Alicia Keys - VH1 Storytellers (2013)

1. No One 2. Brand New Me 3. You Don't Know My Name 4. Empire State Of Mind (Pt. II) Broken Down 5. Not Even The King 6. Fallin' 7. If I Ain't Got You 8. Girl On Fire 9. New Day 10. Try Sleeping With A Broken Heart 11. Un-thinkable (I'm Ready)

First aired ten days prior to the release of Girl on Fire, Alicia Keys' VH1 Storytellers program featured six songs. While this set expands the set to 11 songs, it does not present the full performance. Heavy editing was involved; certain portions of Keys' dialogue re hacked up, crowd noise is unnaturally lowered and raised in volume, and there is little evident effort to make the songs flow. Keys' first words here, the lead-in to "No One," are "We were at the end of the album, and it was finished, and…" -- so it provokes the feeling of walking into the venue as the gig is in progress. Furthermore, much of her intro to the following "Brand New Me" was cut. For all its choppiness, VH1 Storytellers is enjoyably off-the-cuff, with Keys' anecdotes (including an extended tale about the making of "You Don't Know My Name") and remarks ("I love an acoustic guitar!") often delivered as she and her band are playing. The five songs that didn't air are relevant, including a hot "Fallin'" that could have easily been overcooked, and an "Un-thinkable (I'm Ready)" that packs a heavier rhythmic punch than the studio version. Ironically, this is less showy than 2005's Unplugged, and it's better for it. ---Andy Kellman, Rovi

Alicia Keys od zawsze oczarowywała słuchaczy podczas swoich występów. VH1 Storytellers to zapis koncertu Alicii zarejestrowany w listopadzie 2012 r. Artystka zabiera nas w muzyczną podróż od początku swojej kariery. Alicia gra 11 swoich największych hitów i opowiada historie związane z każdym z nich, m.in.: „No One”, Fallin’”, „Empire State of Mind”, „If I Anin’t Got You” czy „Girl On Fire”. ---empik.com

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