



Lee "Scratch" Perry in Concert The Ultimate Alien

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Producer/Director {Dave Meehan} outdoes himself on this 63 minute documentary of {The Ultimate Alien}, {Lee "Scratch" Perry}. Gorgeous camerawork lovingly captures the band's performance at Brighton, England's {Concorde2} venue with "the king of Soul", as the voice opening the show proclaims, descending a stairwell in his trademark attire before launching into {"I Am A Madman"}. The film actually starts at the hotel and follows the eccentric genius to the venue where he gives the crowd an hour's worth of suggestive titles like {"French Connection"}, {"Doctor Dick"} and {"Rub And Squeeze}, among others. On the 7 minutes and 45 second {"Tighten Up"} (not the {Archie Bell & The Drells} hit) Lee lights up his sacramental ganja while {The Naylor Twins}, {Michelle Farmer} and {Sharron Naylor}, chirp away in the background. The band is most impressive and worthy of mention - {Anthony Harty} on lead guitar, {Nick Welsh} on bass, drummer {Al Fletcher}, keyboardist {Justin Dodsworth} and saxophone player {Leigh Malin}.

The extras are also noteworthy - a forty minute interview conducted by {Dave Hendley}, who also wrote the four page biography, is revealing and invaluable. Lee lights up again while telling his story in pretty coherent fashion, mixing his philosophy in a mellow but still very compelling conversation. An extra bonus and key component here is a collection of {Guinness} beer commercials featuring {Lee "Scratch" Perry} that are outrageously funny and superbly produced. A true pioneer and legend having some fun on a video that has no booklet but plenty of material on the disc itself. It's also an excellent introduction to this underrated and highly entertaining wild wizard of Reggae music.

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Song Titles:

I Am A Madman, Station Underground News, French Connection, Jungle Lion, People Funny Boy, Tighten Up, Doctor Dick, Rub And Squeeze, The Thanks We Get

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- Joe Viglione