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## Stepper Takes The Taxi



### Sly & Robbie Stepper Takes The Taxi

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When was the last time you added a really awesome fresh Reggae album to your collection?

It's been a while, hasn't it?

Well it's time to give the Reggae section of your collection some love with Sly and Robbie's Stepper Takes The Taxi. This album is the result of a legendary mix of artists let loose in a vault of - literally - hundreds of thousands of tracks dating back to the 80's. It's a remix dream come true, and more... much more.

This is one of the best Reggae albums ever. The scenario is that the Riddim Twins have opened up their music vaults to Stepper (French saxophone player Guillaume Briard) who has been allowed to record over them, as well as create new music with Sly & Robbie's band the Taxi Gang. Stepper has chosen his riddims with gentle care, just as he has chosen his associates including French mixing engineer Fabwise, the rising star of dubmasters.

The result is a collection of classic instrumental Reggae that is just plain amazing. This is one of those projects destined to be a part of music history. About the only similar album that warrants a comparison is the Gorillaz Demon Days as far as musical excellence and visionary timelessness. It reminds us that tradition is a growing and changing thing and that albums like this are significant points in history that will affect the present and the future in real tangible ways.

RUST Magazine was started because there were fantastic artists who were not getting the recognition they deserved in either the diluted digital space or the corporate press world where critical opinions are always tempered by neutrality. But music is not neutral. Passion and love of art and the feeling of joy and humanity sparked by artistic excellence is something personal and individual. When it magically happens - as it has here - the people who have labored and sacrificed deserve to be applauded, and they deserve an equally personal response from listeners, not a committee unwilling to commit to an opinion.

Sly and Robbie's Stepper Takes The Taxi is one of the best albums of all time, not just one of the best Reggae albums ever. It's a unique combination of artists, techniques, archives and inspiration. It's an album that is destined for legendary status. Essential.

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