



FREDDIE HUBBARD Music Is Here: Live At Studio 104 Maison de la Radio, (ORTF), Paris 1973

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DESCRIPTION

Wewantsounds announce the first-ever release of the mesmerizing live performance by **Freddie Hubbard** and his quintet recorded in Paris at Maison de la Radio (ORTF) on March 25, 1973. Featuring Hubbard with **George Cables** on Fender Rhodes, **Junior Cook** on sax/flute, **Kent Brinkley** on bass, and **Michael Carvin** on drums, the group interprets four Hubbard classics in deep, spiritual mode. The tapes of the concert were transferred at INA's studios and remastered by Colorsound Studio 1973 was a special year for Freddie Hubbard. He had been one of jazz's brightest young stars for more than a decade and had also recorded as a sideman for such luminaries as **John Coltrane**, **Art Blakey**, and **Ornette Coleman**. After a spell at Blue Note and Atlantic Records, Hubbard signed to CTI records in 1970. Launched by **Creed Taylor**, CTI was the up-and-coming jazz label at the time, aiming at the pop market with their trademark blend of fusion jazz and highly stylized album covers. There, Hubbard recorded five highly successful studio albums further cementing his reputation as a jazz superstar. In early 1973, after years of working with the cream of the CTI stable of musicians for his albums and concerts, Hubbard decided to put together a new quintet consisting of Junior Cook on sax, Kent Brinkley on bass, plus two young Turks from the thriving post-bop jazz scene: pianist George Cables and drummer Michael Carvin. The quintet, save Carvin, would record Hubbard's *Keep Your Soul Together* for CTI later that year (his last album for the label) but for the time being, the quintet was busy touring and they all left for Europe to hone their skills as a tight unit. The music they created during that tour, as showcased on this live performance recorded in Paris, is nothing but extraordinary and unlike anything Hubbard had recorded for CTI. The musicians are heard here playing four recent Hubbard classics: "Sky Dive", "The Intrepid Fox", "Povo" and "First Light" in a very different style: the music here is deep and organic, retaining the quintessence of the four beautiful melodies and stretching them in long, spiritual work outs. The concert which was filmed by French TV in beautiful black-and-white by **Marc Pavaux** and legendary DoP **Willy Kurant** is a vivid testimony of the musicians' togetherness, caught in full flight on this performance and taking the music to higher grounds. Artwork designed by **Raimund Wong**. Liner notes by **Kevin Le Gendre** in conversation with drummer Michael Carvin.

TRACKLISTING

01. Sky Dived (12:16)
02. The Intrepid Fox (22:48)
03. Povo (16:08)
04. First Light (24:35)

HIGHLIGHTS

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