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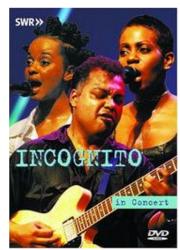
Incognito In Concert (Ohne Filter)

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Sound: B- Extras: C+

Concert: B

It was taped on June 27th 1995 and lasts only about an hour, but the Incognito installment/ appearance on German TV's music series **Ohne**Filter is a stunning performance as good as any the series has produced to date. The configuration of the band at the time featured 11 members, including five on vocals, and more than one lead vocalist to boot. The band goes back to 1981, when it was more of an Alan Parsons Project type of group, lead by Jean-Paul Maunick and producer Paul "Tubbs" Williams. It rose out of the group Light Of The World, as the biography text section explains further.



The result here is like Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire combined, with all the strength and richness of true R&B that is in desperate need of revival. The tracks here are:

- 1) Good Love
- 2) One Hundred & Rising
- 3) Everyday
- 4) Spellbound & Speechless
- 5) Don't You Worry 'bout A Thing
- 6) Harvest For The World
- 7) Colibri
- 8) Still A Friend Of Mine
- 9) Always There

It is a strong set that makes the most of its time, but the true test is the cover of the Stevie Winder classic *Don't You Worry 'bout A Thing* from his masterwork **Innervisions**. The vocals are terrific all around and the musicianship is top rate, something that seems these days to be the exception. With that said, the energy and fun never stops until the end of the disc and it could have run for four hours. They certainly had the energy!

The full frame PAL image is not bad and relatively recently in its taping, so it does not bleed like older analog PAL (or NTSC) and is from a clean source. The two soundtracks offered are PCM Stereo and a slightly more dynamic Dolby Digital 5.1 AC-3 mix. This is one of the best sound mixes in the series to date, and though no DTS is here, the series is releasing SACDs and this is prime must-release material. The extras are the usual biography of the music act, as is on all Ohne Filter DVDs, as well as the same engineer interview, web link, producer interview, and guide to many other Ohne Filter concerts on DVD. Incognito In Concert – Ohne Filter is easily one of the best R&B DVDs issued to date and will be tough to match, so be sure to pick it up, especially if you have a home theater system.

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