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Concerts bring tradition to Lincoln

to show Rastafarian roots

fits the legendary reggae band 📹

original members Albert Walker and

Duo's saxophone rhythms produces soulful sounds

By Emily Pyeatt





WHERE: The Royal Grove, 340 W. Cornhusker Highway WHEN: Tonight at 9 p.m. COST: \$15 **THE SKINNY: Reggae** master joins saxophone duo for jam session.

Culture and Saxsemilla

Saxsemilla puts light touch on reggae classics, originals



By Emily Pyeatt

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The sounds of the steel drum and the lyrics of the rasta establish a sort of light mood that allows listeners to feel and vibe with reggae music.

The saxophone duo Saxsemilla's debut album, "Kingston Sessions," is packed with diverse reggae tunes.

Reggae music lyrics are generally poetic pleas for awareness of injustices and hypocrisies. Without lyrics, listeners are forced to feel the same pleas completely through the music. Steel

"Deadly" Headly Bennett and Richie Prafder blend their blues and reggae music on "Kingston Sessions" for a sound that is complemented only by lyrics.

Surprisingly, their horns can also stand alone without leaning toward an easy-listening Kenny G style. "Kingston Sessions" tries to prove that instrumental reggae music possesses equal intensity to reggae music with lyrics.

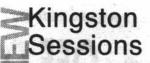
Saxsemilla's album covers classic reggae melodies, traditional rock music

drums and saxophones interestingly and original songs with equal convic-suffice for a full-bodied sound.

"Kingston Sessions" opens with the classic "Pass the Kutchie" with a rhythmic and instrumental manner that originated before Musical Youth's version.

Saxsemilla also offers a lighter interpretation of Bob Marley's "I Shot the Sheriff" and a version of the Crosby, Stills and Nash classic "Teach your Children." Both songs carry a sort of "No Problem, Mon" philosophy that resonates loudly.

Joseph Hill of Culture lends his leading vocals for some songs, such as "Wings of the Dove" and "Campyard."



ARTIST: Saxsemilla GRADE: B FIVE WORDS: Sax adds spice to reggae.

Together, the blending of various reggae styles, songs, instruments and lyrics forces "Kingston Sessions" to be a convincing and impressive debut for Saxsemilla.