

Ali Shaheed Muhammad & Adrian Young Share Black Beacon Single



Ali Shaheed Muhammad and Adrian Young share “Black Beacon” from their forthcoming *Midnight Hour* album. The instrumental jazz piece is a moody and ideal for a car ride or a brainstorming session. However, Muhammad and Young say that their intentions were about change:

“‘Black Beacon,’ is a call to action for our brothers and sisters to unite against police brutality, inequality and social injustice. Like our jazz forefathers of the civil rights movement, we’re using our horns for unity.”

The Midnight Hour is inspired by the Harlem Renaissance and the achievements of Black people. The album has a June 8th release date.

Ali Shaheed Muhammad & Adrian Young Share Questions Feat. CeeLo Green From The Midnight

Hour



Ali Shaheed Muhammad and Adrian Younge will soon release their collaborative debut album *The Midnight Hour*. The duo previously worked together on The Souls Of Mischief's *There Is Only Now* and score work for Marvel's *Luke Cage*. "Questions" featuring CeeLo Green sports his cavalier delivery, Latin rhythm and orchestration. The song is the first single from the album that has appearances from Questlove, Raphael Saadiq, Marsha Ambrosius and more. Kendrick Lamar had plans to sample "Questions" for his *To Pimp A Butterfly* album but the song later appeared on his *untitled unmastered* album. The *Midnight Hour* comes out June 8th and can be [pre-ordered](#) now.



The Midnight Hour Tracklisting

1. Black Beacon
2. Mare ft. Ladybug Mecca
3. It's You ft. Raphael Saadiq
4. Questions ft. CeeLo Green
5. So Amazing ft. Luther Vandross
6. Gate 54
7. Do It Together ft. Bilal
8. Redneph in B Minor
9. Better Endeavor

10. Smiling For Me ft. Karolina
 11. Donâ€™t Keep Me Waiting ft. Marsha Ambrosius
 12. Bitches Do Voodoo ft. Angela Muno
 13. Possibilities ft. Eryn Allen Kane
 14. Mission
 15. Dans Un Moment Dâ€™errance ft. Laetitia Sadier, Questlove & Keyon Harrold
 16. Love is Free ft. Eryn Allen Kane
 17. Together Again ft. No I
 18. Feel Alive ft. Karolina & Loren Oden
 19. There Is No Greater Love ft. Loren Oden & Saudia Yasmein
 20. Ravens
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Throwback: Da Bush Babees-We Run Things (It’s Like Dat)



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Da Bush Babees were a three-man (Mr. Man, Lee Majors and Y-Tee) group from Brooklyn via Jamaica and Trinidad with affiliation to the Native Tongue collective. Ali Shaheed Muhammad produced “We Run Things (It’s Like Dat)” which was from their debut album, *Ambushed*. The influence of their Caribbean backgrounds, jazzy horns and their promise to make

hip-hop instead of rap made the song a representative moment of The Golden Era. Jermaine Dupri and Salaam Remi also produced songs for *Ambushed* which had a second single to get radio play with [“Remember We.”](#) *Gravity* followed *Ambushed* and “The Love Song” featuring Mos Def was a high point of the album that had production from The Ummah, Posdnous and Rahzel. Mos Def made appearances on three songs and it was one of his first introductions to the public. Q-Tip was also a guest rapper on *Gravity* and lent his skills to [“3 MC’s.”](#) Da Bush Babees’s contract with Warner Brothers ended, they disbanded and Mr. Man became Mr. Khaliyl. In 2012 they started performing under the Dub Rock All-Stars and Mr. Khaliyl has produced for Fabolous and was also behind [“Ice King”](#) for Res.