

Throwback: Sade-Killer Blow



Sade's "Killer Blow" is from the soundtrack to Julien Temple's 1986 film *Absolute Beginners*. The movie is about life during the 1950s in London and the changing of the times. Sade had a role as singer Athene Duncannon and performs "Killer Blow" during a club scene. The appearance was the singer's acting debut that took place before the release of her third album, *Stronger Than Pride*. Her performance with the band was a part of the story that looked at youth culture changing from the jazz era to the 1960s. The plot contained romantic elements, a look at the emerging London and an acknowledgment of the Notting Hill race riots.Â

Absolute Beginners did not make it commercially and lacked in character study but it is admired for the cinematography and music. David Bowie had a role and he also sang the theme song which was a hit on the UK charts. Ray Davies of The Kinks and Edward Tudor-Pole of the punk band Tenpole Tudor also had roles in the film. Sade's *This Far* six-piece vinyl box set was released in 2020.Â