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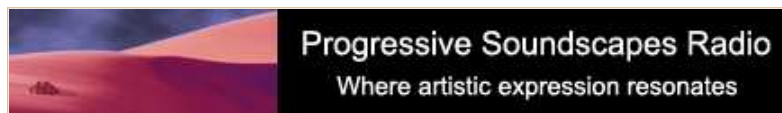
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**Miles, Buddy: Changes (DVD)**

Seems like former Band of Gypsys, Santana, & Electric Flag drummer, the legendary Buddy Miles, still had one more opportunity to re-use the *Changes* name, perhaps his most well known song. The late & legendary sticksman's new DVD, *Changes* features clips from two shows, one from Geneva, Switzerland in 1995, and another from France in 1996. The first is labeled as 'Buddy Miles with MST-A Tribute to Jimi Hendrix', and features the drum legend along with Kevin Smith and Joe Thomas in a power trio, playing a host of cover tunes in extended, jammy format. Tunes like The Beatles' "Come Together", or other rock staples like "Knock On Wood", "Peter Gunn", and "Superstition" allow the band to fire off plenty of lengthy guitar jams that are honest, if not somewhat sloppy. Of course, the trio launch into a funky rendition of "Changes", as well as a near 20 minute medley of a few Hendrix classics. The video quality of this set is fairly poor, with plenty of grain apparent which leads to believe that this show was lifted from a pretty sub-par VHS source. The 2 song set from France looks better, though one has to wonder where the rest of the show is. Here, the first tune is "Born Under a Bad Sign", a near 20 minute rendition where you see the obviously severely overweight Miles front and center with a left-handed guitar strung like a right handed axe, delivering a never ending onslaught of whammy bar theatrics, feedback, and blues runs, an obvious homage to Jimi, while his large ensemble behind him lays down the groove. The faces that Miles makes while he's torturing his guitar are priceless and worth the price of admission alone.



Bonus features include a documentary and interview, plus Buddy Miles bio and discography. While overall not a great set and probably not quite representative of what the late drummer was all about, Miles enthusiasts will certainly want to pick this up.

Track Listing

- 1) Bad Bad Misses
- 2) Knock On Wood
- 3) Come Together
- 4) Medley: Peter Gunn, Take You Higher, Superstition
- 5) Changes
- 6) Life Is What You Make It
- 7) How Long For An Answer
- 8) Tribute to Jimi Hendrix Medley: Purple Haze, Voodoo Child, Hey Joe
- 9) Born Under A Bad Sign
- 10) For Your Precious Love

Bonus Features-Documentary 'After the Experience', Interview, Biography, Discography

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