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Jimi Tenor - musical genius, mastermind, freak. That much we already know. His live routine however delivers some unexpected surprises. His incredibly eccentric stage performances are legendary. Even if you were unable to personally witness him riding a white horse on stage sporting a wedding dress with an eight meter long train then it is highly likely that you heard about it.

More nice live gestures followed. On one occasion he organised for the best champagne to be served onstage to his fellow musicians during a performance. It is no wonder that parallels are frequently made to Zappa's live shows. Jimi Tenor's world still revisits the electro and techno days of his youth while continually rotating on an axis of jazz, psychedelic, rock and funk as well as soundtracks from the 70s, Spike Jones and Carla Bley.

The fact therefore that it has taken him 13 years to produce his first live album is perhaps not as surprising as it might seem. Jimi Tenor is in fact such a perfectionist that he prefers to be the one pulling his own strings rather than handing the reins over to someone else. It has always been crucial for him that every aspect of his performance works in harmony and he guarantees that his elaborate arrangements go according to plan months before an actual show by meticulously ensuring that everyone and everything has been duly delegated. His goal is always to deliver a perfect show. With rehearsals often lasting longer than 14 hours, precision is an ever-present quality aspired to with his studio and session musicians. This results in perfection being the only form of impulsive, musical expression that accompanies them onstage during a live show.

"Live In Berlin" is by no means a hi-fi concept live album. Instead it has managed to retain the refreshingly spontaneous nature of Jimi Tenor's live performances which are increasingly rooted in his laid-back and relaxed demeanour which has steadily developed over the years. The birth of his two children definitely contributed to this essence of 'Live In Berlin' as perhaps did the childlike abandon of his live guests – Rhythm Taxi – all luminaries of the Afro beat and high-life scenes of Ghana and Nigeria in West Africa. Rhythm Taxi, who are renowned for being at the very heart of Berlin's afro and reggae scenes, teamed up with Jimi for some of the tracks on his seventh album "Beyond The Stars". This collaboration was both inspirational and incredibly fruitful and resulted in them touring the entire album together alongside several backing vocalists.

Listeners are in for a treat - an abundance of more off the hook musical madness could not be wished for.

"Live in Berlin" was recorded during the "Beyond The Stars" tour on 27.05.2004 in Berlin's Club Maria.

## TRACKLISTING

- 01 Miracles
- 02 Grilli Iloa
- 03 Going For The Gold
- 04 Moon Goddess
- 05 Strawberry Place
- 06 Dirty Jimi / Take Off
- 07 Tsunami
- 08 Sugardaddy
- 09 Beyond The Stars