Weather Report

1. Live in Germany 1971 (Avi)

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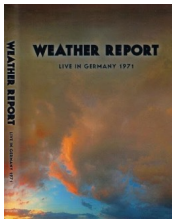

1. Umbrellas 2. Orange Lady 3. Waterfall 4. Seventh Arrow 5. TH 6. Morning Lake 7. Improvised Medley Including Dr Honoris Causa Lineup: Joe Zawinul – keyboards Wayne Shorter – sax Miroslav Vitous – bass Alphonse Mouzon – drums, vocal Dom Um Romao – percussion.

If you are a fan of Weather Report this historical document is a must! It's a brilliant performance by one of the most influential bands in modern music. What makes it really interesting is this was the first stage in Weather Reports incredible journey,it does have more in common with 'free improvised music' than the more compositional style the band would later embrace with Sweetnighter,, Mysterious Traveler, Black Market, Tale Spinnin' ect, But I guess the problem with mostly improvised music which this dvd is (apart from some sparse themes here and there) is.....unless the magic visits all the musicians most the time then thematic material must be used as a safety net to insure against the dreaded 'brown soup' were everyone is fishing for ideas that never come off! On this dvd that thankfully does not happen,it is alive with an electricity that is absent from a lot of so called jazz and truly aspires to achieve the "sound of surprise"....Highly recommended. ---Geoffrey J. Hearn "Shaku9" (United Kingdom)

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2. Montreux 1976 (Mkv)

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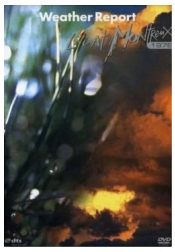

1.Elegant People; 2.Scarlet Woman; 3.Barbary Coast; 4.Portrait of Tracy; 5.Cannon Ball; 6.Black Market; 7.Drum and Percussion Duet; 8.Piano and Saxophone Duet; 9.Dr. Honoris Causa/Directions; 10.Badia; 11.Gibraltar. Musicians: Joe Zawinul: piano, keyboards; Wayne Shorter: tenor and soprano saxophones; Jaco Pastorius: bass; Alex Acuña: drums; Manolo Badrena: congas, percussion, voice.

Simply an amazing show!!! Many WR fans have had this one from their bootleg collection and it ranks up there with one of their favorites. The Montreux Jazz Fest and Mr. Claude have done a wonderful job in restoring these historical concerts. Why have I seen this show over hundreds of times and still left shaking my head in disbelief. I hear that they are going to release the Mahavishnu 1974 show as well as the 84 band. I say bring them on all of them (even Stanley Clarke 1980), because Sony (baloney) aint doin a thing. In this particular show Shorter is the star, his solo on Black Market is mesmerizing as well as on Pastorius's Barbary Coast. Shorter is one of the best improvisers of all time, and here he is given so much space to play. Jaco actually was playing in the band for 3 or 4 months and he is killer all the way through. I wish this remastered version would have shown more camera angles with him playing, because he is spectacular. Nobody sounded like him at that time and no one sounded like the wizard Joe Zawinul on synths. Joe Zawinul is Weather Report!!! One of my favorite moments is when Jaco gets into the River People rift on Gilbraltar and you can see Zawinul start to hold in his drool from his mouth because it sounds so good. Then they take it to another level when Wayne comes in and they freak the music into another dimension. It's also great to see Joe and Jaco stare each other down, because it's a beautiful competitive collaborative effort. With this concert I can see why Jaco choose Alex Acuna on drums instead of Chester Thomas because they fit so well. This 76 show is better than the 78 Germany on Forecast Tomorrow in so many ways. I

agree with fellow fans to release more Weather Report shows live because it was an event like no other. I wish the human race will be able to see the Belgrade show from 1980, because they go cosmic. But according to the Forecast Tomorrow booklet the master tape of that show was probably destroyed in 1999. Hopefully we can wish that it isn't and will see the light of day. Maybe Bill Graham's Wolfgang vault will release a show if they have any. Maybe by releasing these two DVD's more real listeners will take notice and request more and Sony will stop acting like this music never existed! Maybe we will see a Weather Report 1979 Montruex show, because they actually played there and it was taped, although I think there is a conspiracy with this show. Montrueux has a huge vault and it's amazing they are doing this because it's going to make a lot of die hard fusion fans so happy. ---Derrick Wilson "Matthew's Charge" (Atlanta GA)

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