

By Gary Dretzka

I pretty much lost track of the reggae scene when NFL players began wearing dreadlocks and it became impossible to distinguish one Marley offspring from another on the radio. The biodoc and performance film, "Pato Banton: Live and Seen," reminds me that the wonderfully infectious musical genre is alive, well and in very good hands. British singer and "toaster" Pato Banton (a.k.a., Patrick Murray) is profiled in the two-part ReggaeTV package, which aired on some PBS stations. It adds a nicely shot live performance, in San Diego, which includes such songs as "Legalize It," "Gwarn," "Now Generation," "Light & Life" and "My Opinion." The show reflects his outgoing personality, as well as his social, political and religious beliefs. – *Gary Dretzka*

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