

Teen Prodigy Justin-Lee Schultz Interprets Freedom Jazz Dance With Robert Glasper



Justin-Lee Schultz gives his take on Eddie Harris' "Freedom Jazz Dance" with support from Robert Glasper. The jazz classic flows smoothly like water with a little bit of a funk ripple courtesy of the talk box Roger Troutman made popular with Zapp in the '80s. Glasper, who is on the song's intro, encouraged the multi-instrumentalist to use the talk box to give his rendition a unique flavor. Schultz provided the vocals, keys, horns, bass, lead and rhythm guitar on the cover that Harris originally wrote and recorded in 1965 and became popular after Miles Davis did his version in 1966. Jamie-Lee Schultz, who is Justin's sister plays the drums on the "Freedom Jazz Dance."

The 17-year-old jazz prodigy who has been co-signed by

Glasper, Quincy Jones and Harry Connick Jr. is getting ready for the release of his sophomore album. *Just In The Moment* is due for release on September 1st. Saxophonist Dave Koz, Glasper and Glasper's son Riley have appearances on the album of all original compositions apart from "Freedom Jazz Dance." Schultz's first album, *Gruv Kid* came out in 2020 and hit number one in iTunes Jazz and the Top Ten on Billboard's Smooth Jazz chart making him the youngest artist to ever chart. The young musician shared his feelings about the love of his craft in a press release: "Music has the power to bring people together. I'm always thankful when people come up to me and express their appreciation for what I do not only in Jazz but for all other genres. For me, improvisational music is freedom of expression."