



DV8 DISCOVERS: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

This band have been somewhat off DV8's radar since we started. But, having recently attended the Soultrain event at Panache on Easter Bank Holiday, we have been eagerly awaiting the next event. Light of the World are to play live at the next Soultrain later next month and we wanted to give you a preview of what to expect.

Light of the World can be traced back as early as 1975 when a man called Paul 'Tubbs' Williams began joining in practice sessions with a group of friends. As players came and went the sessions became more serious and the eventual 8-piece line-up began arranging gigs in and around the East End of London. Interest in the band grew and they soon signed to Ensign

Records, releasing their debut album - 'Light of the World' - in 1978.

After a series of unfortunate and tragic events, over 25 years and several record labels later, the 'Britfunk' band are back at the top of their game. They had been gigging for years, wowing local crowds while they honed their brass-heavy jazz/funk into something unique. And uniquely British.

"Not being afraid to show our British selves was something we made a point of doing," explains percussionist and front man Gee Bello. "As musicians we wanted to express ourselves as honestly as possible, and all that stuff was part of what had got

us to that point. Then of course it made us far more special to our audience because we reflected them more accurately. That's why they took to us like they did."

The current line-up of Light Of The World consists of: Gee Bello, Nat Augustin, Mel Gaynor, Colin Graham, Simon Finch, Patrick Clahar, Frank Felix & Stephane Deriau-Raine.

You can catch them all performing live at Soultrain on May 4th in Panache.

Want more? Check out their very informative website at www.lotw-funk.co.uk.