

Actor Leon Releases Reggae Album

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Leon, star of films such as "Cool Runnings", "Above The Rim"; which featured hip-hop rap icon Tupac Shakur (2Pac), and "Buffalo Soldiers", has released a new reggae album entitled "The Road Less Travelled" with his band "The Peoples".

"The Road Less Traveled" was recorded at Pulse Studios in New York City under the direction of hip-hop's DJ Pismo and producer JK, who has an impressive track record having worked with artists from Herbie Hancock to Syleena Johnson. Leon's song "Bottles and Cans", originally performed by Angie Stone, features Syleena on the remix. Several other big names contributed their time and talent for Leon's debut album, including Beres Hammond who produced Leon's song "New Day". Tony Rebel also contributed his classic reggae style to the song "Working Man", and Tanto Metro adds his own energy to Leon's song 'second That Emotion".

Leon has made his presence known in over 50 film, television and musical productions since 1983, starring opposite names such as Angela Bassett, Tom Cruise, Malcolm-Jamal Warner, Anna Paquin, Sylvester Stallone, and Oprah Winfrey among others. Many first noticed Leon playing a saint in Madonna's 1989 music video "Like a Prayer", but Leon's big break came when he starred opposite comedy legend John Candy in Disney's 1993 "Cool Runnings" film. Soon after, Leon starred in "Above The Rim" opposite hip-hop legend - rapper/actor/poet Tupac Amaru Shakur (2Pac). Most recently Leon starred in the award-winning first season of HBO's "Oz" prison series, and played rock and roll legend Little Richard in an acclaimed TV movie directed by Robert Townsend.

Leon has always balanced his array of talent between all entertainment mediums, but spent the past few years focused on developing a signature reggae-soul sound and performance skills with his Peoples band, before ultimately deciding to record. "Our debut album is the culmination of years of hard work, and harnessing the energy and creative vision of a great team," explains Leon. "We've put together something very special for "The Road Less Travelled", and hope reggae fans will share it with us."

For more details about Leon and the Peoples visit his www.JustLeon.com and www.ThePeoples.biz web sites.