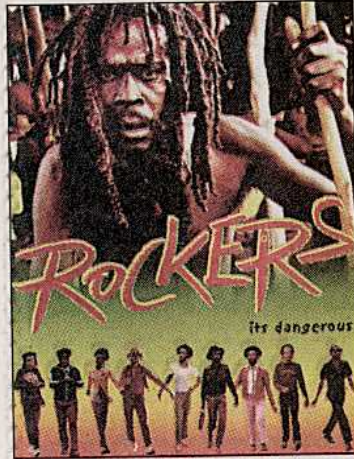


In Rotation



A curiosity even when it was released in 1977, the low-budget independent Jamaican movie/extended music video **Rockers** assumed a luminous cachet among fans of reggae music and film buffs alike. Clearly inspired by the international success in 1972 of *The Harder They Come*, the movie's simplistic plot is just a framework on which to hang a vivid, funny and fascinating cinema-verité chronicle of the lives and preoccupations of Jamaica's Rastafarian community and the burgeoning reggae/ska mu-

sic culture.

It's about a record producer/distributor, played by Leroy Wallace, who organizes his musical crew to foil the efforts of a local crime mob to ruin his business — but that's beside the point.

This project, written and directed by Theodoros Bafaloukos, was so hip at the time of its conception that an inordinate number of contemporary Jamaican music stars jumped on board — Gregory Isaacs, Burning Spear, Jacob Miller and Jack Ruby are among them — playing characters in the movie and serving up a rich helping of absolutely stunning reggae, either in performance or as incidental music.

The 25th anniversary re-release on DVD has been a hot item on the Internet retail market since it was made available a month ago. The movie has renewed cachet because time and the revival of reggae's popularity 30 years on have given it additional and authentic documentary qualities.

Greg Quill

Wild Card

Multiple tangential events are wisely tied this weekend to the climax of Caribana.

■ Artists from Toronto's **Dub Poets Collective** converge on Harbourfront with performances and workshops, including several instalments of "Mystic Women Of Dub: Defiance, Power, Revolution!" (various times; see www.dubpoetscollective.com).

■ These events are paired with a bigger Harbourfront party, the **Hot and Spicy Food Festival**. If you're scared of hot salsa, stick to the hot dog stands along Queens Quay.

■ While the Caribana parade winds down Lake Shore Blvd.

today, the **Irie Music Festival** gears up nearby at Ontario Place (free with admission), with live performances beginning at 1 p.m.

■ But the city really comes alive at night, especially in the club district, with a number of Caribana-themed after-parties. Tonight, Seven (224 Richmond St E of Duncan) features the aptly named DJ Irie.

More clubs take advantage of the long weekend tomorrow, with the Def Jam party at the Joker (318 Richmond) and Mas Appeal at Republik (261 Richmond).

Surely there are other events, but nobody invited us.

So white. So flowy. So fake. C
real threads, grandpa. SCORE

Climate Control



A special kind of torture? Fr
listening to amateur horns.

Crowd Control



Half a million cold families
clowns. SCORE: 1

Humiliated Hou



Oh look! It's a dog dressed
How novel! SCORE: 1