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1. *Oleo*,
2. *All Blues*,
3. *Mac Tough*,
4. *Welcome to a Prayer*,
5. *El Hombre*,
6. *Recollection*,
7. *Blue in Green*,
8. *Catch*

Personnel:

Pat Martino (guitar),
Joey DeFrancesco (organ),
Billy Hart (drums)

Pat Martino's career has been marked by serious health problems. However, with each passing year, he continues to fight the odds and make forward-looking statements in jazz. LIVE AT YOSHI'S is no exception to this. Throughout the years, Martino fans have come to expect blindingly fast, virtuosic bop solos from him. These he delivers on all eight tracks. In fact, we hear inspired, spontaneous performances by all three musicians on this disc.

This live 2000 concert date sees Martino in great form. His playing is heartfelt and, as usual, he dazzles the crowd with outstanding harmonic ingenuity. Joined by organ phenom Joey DeFrancesco and veteran drummer Billy Hart, Martino performs a variety of tunes including Miles Davis's "All Blues" and the lush Bill Evans/Miles Davis Ballad "Blue in Green." Uptempo burners such as Sonny Rollins' "Oleo" and Martino's own "Catch" display the true improvisational prowess of this jazz power trio. LIVE AT YOSHI'S was nominated for the 2002

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