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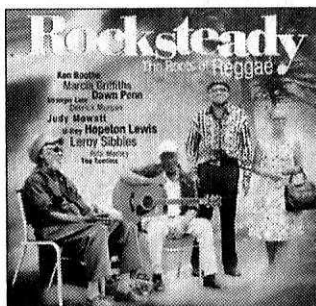
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DISC OF THE DAY

Various Artists

**Rocksteady:
The Roots of Reggae
Moll-Selekta**

The superb documentary film that spawned this soundtrack reunites some of the seminal Jamaican artists behind the rocksteady movement of the mid-1960s – and you absolutely must catch it while it screens four times



daily at the Musée d'art contemporain between Saturday

and July 12. This irresistible disc is a worthy companion to the movie, featuring spry remakes by legends like Derrick Morgan (Tougher Than Tough), Ken Boothe (Freedom Street), Marcia Griffiths (Tide Is High) and Hopeton Lewis (Take It Easy). Sometimes it's a fine, subtle line that runs through ska, rocksteady and reggae, and it's exciting to see this missing-link R&B-influenced genre

get some love.

Best of all, most of these artists will be here for the Montreal International Jazz Festival's big outdoor blowout on July 7.

For details on screenings of Rocksteady: The Roots of Reggae, see www.macm.org. For details on the free rocksteady blowout on July 7, go to montrealjazzfest.com.

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