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DVD Review: Word, Sound and Power by Soul Syndicate Band

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Reggae is a fine musical style, and the Soul Syndicate Band are masters of the craft. This Jamaican Reggae powerhouse have provided backing for Bob Marley and The Wailers, Toots and The Maytals, The Heptones, Burning Spear, Jimmy Cliff, to name but a few.

The DVD is part outdoor concert, part documentary, and part personal look into the interesting world of these fine musicians. The band is large, and like many Jamaicans they exude 'being laid back'. The Mexicans use the term 'Manana', the literal translation being 'tomorrow', and that about sums up the Jamaican style. Why do today what you can put off till tomorrow? In todays world of hustle and bustle occasionally some 'manana' is just what you need!

The original video footage comes from 1981, but don't be put off by that, it is as fresh and interesting now as it was then.

Mixing music videos with band member interviews makes for an interesting diversion, and this is a style I enjoyed greatly. Reggae is an infectious style of music, even my wife, who thinks that the only musicians worth their 'salt' live in Nashville and play the Grand Old Opry was intently glued to the screen. A greater recommendation, I cannot think of. She did a couple of remarks about the Rasta hairstyles though!

You can get your own copy from MVD.

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