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DENNIS BROWN (& FRIENDS) REGGAE CANFEST, REGGAE SHOWDOWN DVD Music Video Distributors 4 out of 10 Band Website

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This may be one of the hardest reviews I've had to do for the simple fact that it IS a DVD and that's what I'm reviewing, not the music. Upon first playing the DVD I was instantly disappointed, I was under the impression this was a Dennis Brown DVD, after all he IS on the cover and so is his name in huge letters. However this DVD is simply his last performance before his death in 1999, which happened to be at Reggae Canfest. The DVD features some great Reggae acts, such as Lady Saw, Admiral Tibbet and Lloyd Parks & The We The People Band, however anyone buying this is buying it for Dennis Brown, plain and simple. There is a realness to his performance in the way that the band botches songs a lot and starts over from the beginning without even batting an eye. This shows the human side to the band and you don't see that in live DVDs. However it does kind of take away from the performance. Personally I think this release would have been much better as a CD instead of a DVD. If you close your eyes it's awesome, the sound quality is really phenomenal, especially for being a live show! Watching it just leaves a lot to be desired. There's not much movement or action on the stage, so watching it gets very boring very quickly. Reggae is music you feel, not music you watch, and if you watch it, it should be at a show where you can feel the music and feel the rhythm and vibe of everyone around you. The video quality is pretty poor, which is also another factor in making this harder to watch. However reggae releases often sport poor quality

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email for more information artwork, it's how they do. Taking that into consideration and also the fact that there are no special features on the DVD, make this DVD good to borrow, but not to buy. Release it as a cd and I'm all over that shit!

~Boss Anjo





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