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Lene Lovich - Live From New York at Studio 54 Review

by Kevin Wierzbicki

n a brief segment of this film where patrons of the how are asked what they think of Lene Lovich one oncertgoer says, "I like her because she's a natural pazz." The young lady meant the comment as a compliment and I doubt that Lovich would have taken lffense.

sporting lengthy Heidi-style pigtails and wearing an xaggerated doll dress, Lovich was not necessarily but of character considering that this show was shot h 1981 as the New Wave splashed through. But ovich often puts her face through contortions, puffing er cheeks and turning wild-eyed, looking at some oints like a rock'n'roll version of Lucille Ball.

his film has its faults---the stage is not adequately lit or filming and the cuts are a bit awkward at times. The footage has also been laden with effects that eem mostly pointless; there are a few psychedelic verlays that are kind of cool but elsewhere multiple creen "freezes" are just detracting.

till there's plenty here to dig if you like Lovich---she lows a little rudimentary sax on "Joan," acts the lervish on the New Wave polka of "Say When" and ets a little teary on a song for her mother, "Too Sponsor a child now ender (To Touch)." On a couple of songs she displays her throaty bird call/coyote yelp which sounds downright eerie when the soundman throws a little distortion on it. Favorites "Lucky Number" and "New Toy" are performed and if you look (and listen) closely you'll note a Mr. Thomas Dolby on synthesizer.

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