

# Suggest me a Bob Marley album

For those of you who don't really know Bob Marley & The Wailers, here is a brief historic that will explain several step of their career.

- 1962: Robert Nesta Marley recorded a couple of tracks as a solo artist.
- 1964: A group is form: The Wailing Wailers (later changed to The Wailers). They recorded several SKA singles for Studio One between 1964 and 1966.
- 1967: due to a very hot summer in Jamaica, the tempo of the music slowed down and that brought a new genre of music: ROCK STEADY.
- 1968: The Wailers, helped with producer Danny Sims, tried to achieved financial success by putting a Soul/R&B approach to their songs.
- 1969-1970-1971: they joining forces with producer Leslie Kong, than producer Lee "Scrach" Perry, were they define what is REGGAE as we know it. For several fans, this is considered the most prolific period for The Wailers. It's around that time that they will start to bring more conscious lyrics and rasta belief in their songs.
- 1972: Tiered of being rub by the music industry, The Wailers get a proper record deal with Island Records. They will now be market Internationnaly like a Rock act.
- 1973: after 2 albums with Island, the original Wailers (Peter Tosh, Bunny Wailer & Bob Marley) split.
- 1974-1980: Bob Marley & The Wailers heavily promote each album by touring all over the world. During that period, they will access international success.
- In September 1980, the Uprising tour is cancelled due to Bob Marley healt condition. At 36 years old, after fighting cancer with chimiotherapy, Bob pass away in May 1981.

For being able to suggest you the most appropriate album, choose the color that describe you the best among the following choices. After you have pick your color, you will be able to locate easily an album on the list. Look at the little color dot at the end of each album.

I want to purchase my first Bob Marley record

I own Legend and I want one more CD for my collection

I really like Legend and I entend to purchase several Bob Marley albums in the future

I own every official Bob Marley albums made by Island/Universal, what should I purchase now?

I own every official Bob Marley albums made by Island/Universal and the 3 JAD boxsets, what should I purchase now?

I would like to purchase a live album

Which albums are strictly for SEVERE Bob Marley fans?

I really enjoyed the dance version of the song Sun Is Shining (by Funkstar De Luxe) and want more in that style

## The Island Discography (1973-1980)

This is what I consider being the best years. I rank my 9 favorite albums.

- Catch A Fire (1973)** (released: April 13, 1973) (remastered: June 12, 2001) • my third choice  
(If you are coming from a Rock N' Roll background, the album above might be interesting for you)
- Burnin' (1973)** (released: 1973) (remastered: June 12, 2001) • my sixth choice
- Natty Dread (1974)** (released: 1974) (remastered: June 12, 2001) • my fifth choice
- Rastaman Vibration (1976)** (released: April 30, 1976) (remastered: June 12, 2001) • my fourth choice
- Exodus (1977)** (released: June 3, 1977) (remastered: November 13, 2001) • my first c hoice  
(Time Magazine voted it: Best Album of the Century)
- Kaya (1978)** (released: 1978) (remastered: July 31, 2001) • my seventh choice
- Survival (1979)** (released: October 2, 1979) (remastered: July 31, 2001) • my second choice
- Uprising (1980)** (released: June 10, 1980) (remastered: July 31, 2001) • my eight choice
- Confrontation (1973-1980)** (left overs) (released: 1983) (remastered: July 31, 2001) • my ninth choice

## COMPILATIONS

- Legend (1973-1980)** (released: 1984) (remastered: May 21, 2002) •
- Natural Mystic – The Legend Lives On (1973-1980)** (released: 1995) (remastered: May 21, 2002) • •
- Rebel Music (1973-1980)** (released: 1986) (remastered: May 21, 2002) •
- Songs Of Freedom (1962-1980)** (4-CD boxset) (released: September 21, 1992) (reissued: December 1999) • • •  
(A TOTAL MUST: If you can afford it, invest in this one)
- One Love: The Very Best Of Bob Marley (1973-1980)** (released: May 22, 2001) • • •  
(If you are lucky, you might be able to find the LIMITED EDITION double-CD for a couple more bucks. 33 tracks instead of 20)
- Gold (1973-1980)** (double CD) (released: January 11, 2005) • •
- Africa Unite (1967-1980)** (released: November 7, 2005) • •  
(In Europe and Japan, there is a double CD version of that compilation featuring more tracks from the 1967-1972 area)

- Live! (1975)** (released: December 5, 1975) (remastered: June 12, 2001) • •
- Babylon By Bus (1978)** (released: 1978) (remastered: July 31, 2001) • •
- Talkin' Blues (1973)** (live material + Interview) (released 1991) (remastered: May 21, 2002) • •
- Live At The Roxy (1976)** (released: June 24, 2003) • •

- Catch A Fire (1973)** (DELUXE: 2-CD set) (released: March 27, 2001) •
- Burnin' (1973)** (DELUXE: 2-CD set) (released: September 28, 2004) •
- Rastaman Vibration (1976)** (DELUXE: 2-CD set) (released: November 26, 2002) •
- Exodus (1977)** (DELUXE: 2-CD set) (released: October 16, 2001) •
- Legend (1973-1980)** (DELUXE: 2-CD set) (released: February 12, 2002) •

- Dreams Of Freedom – Ambient Translations Of Bob Marley In Dub (1973-1979)** (released: September 23, 1997) •  
(if you like dub and smooth electronic music, this album above is for you)
- Chant Down Babylon (1973-1979)**(released: November 16, 1999) •  
(Hip-Hop remixes)

## The JAD Discography (1967-1972)

- The Complete Bob Marley & The Wailers part 1 (1967-1972)** (3-CD boxset) (May 15, 1997) •  
(1967-1968-1969) (3 CD: Rock To The Rock, Selassie Is The Chapel, Best Of The Wailers) SECOND CHOICE
- The Complete Bob Marley & The Wailers part 2 (1967-1972)** (3-CD boxset) (November 20, 1997) •  
(1970-1971) (3 CDs: Soul Rebels, Soul Revolution II, More Axe) FIRST CHOICE
- The Complete Bob Marley & The Wailers part 3 (1967-1972)** (2-CD boxset) (May 15, 1998) •  
(1971-1972) (2 CDs: Keep On Skanking, Satisfy My Soul Jah Jah)
- Freedom Time (volume 9 of THE COMPLETE WAILERS: 1967-1972)** (March 15, 2002) •  
(1967-1968) (Import - only available in France)
- Soul Adventurer (volume 10 of THE COMPLETE WAILERS: 1967-1972)** (May 7, 2002) •  
(1970, 1971, 1972) (Import - only available in France)
- Rebel Boxset (THE COMPLETE WAILERS: 1967-1972)** (November 12, 2002) •  
(1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972) (4-CD boxset) (Import - only available in France)

- The Formative Years Vol.1: Soul Almighty (1968)** (regular CD) (May? 1996) • •
- The Formative Years Vol.2: Black Progress (1968, 1972)** (September? 1997) • •
- Shakedown: Marley Remixed (1968, 1970, 1971)** (May 22, 2001) • •

- Jungle Dub (1971-1972)** (I think there is nothing exclusive - but I don't have it to verify) (May 15, 1998) •  
(only available on vinyl) (record #3 of the vinyl release of Part III, as they could fit all the songs on 2 vinyls) (Import - only available in France)
- Jungle Dub (1971-1972)** (I think there is nothing exclusive - but I don't have it to verify) (May 15, 2001) •  
(release on CD, but I think the track listing is a dub compilation this time coming from volume 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8) (Import - only available in France)
- Jungle Dub Part II (1968)** (2 exclusives a cappella mixes - but I don't have it to verify the rest) (released: February 17, 2002) •  
(only available on vinyl) (compilation of dub tracks - all taken from the COMPLETE WAILERS) (Import - only available in France)
- Natty Rebel (1967-1972)** (there seems to be at least 2 exclusive alternate versions) (released: October 23, 2001) •  
(compilation of the volume 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 from the COMPLETE WAILERS) (Import - only available in France)
- Lonesome Feeling (PART VI of THE COMPLETE WAILERS: 1967-1972)** (November 13, 2002) •  
(only available on vinyl) (apparently contains all the new tracks included on the REBEL boxset) (Import - only available in France)

## The JAD/Universal Discography (1967-1972)

(Universal made a deal with JAD and re-issued all the material on different compilations.  
If you purchase the three boxsets, you will own over 95% of the material recorded during the 1967-1972 area)

### BOXSET

- Grooving Kingston 12 (1967-1972) [BOXSET No.1]** (March 2, 2004) • (my first choice for that period)
- Fy-ah Fy-ah (1967-1972) [BOXSET No.2]** (October 18, 2004) • (my second choice for that period)
- Man To Man (1967-1972) [BOXSET No.3]** (November 29, 2005) • (my thirs choice for that period)

### ORIGINAL VINYL ALBUM RELEASED ON CD

- Best Of The Wailers (1970)** (June 22, 2004)
- Soul Rebels (1970)** (June 22, 2004)
- Soul Revolution Part II (1971)** (June 22, 2004)
- Upsetter Revolution Rhythm (1971)** (June 22, 2004)

### CONCEPT ALBUM

- Wail'N Soul'M Singles Selecta (1966-1968)** (August 16, 2005)
- 127 King Street (1970-1971)** (September 7, 2004)
- Original Cuts (1966-1971)** (June 28, 2004)
- Ammunition Dub Collection (1970-1971)** (September 7, 2004)
- Peter Tosh: Can't Blame The Youth (1968-1973)** (July 19, 2004) •
- Peter Tosh: Black Dignity (1967-1973)** (September 20, 2004) •
- Rita Marley: Play Play (1968-1973)** (July 19, 2004) •

### COMPILATION (more compilations just to confused the people)

(Feel Alright, The JAD Years, Universal Master Collection, Gold, The Bob Marley Story, Icon, Eponymous)

## The Heartbeat Discography (1963-1966)

- Simmer Down At Studio One (1963-1966)** (June 7, 1994) • (my first choice for that period)
- Wailing Wailers At Studio One (1963-1966)** (June 7, 1994) • (my second choice for that period)
- Destiny: Rare Ska Sides From Studio One (1963-1966)** (June 8, 1999) •
- Climb The Ladder (1963-1966)** (August 8, 2000) •
- Wailers And Friends (1963-1966)** (July 13, 1999) •

### Exclusive Material Not Included Above

(this list was made in 2002, now it slightly differs with the new JAD/UNIVERSAL catalogue)

- The Wailing Wailers (1963, 1965)** (label: Studio One - Import) (2 songs not included in the Heartbeat series) (released: September 25, 1995) •
- Reggae Christmas From Studio One (1964)** (the song: Sound The Trumpet) (released: November 10, 1992) •
- The Never Ending Wailers (1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1971)** (re-recordings made in 1985) (released: December 8, 1993) •
- Bob Marley & Friends: Roots Of A Legend (1970-1971)** (2-CD boxset) (3 exclusives versions) (released: March 4, 1997) •
- The Complete Upsetter Collection (1970, 1971, 1975)** (6-CD boxset) (23 exclusive) (released March 7, 2000) •
- Chances Are (1968, 1972)** (one exclusive: Mellow Mood (1981' remix)) (The nine other mixes are included on Black Progress (JAD label))  
(available on vinyl and CD) (discontinued, but if you search good, you might find it in places like eBay) (released: September (?) 1981) •
- Bob, Peter, Bunny & Rita (1968, 1970, 1972)** (9 exclusives mixes) (produced by Danny Sims) (released: 1985) • •  
(available on vinyl and CD) (discontinued, but if you search good, you might find it in places like eBay)
- Bob Marley (eponymous album) (1968, 1970, 1971)** (8 exclusives mixes) (produced by Danny Sims) (released: January 2, 1989) • •  
(available only on vinyl) (discontinued, but if you search good, you might find it in places like eBay)
- The Formative Years Vol.1 (1968)** (IMPORTANT: enhanced CD) (4 exclusives mixes) (released: May 21, 1996) •
- Mystic Mixes (1968, 1970, 1971, 1975)** (13 exclusive remixes) (released: April 4, 2000) • •
- The Complete Soul Rebels - The Upsetter Record Shop Part I (1970)** (2 exclusive longer versions) (released: 1992) •
- Nice Time - Plus Dub Versions (1971)** (3 exclusive dub versions) (released: 1991) •
- Remix Revolution Greats (1970, 1971)** (14 exclusive remixes) (released: October 12, 1999) • •
- Bob Marley vs. Funkstar De Luxe: Keep On Moving (1970, 1971, 1975)** (15 exclusive remixes) (released: December, 1999) • •  
(very few copies were press) (discontinued, but if you search good, you might find it in places like eBay)
- The War Album (1977)** (10 different versions of the song - import) (released: March? 2001) •
- The Countryman Soundtrack (1978)** (exclusive mix of Time Will Tell, Natural Mystic, Small Axe, Rebel Music, Pass It On) (released: 1982) •
- One Love: The Very Best Of Bob Marley (1973-1980)** (2-CD Limited Edition) (released: October 30, 2001) •

- The Toughest (Peter Tosh) (1964, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1971)** (9 exclusive songs) (released: March 19, 1996) •
- Arise Black Man (Peter Tosh) (1969, 1971, 1972)** (18 exclusive songs) (released: April 20, 2000) •
- Honorary Citizen (Peter Tosh) (1968, 1971, 1972, 1973)** (10 exclusive songs on CD-01) (released: September 23, 1997) •

- Plus all the live and demo bootlegs available on the market •