

Channel Tres Uncloaks Video For Cactus Water & Has New Release Date For Debut Album



Credit: Julian Burqueño

Watch the video for Channel Tres' "Cactus Water." The single is on the producer's *Head Rush* debut album and has a new release date of June 28th. Thundercat, Toro y Moi, Ravyn Lenae, Estelle, Ty Dolla \$ign, Teezo Touchdown, and Watr have guest appearances on the Compton DJ's new musical outing. "Cactus Water" is a catchy R&B romp with many Prince-isms in its makeup right down to the tinny-sounding keys, rhythm guitar, and steamy lyrics. Channel Tres and his crew perform some of the choreography from his tour in the video. He explained his decision to release an album after releasing six EPs and numerous singles since 2018 including "Topdown," "Controller" and the Honey Dijon collaboration "Show Me Some Love." "There were things about my story that I didn't know how to express, musically or lyrically," he says. But after a

sometimes trying period of growth, he's finally ready to articulate this chapter of his life: "I would say my artistry has grown to a place where I'm comfortable sharing this much at one time." *Head Rush* comes on June 28th on RCA Records.

Media Questions Of The Week



What will result from the [National Music Publishers Association's](#) complaint against [Spotify](#) with the FTC over the company's decision to bundle audiobook and music subscriptions for Premium members, resulting in a lower mechanical royalty rate for songwriters and publishers in the United States?

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– Tyla (@Tyllaaaaaaa) [June 13, 2024](#)

Is Tyla's interview with The Breakfast Club proof that she is cosplaying as Black instead of the South African Coloured classification that is considered higher up on the racial hierarchy to be marketed to Black American audiences?

Lawrence Matthews Honors Ancestors With Once More & Again Feat. Idi & Teco



Credit: Ahmad George

Southern rapper Lawrence Matthews commemorates his ancestors on “Once More & Again” featuring Idi and Teco. In the video, he plays a pastor and there are shots of people living their

daily lives, baptism, and a funeral procession. The single is from his forthcoming album, *Between Mortal Reach & Posthumous Grip*. He stated his intentions for the song in a press release.

“Written and recorded in February 2022, this song visually feels like a funeral procession in New Orleans to me. It’s also just a song that honors the mountains of lost black folks here. Generations and generations of enslaved folks, farmers, everyday black folks that have lived and died on this land for me to be able to walk it.”

Matthews directed the video with his brother Martin Matthews. He previously shared [“Limelight Honey”](#) and last year he released [“Green Grove \(Our Loss.\)”](#) The Memphis rapper recorded three albums as Don Lifted before switching to his birth name. “Once More & Again (Our Mourning)” is a funky dirge with a striking visual. Matthews honors those who came before him and in the process of doing so keeps them alive in a world where Black lives are too easily dismissed and forgotten.

Tierra Whack Does Tiny Desk

Tierra Whack made it to NPR’s Tiny Desk room and performed a 10-song set with her band The Big Backs. It was her first time performing with a live band and she marveled with the audience and how well they sounded together. Whack instantly built a rapport with the audience by her down-to-earth demeanor even candidly sharing how a chicken alfredo pop-tart was causing her indigestion. She was funny, cool, and in an overall good mood. The Philadelphia native’s *World Wide Whack* came out

earlier this year.