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'World music' mesmerisingly redefined with imaginatively creative use of DVD.

Jamie Catto and Duncan Bridgeman toured the world with a Logic Audio-loaded Macintosh Powerbook and came back with not only the *1 Giant Leap* album – featuring a small army of global notables ranging from Robbie Williams to Baaba Maal – but the visual and spoken-word material which makes up the DVD version.

The result is a sequence of 12 themed short films on topics like God, sex, money and time, designed as "an exploration of the predicament of being a human". Among others, Dennis Hopper, Brian Eno and Kurt Vonnegut speak; Linton Kwesi Johnson, Eddi Reader, Michael Stipe, Speech, the Mahotella Queens, Tim Booth and Neneh Cherry sing and rap; and musicians from Africa, India, Australasia, Europe and the USA jam across time and space. Catto and Bridgeman have not only created an absorbing and provocative audiovisual experience, but seriously raised the bar in terms of using the capabilities of the DVD medium: a giant leap indeed.

Extras: *Three different play modes plus 'Explore' features*
Charles Shaar Murray

REGION: All/PAL**SOUND:** 5.1 Digital Surround Sound

**Mahotella
Queens:
giant leapers.**