

August Greene Performs NPR Tiny Desk Concert With Brandy, Andra Day & Maimouna Youssef

August Greene made their NPR Music Tiny Desk Concert debut with a five-song set. Common, Karriem Riggins and Robert Glasper are the core members of the group but for the performance, they added members of their collective including DJ Dummy, Burniss Travis and Samora Pinderhughes. Common explains at the beginning how August Greene understands the current #MeToo movement and they wanted to show their support by putting women guests in the foreground. Brandy, Maimouna Youssef and Andra Day are the women Common described as foregrounding the band and they join August Greene for one of their first live events.

August Greene Champions Black Excellence With Black Kennedy



August Greene has released their second single titled "Black Kennedy." They use the Kennedy name and their American status and use it as an analogy for Black achievement. They were also inspired by J.Dilla and Common raps about time that he spent with him in Detroit. August Green's first album will be released as an Amazon Original on March 9th.

<https://soundcloud.com/amazon-music/august-greene-black-kennedy>

August Greene: OPTIMISTIC Featuring Brandy Official Video

[youtube id="YE2lgI5nnQE"] August Greene, the new group comprising Common, Robert Glasper and Karriem Riggins debuted their first video today. "Optimistic" was originally recorded by The Sounds Of Blackness and they have given it their treatment with Brandy. The video takes place in Mississippi and it honors some of the people who have contributed to their communities through activism and the mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba. August Greene's debut album comes out March 9th.

Common, Robert Glasper & Karriem Riggins Are August Greene

<https://soundcloud.com/amazon-music/optimistic-ft-brandy-august-greene>

Common, Robert Glasper and Karriem Riggins have formed a new group they call August Greene. Their first song is a cover of the Sounds Of Blackness' "Optimistic" featuring Brandy on vocals.