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## The Selector – Live From London (DVD-Video) □

Picture: C+    Sound: B-    Extras: C    Concert: B

The Selector was part of a generation of New Wave/Ska bands to come out of England from the famous 2-Tone label, for which they were responsible for its first ever record release. Interracial and with members from several countries, this holds today with the current line-up in the recent **Live From London** concert. This includes Pauline Black, lead singer and ever-energetic lead singer for the band.

The following songs pretty much include every hit song they ever had, starting with that first key single:

- 1) *The Selector*
- 2) *Three Minute Hero*
- 3) *The Whisper*
- 4) *Everyday*
- 5) *Respect Yourself*
- 6) *Missing Words*
- 7) *Celebrate The Bullet*
- 8) *Train To Skaville*
- 9) *Street Feeling*
- 10) *Murder*
- 11) *James Bond* (the Monty Norman theme with vocal)
- 12) *On My Radio*
- 13) *Too much Pressure*
- 14) *Carry Go Bring Come*
- 15) *My Sweet Collie*

It is a fine concert (77 minutes) and the spirit of the original era of this Ska revival is alive and well here. Black is so good, that it is no wonder she influenced the likes of Gwen Stefani, but remains one of the great underrated women in world music. The great thing about this disc is that it is a perfect record of her work and that of a great band that actually dissolved back in 1982. The timing could not have been better.

The 1.33 X 1 videotaped image is dark, but clear enough, and from a clean, recent taping. It looks like it was shot in professional PAL video. The Dolby Digital 5.1 mix is not spectacular or bass-heavy, but has a good-enough soundfield spread. The combination is involving enough to more than enjoy, though one will wish for a DTS mix as the concert gets better and better. The only extras are a 16-minutes-long interview with Black and in PCM 2.0 CD sound and brief text biography about the band, who reformed in 1991. **The Selector - Live From London** may finally give a great band its due for a wider audience.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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