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Lee 'Scratch' Perry In Concert The Ultimate Alien

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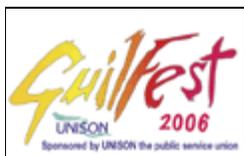
Loony legend let loose on live audience...

You have to love Lee Scratch Perry. Talk about mad? The man's madder than a wolf in a toaster. He wears more bling than Jimmy Saville times Michael Carroll increased by a factor of four and a half BA Baraci, once burned down his own studio to rid it of spirits and is responsible for more amazing music than you would ever believe. Artists as diverse as Bob Marley and John Martyn owe some of their best work to Perry's production skills. And he still manages to put in a healthy touring schedule at the better part of seventy.

This DVD shows him personally in great form, in the Concorde 2 in Brighton, undated but obviously in recent years. Sadly, the same cannot be said for an audience whose apathy suggests they don't deserve to be seeing such a legendary geeza do his thing, while the guitar also gets a bit overpowering from time to time, but you get the idea and £\$P (as he signs himself) plays a blinder.

As well as the concert, this DVD also includes his brilliant Guinness ads, and a most entertaining interview, characterized by his smoking an enormous spliff and constantly going off at tangents while the interviewer often struggles to get coherent answers to the

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questions he's actually asking. Nonetheless, it is a more than enlightening portrait of a true musical original.

Like the music of Scratch Perry itself, fans will lap this up, while the rest of the world shrugs it's shoulders, but I'm firmly in the former camp, and I'm lovin' it.

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By **Eddie Thomas**

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