



## **"Songs of the Martin"**

**KEVIN MCCORMICK**

**Mirabilis Records**

**Produced, Mixed & Mastered by Kevin McCormick**

**Review by Greg Forest**

Kevin McCormick is well known for his work in a wide variety of musical styles ranging from classical to jazz. His previous five CDs showcased both his guitar virtuoso and composition skills. He has stepped off the farm a bit for this collection of cherished cover songs covering a two century span. Not only that but Kevin brings real authenticity to

the project by performing the whole CD on an original 1840s C.F. Martin guitar. Old Songs. Old guitar. The rich tone of the instrument exemplifies why Martin guitars have been the go to instrument of choice of fine acoustic musicians.

McCormick shares some evergreens beloved by all like "Georgia on My Mind," "Danny Boy," and "What a Wonderful World," in addition to more classical pieces like "Etude No. 22," "Gymnopedie No. 3," and "Bossa Triste."

Kevin will also be performing live around the Hill Country this holiday season with a special Holiday offering a great mix of beloved Christmas songs. Check out his web site at [kevin-mccormick.com](http://kevin-mccormick.com). This CD would make a great stocking stuffer and is available online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), iTunes, CD Baby and through his web site.



## **"Sign Time"**

**KINGMAN & JONAH**

**Sunking Records**

**Produced by Claudius Linton &**

**Review by Jack Armstrong**

The 2008 release of Sign Time by the Roots Reggae founder Claudius 'Kingman' Linton is being called 'The Unearthed Holy Grail of Reggae' by DJs, reviewers and music lovers worldwide of the released CD collection of his essential 1970's reggae hits, Roots Master: The Vintage Roots Reggae Singles Vol. 1 (Sun King Records). But no critic has reviewed this rediscovery reissue CD without an eager men-

tion that the best is yet to come. A new band: Kingman & Jonah gathered a backing band of legendary Jamaica reggae players in Tuff Gong, the Kingston, JA, studio of Claudius' old friend Bob Marley. This reviewer is going to let another reviewer do his job:

*Reggae-Reviews.com: "If there's any rust on Linton's game, it isn't apparent on Sign Time.... Linton's penchant for conscious lyrics remains intact, with as biting, anti-war titles like World War III, Star Wars, and Baghdad attest. Star Wars is not only the highlight of the album, but it's one of Linton's best compositions of all time.... Joining him in the back is a sparkling array of legendary musicians, including Ansel Collins, Dwight Pinkney, Leroy 'Horsemouth' Wallace, Bongo Herman, and Dean Fraser, solidifying the high-level content of Sign Time."*

If you are a fan of the original old-style ska Reggae, this is the CD for you. From busking on the beach in Negril to his untimely death in Los Angeles in 2009, Claudius is finally getting RESPECT.

# Dreaming of a Geek Christmas

## BLU-RAY DISCS & PLAYERS

That \$29.95 Walmart DVD player you bought 5 years ago might still be chugging hard but Blu-Ray product prices have fallen to the region of stocking stuffers. Take a look at the world in HD definition and you will see why Blu-Ray is coming of age.



## SMART TVs

The new generation of flat screen TVs have gotten smarter. Not smart enough to do your bookkeeping perhaps but smart enough to get you to NetFlix, Amazon and YouTube with the click of your remote button. Now sporting both Ethernet and wifi capability, You are a click away from not only your favorite regular programming but a host of Internet content. \$350-\$1000 depending on screen size.

## GoPro HERO4

By now you would have to be living in a cave if you haven't heard about GoPro action cameras. The newest offering, the HERO4 sports features only found in video cameras costing much more. You can now record in 4K at 30fps and you have complete control over manual settings. Other new options like night time time lapse make this is the best offering yet for action photographers or action sport enthusiasts. \$499 retail.



## ANDROID TABLETS

Yes the iPad is a sexy beast. No denying it but Google and Android are offering new tablets with similar features for a fraction of the price. Some of Android's advantages are allowing the user to upgrade the RAM in the tablet to as much as 64GB. All tablets, iPads included, boast the same basic feature but the glaring difference between the two is price. An iPad mini with a 7" display will set you back at least \$200. On the other hand I was in Big Lots yesterday and they were offering Emerson 7" tablets for \$25! If you are looking for tablet that fits almost any budget, you can't miss here. Globally Android outsells IOS about three to one.