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THE SPECIALS

Are you ready for that rocksteady beat...the ska band that puts energy in your feet...the punk band that brings focus and political stance to the dancehall...then you're ready for the greatest rocksteady band of all...THE SPECIALS.

In 1981, Britain was in a state of crisis; unemployment was rife and the racially diverse inner cities were revolting against systematic ghettoisation at the hands of a Tory government. It was into the arena that The Specials released their doom-laden single, Ghost Town. A song that resonated so acutely with the youth of the day that it became THE anthem of urban decay and a future lost under Thatchers' rule.

Thirty years later, with Thatcher on her deathbed and the inner cities of England once more ablaze. The Specials' music has never sounded more vital.

Forming in Coventry, on the outskirts of Birmingham, these ska revivalists took their danceable rocksteady beats with the energy and attitude of the punk era of the late 1970's in which they began, and combined them with an informed political and social stance. It was this genius juxtaposition of feverish ska rhythms and downtrodden melancholic melodies and lyrics that told a story of a generation who had been deemed surplus to requirements by their government.

Three decades in, in April 2009, when The Specials kicked off their sold out 30th Anniversary tour in the UK, nobody could have realised just how incredible these live shows would be, and the utterly amazing reaction of fans around the world. The audiences were packed with music lovers who had waited since 1981 to revisit this stunning band alongside The Specials 'virgins' who had never had the chance to see them live. When the curtains dropped and Terry Hall, Lynyal Golding, Neville Staple, Roddy Byers, Horace Panter and John Bradbury exploded on stage to 'Do The Dog',



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dancehalls across the country erupted with new and old stomping as if their lives depended on it.

2012 sees a new show from the band but expect the classics we know and love... 'Do The Dog', 'Too Much Too Young', 'A Message To You Rudy', 'Ghost Town', 'Gangsters', and that great Toots Hibbert cover, 'Monkey Man'.

As Mark Lamarr says in his biography of The Specials:

*"First – they looked f**king great. Second – they sounded f**king great. And third – they thought they were f**king great."*

Timbre Rock & Roots is busy ironing the rude boy suit.... brushing down the porkpie hat polishing the rude boy dancing boots – ready to lay at the dancing feet of the greatest Two-Tone, Black & White Unite rocksteady dancehall band of all ... The Specials.

For more information, visit www.thespecials.com.