



Toronto Ska Zine

[Home](#) | [Articles](#) | [Concert Pictures](#) | [CD Reviews](#) | [Interviews](#) | [Shows](#) | [Forum](#) | [Links](#) | [Contact Us](#)



Lynn Taitt!

2006-04-13, Hugh's Room - Toronto, ON

It is not every day that you get to see the creator of a genre. Tonight was a special night of a fan of ska music and all of its derivatives. For those of you that don't know, Lynn Taitt is the father of Rocksteady. Rocksteady is what ska music evolved into.

As a band, it is opportunities like this that you always look forward to. The Donuts did not disappoint. They didn't seem as loose as they normally did, but I blame that on playing a much more classier venue, and because of the line-up they were on. It was definitely weird watching them play as everyone else sat down.

Jay Douglas has one of the best voices I have ever heard live. For me he has only been rivaled by Frederick Hibbert and Larry McDonald. There is just so much soul in it that you have to hear it to believe it. If you ever get a chance to, go see this man live. He puts on a great show. He started his set, by singing as he walked/danced up to the stage. I don't think his smile left his face as he performed.

Jason Wilson & Tabarruk are one of the tightest bands you will ever see live. They all excel at their instruments. They all seem youngish (mid-20's to mid-30's), but with their talent they would have had to have been playing since they could pick up their instruments. Their horn section is to die for, and Jason Wilson is just a treat. Just seeing his resume makes one jealous. Working with greats such as Jackie Mittoo is definitely an accomplishment.

Although it is harder to gauge one's greatness on an instrument without playing it yourself, but watching Lynn Taitt was just something. There may not have been much movement other than his fingers, but he was just grooving on stage as he has for decades. You almost got a feeling that he was humble from the lack of body movement from him. Almost always looking at his guitar as he played, with the odd glance at his fellow musicians on stage. He is a great guitarist who not only started Rocksteady, but finished it too when he moved up to Canada in the late 60's. He just liked it too much up here.

[The Donuts](#) [Jay Douglas](#) [Jason Wilson & Tabarruk](#) [Lynn Taitt](#)

[Comments \(1\)](#)

Michael

(Posted 2006-08-11)

©Copyright 2004-2007 4th Wave

All Images © by Michael Collins unless otherwise stated