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## Top Artist this Month

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## The Beat: Live At The Royal Festival Hall

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### HISTORY :

The Beat were formed in Birmingham in 1978. Soon after, they had to change their name to The ENGLISH Beat to avoid confusion with another band. They are known as one of the leaders of the Ska revivalist movement along with fellow Brits The Specials, Madness, The Selecter and The Body Snatchers.

The British ska groups were of course multiracial and were formed by kids who lived in the same areas. Much like the poor kids of Jamaica, they didnt have much money so they formed bands to perform when they couldnt get into clubs. The English Beat was co-lead by Guitar/Vocalist Dave Wakeling a punk rock toaster, along with Ranking Roger another brilliant reggae/ska toaster. The other members were made up of Andy Cox (Guitar), Dave Steel (Bass), Everett Morton (Drums) and the one and only Saxa (Saxophone). Saxa was originally in a well known band called Prince Buster and Desmond Dekker, and this helped bring The Beat even more attention at the time. Saxa was also much older than the other chaps (around 50 years old at the time), but he contributed an extra special soulful touch that made the band sound even better than before. The Beat went on to open for The Selecter and they then were signed to the 2 Tone label (specialists in ska) and they followed this with the release of their first single "Tears of A Clown", a skanked up version of the Motown Smokey Robinson classic hit.

In 1980, The Beat decided to start their own indie label and they called it Go-Feet (an Arista sub-label). They continued to quickly move up the UK Charts with songs like "Mirror In The Bathroom". Their first album was titled I Just Cant Stop It. This album fused pop

## Comments



[SunshineDaydream](#) says:

Wow, I love these guys! Friends and I just went to see Matisyahu and they were opening, but was on a work night, so we didn't make it in time to see them. Hopefully be around again to catch them.

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