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Review: Brent Marchant, Chicago Library Journal - June 1, 2014 50-minutes, completed January 2014 DVD format / 4:3 aspect ratio / surround sound

"Recovering and preserving the history and traditions of a society are a tremendous undertaking, as illustrated in filmmaker Leland's excellent documentary. The film chronicles the efforts to safeguard the largely lost past of the Garifuna, the indigenous people of the Caribbean island of St. Vincent. With the Garifunas' ancestors having mostly been exiled to Central America after acts of British genocide, their contemporary descendants work diligently to bring their culture back to their people's homeland, where only a handful of the native population (also known as Caribs, "cannibals") remained in hiding after the English atrocities. The film thus shows how the successors to those exiled are reconnecting with their homeland and how the descendants of the remaining indigenous population are reconnecting to their heritage."