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Mountain: Live in Paris (DVD)

Live in Paris was recorded on July 8th & 9th 1985, when Mountain were on tour with Deep Purple as the opening act. Longtime bassist Felix Pappalardi had passed away two years prior, so guitarist/vocalist Leslie West and drummer Corky Laing are joined here by bassist/vocalist/keyboard player Mark Clarke (ex-Uriah Heep/Rainbow/Billy Squier) for a short set of mostly old classics. The first two songs are from what looks like the July 8th show, and the band looks and plays a little ragged, especially West whose guitar playing and vocals are a tad sloppy. Thankfully, the remainder of the songs are from



the following night, and the results are completely different. The band charges through spirited versions of "Theme From An Imaginary Western" (with Clarke & West sharing the vocals), an extended "Natucket Sleighride" (complete with plenty of jams) and of course their signature tune "Mississippi Queen". The video & audio quality is not really all that special here (Clarke's excellent bass playing is way too loud in the mix, and West's guitar is layered with excessive distortion), but the band seemed to be having a great time and the crowd was really into it. There's also no bonus features to be had, which is a real shame considering how short this set is. Also, the packaging of this DVD is pretty awful, with not one photo of the band anywhere to be seen. Still, if you are a Mountain fan, there's little if any footage available, so you might want to gobble this one up.

Track Listing

- 1) Why Dontcha
- 2) Never In My Life
- 3) Theme From An Imaginary Western
- 4) Spark
- 5) Nantucket Sleighride
- 6) Mississippi Queen

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