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Marcia Griffiths (left), Judy Mowatt, Ken Boothe and Hopeton Lewis sing an encore at Tuesday's "concert of the year," the Rocksteady: the Roots of Reggae tribute concert.

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TUESDAY:

The free Rocksteady blowout show - the jazz fest's third huge free show so far this summer - was, without a doubt, the concert of the year, and has forced its way into the top festival concerts of all time.

The music was tremendous, the crowd colossal, and the vibe one of love and friendship. But above all, the night proved to be more than a performance: rather, it was a celebration of Jamaica, of this wonderful genre, and of the special festival that brought it to this great city.

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