

Bashment Vibes



A weekly look at the reggae scene by **ORANTES MOORE**

CLASSICAL MUSIC

THIS MONTH'S DVD RELEASES MAKE THE PERFECT THREE

Some classic reggae material has been released on DVD recently and, because *Bashment Vibes* is always up to di time, we thought it would be a good idea to give you a quick synopsis of what's on offer.

Gregory Isaacs: Live in San Francisco features rare footage of reggae's Cool Ruler performing in America. With a career that spans more than three decades, Isaacs is one of Jamaica's greatest singer/songwriters and this DVD captures him in all his glory.

Although years of drug abuse have clearly taken their toll on his voice, Isaacs still manages to deliver a highly entertaining performance.

Classic tracks such as *Night Nurse*, *Soon Forward* and *Rumours* (aka 'Don Inna Di Juggling') are all

featured, but a tribute to Sly and Robbie is one of the DVD's main highlights.

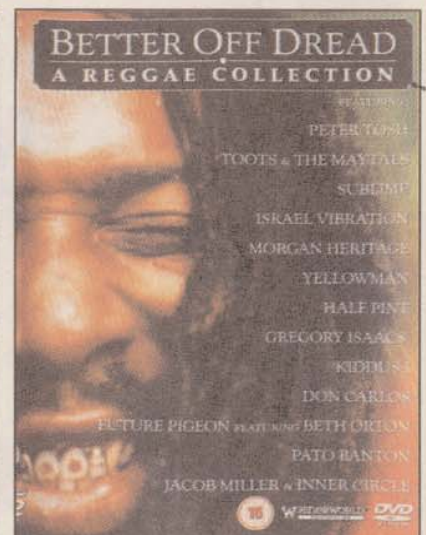
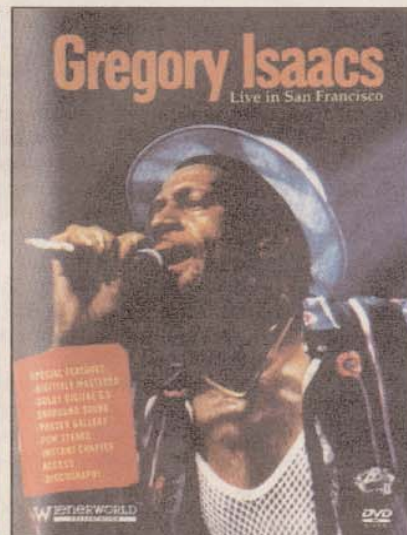
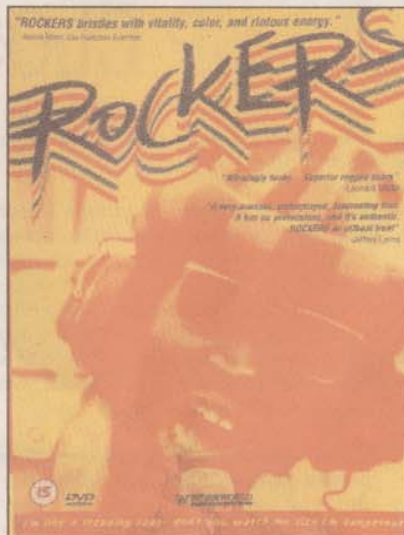
Mr Isaacs also stars alongside a host of reggae stars such as Big Youth, Burning Spear and Jacob Miller in *Rockers*, another hot disc to add to your collection.

Originally released in 1979, the film tells the story of Leroy 'Horsemouth' Wallace, a drummer determined to make his name as a successful record distributor.

The plot thickens when a gang of 'mafia men' steal Horsemouth's motorcycle and he his cronies devise an elaborate plan to recover the vehicle.

Often cited as the best Jamaican film ever made, *Rockers* is a delightful comedy that captures reggae at its musical apex.

Likewise, *Better Off Dread: A Reggae Collection* provides a fascinating



Simply the best: new discs take in music and performances from some bashment legends

insight into Jamaican reggae. Comprising 13 music videos from some of Jamaica's best-known performers, this DVD kicks off with *Legalize It*, Peter Tosh's acclaimed advert for marijuana.

Although one or two additions are questionable (e.g. *40oz to Freedom*, a punk flavoured offering from white rock group Sublime), the diverse range of videos featured means that *Better*

Off Dread will appeal to a wide spectrum of reggae fans.

Highlights include tracks from Yellowman (*Nobody Move, Nobody Get Hurt*), Morgan Heritage (*One*

Binghi) and Jacob Miller & Inner Circle (*Tenement Yard*).

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