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Vintage Reggae Bash – Brooklyn 1983

MVD

MVD visuals presents this rare footage of 70's and 80's reggae/dancehall stars performing live at the Empire Roller Skating Center in Brooklyn circa 1983. Performers range from ultra smooth (and undreaded) Max Romeo all decked in 70's leathers rocking a pretty chill version of "War Inna Babylon", to Roman Stewart's soulful lover's rock, to Ken Boothe sweating like a motherfucker in his white suite to 60's style ska with massively dilated pupils and too tight white trousers.

Most memorable and impressive of course is Big Youth, all pimped out in a shiny pink blazer, red gold and green head wrap and top hat, rocking Rasta knowledge straight off the top, deejay styles like the roots of Hip Hop, and definitely the most red-eyed of the crop (okay, everybody looks pretty fucking blazed here...). His transition from lyrical improvisation to catchy hooks is seamless while the band locks into a deadly one drop straight from the top of Mount Zion.

While all of the performers are tight, the band seems a little lackluster, or just not into it for the most part. The audience is only ever shown from the back, which makes one wonder how many people were actually there. Seeing as how most of these styles were already dated when the video was made, I wonder if it was just a bad turnout, or if this was just made as a promotional video for the artists. Seven out of ten out of respect for the masters, but honestly a lot of it is so slow you need some killer chron to get into it.

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