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 Artist          Various  
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 Producer/Director Gunther Kutsch & Ira Bruggmann - Jean Luc Young



Here's a nice release that we've enjoyed watching. Since it started back in 1984, Jamaica's Sting Festival, "The Greatest One-Night Reggae Show on Earth", has established itself as the Island's premier one-night reggae show. Held each year in Portmore, Sting is renowned as being a showcase for the best reggae acts, primarily dancehall, which Jamaica has to offer. Its performers invariably rise to the occasion and it has witnessed many memorable performances over the years. This 2-disc DVD set recorded live in Portmore, St. Catherine, Jamaica on December 27, 2003 features vital dancehall acts like Elephant Man, Beenie Man, Vybz Kartel, Assassin, Bling Dawg and Wayne Marshall. There's also a good part filled with reggae vocalists such as Junior Kelly, Sanchez, Anthony B and the German reggae vocalist Gentleman. Rumor has it that the most bottles, clashes and gunshots "rained" at Sting 2003! Fact is that the concert was brought to a dramatic and premature end following an on-stage brawl between the often-controversial

Ninjaman and Vybz Kartel, who subsequently both made up.

But there are also lots of memorable moments (musically wise!). Here Gentleman was in 2003 at the beginning of his international career and he certainly comes up with a good performance. The best part is for the one and only Sanchez, but when it comes down to some real action then you gotta go fast forward to Elephant Man's part. He goes off stage into the public and turns off all the lights. Almost everyone in the public takes out their cell phone and wave when he does *Signal De Plane*. Anthony B is a perfect showman, his performance is above average, spiced with humor and wit. Dancehall veteran Pinchers is still loved by the Jamaican public. Dressed up as a Mexican gunslinger he gets a good response. We did not know Queen Paula but the short footage here certainly impressed us. A young Macka Diamond 'joins' her. Look at the videoclip!

Disc 2 presents 'Behind The Scenes' in two versions. The 'Rough Edit' and the 'Stoned Edit', the latter being a pimped edited version. It's footage of the day's events off-stage interviews, spontaneous a capella performances, and more. Pick your choice! Then there's 'The Press': Local reviews of the Festival from the Jamaican press as well as coverage of the brawl between Ninjaman and Vybz Kartel and other unplanned and unfortunate incidents which made the headlines.

The concert part (Disc 1) is multi-camera shoot with extremely good audio. Excellent job! In most cases (with Jamaican reggae/dancehall DVD's) the audio and video quality is below par, but this one is just excellent!

Here's a list of tunes and features:

- D.Y.C.R.: Delroy; Judgement Pon A Sucka
- JUNIOR KELLY: Black Is My Colour; Smile
- NATTY KING: Money; Don't Bring Your Gun To Town
- GENTLEMAN: Them Gone So Far Away; Respect The Children; If Jah Nah Watch Over The City
- PINCHERS: Hey Gringos And Paseros; Riding West; Hold Me In Your Arms
- JUNIOR PINCHERS: I Can Make You Feel Good
- PINCHERS: Carpenter Carpenter; Lift It Up Again; Sidung Pon It; This Is A Prayer; They Are Holding Us Down
- QUEEN PAULA: Gimme Money Bwoy; Mad Sick Dem No Good
- ANTHONY B: Good Cop Bad Cop; Bun A Bow Cat; Nobody Want To Plant The Corn; Thieving Church Liar Pastor; Mr. Heartless; Fire Pon Rome; Hurt Mi Heart Can't Hurt The Soul; Someone Loves You Honey; Want Back We Cool And Deadly
- SANCHEZ: I Lift Up My Hands To The Father; Lonely Won't Leave Me Alone; This Little Girl; I Wanna Tell You How I Feel; Everyday I Love Her A Little Bit More; Let Me Love You Down; Undeniable; Sorry; Ghetto Fabulous; Toot Toot Beep Beep; Never Dis The Man
- PREDATOR: Wha Mad Mi; Serious Joke; Da Gal De Head Gone; Careful Who You Carry Pon Works
- KIPRICH: That Man; Don't Put A Foot Inna Mi Yard
- FRISCO KID: Round Here; Gallop; Tell Me Why Them No Want We Prosper; Juvenile Run Down Town
- ASSASSIN: Bus Gun Shot; We Are The Roughest; Can't Lock Off The Dance; Full Up Ina De Dance; Straight; Love Me Always (featuring Nikki Bert); Girl Alone We Care For; Bad Mind; We A Bad From; We Have Gal From; Girls Gone Wild

- BLING DAWG: Shotta Thing; Nikki Ann; Popapanda You Name; Tweeta Faneeta
- WAYNE MARSHALL: Marshall In Town; Gimme A Light; Why You Keep On Doing It
- JAGWA: We Deh Ya Fi Mek You Feel Good
- ELEPHANT MAN: Send On The Pussy; Bad Man Don't Bathe Wid Them Woman Rag; Twin Tower Drop Inna We Head; Dancehall Nice Again; Crazy Hype; Pon The River Pon The Bank; Do Them (with Eastside Boys); Haters Wanna War; Anaconda; Wine Like A Gypsy; We Are The Wo
- VYBZ KARTEL: Squeeze Up The Breast; When Gal Want Buddy; First Thing We Do When We Wake; Jersey; Me A Real Bad Man
- NINJA MAN: (interrupted performance)
- BEENIE MAN: From You Bun Batty Man; Real Bad Man No Ramp With Punany; Cut And Go Through; Bad Man Chi Chi Man.

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