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CD 1 (set 1) 54.59 min

1. *Introductions*
2. *New York Minute*
3. *Norwegian Wood*
4. *Mercy Street*

CD 2 (set 2) 52.15 min

5. *Thieves In The Temple*
6. *You've Got It Bad Girl Herbie Hancock*

LINEUP:

Herbie Hancock: piano

Michael Brecker: tenor sax

John Scofield: guitar

Dave Holland: bass

Jack DeJohnette: drums, tabla, perc.

Don Alias: perc.

Live at Summer Jazz Days in Warsaw/PL, 1997-06-29

Herbie Hancock performs a set of tunes which include numbers from the likes of Peter Gabriel, Stevie Wonder, Sade, Paul Simon, Prince, the Beatles ("Norwegian Wood") and Kurt Cobain. However by adding vamps, reharmonizing the chord structures, sometimes quickly discarding the melodies and utilizing an all-star band, Hancock was able to transform the potentially unrewarding music into creative jazz. Hancock, who sticks to acoustic piano, shows that he is still in prime form, taking quite a few fiery solos. With Michael Brecker on tenor and surprisingly effective soprano, guitarist John Scofield, bassist Dave Holland, drummer Jack DeJohnette and percussionist Don Alias (along with an occasional horn or string section that was dubbed in later), the results are often quite hard-swinging and certainly never predictable. Although it is

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doubtful that any of these songs will ever become a jazz standard, Herbie Hancock has successfully created a memorable set of "new" music. Well worth investigating. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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