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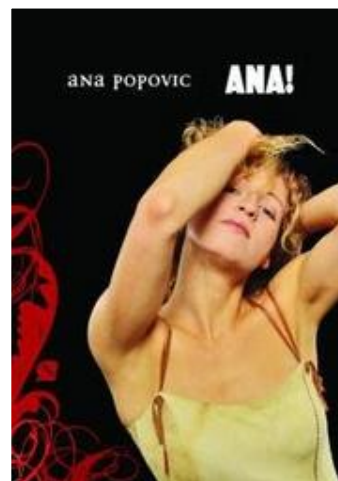
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Ana Popovic – Ana! (Concert)

Picture: C+ Sound: B- Extras: C+
 Concert: B-

Ana Popovic is a guitarist/vocalist in the Blues/Jazz mode doing what she can to make a name for herself and maybe have some commercial crossover success. **Ana!** is a new concert DVD taped at The Melkweg in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, designed to show off her and her band to be advantage. The set here includes:

- 1) *Don't Bear Down On Me*
- 2) *Sittin' On Top Of The World*
- 3) *Love Me Again*
- 4) *Comfort To The Soul*
- 5) *Hometown*
- 6) *Navajo Moon*
- 7) *Night By Night*
- 8) *Bigtown Playboy*
- 9) *Won't Let You Down*
- 10) *Jaco*
- 11) *Long Way Home*
- 12) *My Man*



The set is played with energy and bravado, but the lyrics are only so memorable, though she has been around since 2000 and may just be getting warmed up. These are not always my favorite music genres, but this is still well done. Her ambition makes up for any shortcomings and we can expect to see more artistic growth down the line. Popovic is in the right direction.

The anamorphically enhanced 1.78 X 1 image extends to the three extras segments, but the actual show has a strange look that has some detail limits mixed with a slight haze. This is not the case on the bonus video. The sound is here in PCM 2.0 16Bit/48kHz Stereo and Dolby Digital 5.1, both of which are no bad, though the Dolby has a slight edge here. The songs in the extras are only in PCM, but none are in DTS, and that is a shame. Those extras include a stills section that show how attractive Miss Popovic is, a 6+ minutes acoustic session featuring *Long Last Love* and *Damn Your Eyes*, a 3+ minute acoustic performance solo of *Done Somebody Wrong* in Amsterdam and an interview (14:11) with Popovic that is pleasant and allows her to discuss her thoughts on music and growing up. That makes for a well-rounded introduction to her work.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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