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Al DiMeola - Speak A Volcano (**Inakustik**)

Speak A Volcano sees Al DiMeola playing the electric guitar live once again in a concert from November 2006. Joining him are Mike Pope on bass, Mario Parmisano on keyboards, Joel Taylor on drums, and old DiMeola stalwart Gumbi Ortiz on percussion.

DiMeola compositions like One Night Last June, Rhapsody Of Fire, and Red Moon blaze along with pieces by current DiMeola muse Astor Piazzolla. Mi Longa Del Angel, Tangata, and Fugata are just a few of the Piazzolla numbers here. A Chick Corea composition from the Return To Forever days - Senor Mouse - is thrown in for good measure. The electric pieces bookend the concert with the central numbers featuring acoustic and classical guitar from DiMeola.

The band are just unbelievably hot. The feel of the show is intimate and friendly. Bonus material consists of a thoughtful interview with DiMeola as well as a guitar freak's dream - picking and playing tips from DiMeola himself. A total wow!