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## Jamdown to be Released on DVD

*The "holy grail of reggae films" available after 30 years.*

Directed by **Emmanuel Bonn**, 'Jamdown' is a film that takes you on a journey back to the delights of 1980's Kingston, Jamaica and London's Shepherd's Bush, following legendary **Toots Hibbert** and **The Congos**. The film contains some of the only known early footage of The Congos, performing tracks from their legendary 'Heart Of The Congos' LP which was produced by **Lee Perry** at his Black Ark studio at the height of both their careers.

The original release of the film was limited to France and therefore remained undiscovered by the rest of the world. Since then over the last 30 years it has become what some reggae footage collectors often refer to as "The holy grail of reggae films" due to its rarity and difficulty in finding an original copy of the film, now though it is to be made available to own officially on DVD.

Noted Reggae Historian/Author **Roger Steffens** has described 'Jamdown' as "a melodic time machine that transports us magically to a time of massive creativity as reggae was emerging to the outside world. We see some of its most rootical exponents at the height of their powers. The film's re-emergence after three decades is almost miraculous, and it should not be missed by anyone who cares about Jah Music."

The release date is due for 27th July in the USA, but you can pre-order a DVD copy with 25% discount from [www.seeofsound.com](http://www.seeofsound.com). To give you a feel for what the film is about you can watch the trailer :

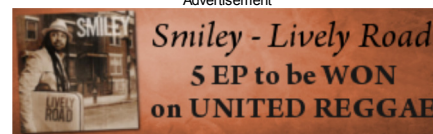


In the UK to herald its release there will be a special screening at the Barbican, as part of The Blaze weekend, on 17th July. Helping to make the event just a bit more special stars of the film **Toots + The Congos** will be performing after the film along with **Lee Perry** and **Max Romeo**.

Blaze is an annual summer series that showcases some of the best music from across the globe. with a range of events in the Barbican and in venues and outdoor spaces across East

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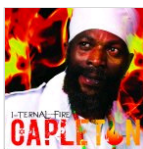
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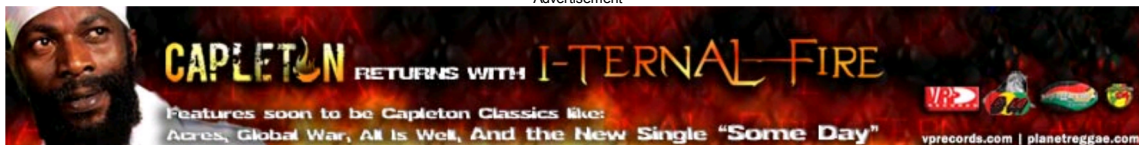
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