your time, though there are no extras, the main film is enough.

Finally we have **Rimsky-Korsakov: The Legend Of The Invisible City Of Kitezh/2008**, a 2011 DVD set release that remarkably is the first time we have ever covered any of the composers works realized on home video. Originally presented back in 1905, the tale of Mongol warriors heading for the title city makes for fine drama and this is nicely done down to the singing, but this was another case where picture performance got in the way more than it should have. Still, it is a fine work and the players and makers do a fine job of bringing it alive. Extras include an illustrated booklet on the subject in the DVD case, but nothing more on the actual discs.


The 1080p 1.78 X 1 digital High Definition image transfer on **Morocco** has some Video Black issues and more noise and detail limits than I would have liked for a live HD recording of a concert, but at least color is usually intact. Too bad this was not more impressive more often, but that's what we get. The 1080p 1.33 X 1 digital black and white High Definition image transfer on **Make** seems to be shot on 16mm film and it is the newer kind with less silver and less detail, so expect much grain and detail that sometimes will make you think you are watching a DVD, but oddest of all is the color video footage in the same frame that looks like it is going through some weird 100-line filter, looking more like Robocop-vision that a good video transfer. Why?

The 1.33 X 1 image on the **Moyers** DVD set is from professional NTSC video and very soft throughout, the softest material here on the list, including noise and other issued that show the material's age. The anamorphically enhanced 1.78 X 1 image on **Kitezh** is almost as bad with plenty of softness and far more aliasing errors and motion blur problems (plus ghosting that seems like digital video noise reduction gone wild) that is bizarre.

The DTS-HD MA (Master Audio) 5.1 lossless mixes on the Blu-rays and standard DTS 5.1 on **Kitezh** are about even with the **Morocco** concert having some soundfield limits, **Make** mostly made of location audio (Dolby Digital 5.1 and PCM 2.0 Stereo mixes are also included) and Kitezh having as good a soundfield, but not a perfect one. **Moyers** has lossy Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo that is very simple and shows its age as well.

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