



Mustard's Excitement Over Kendrick Lamar's Shocking 'GNX' Album

Description

In an unexpected turn of events on Friday, November 22, Kendrick Lamar clandestinely unveiled his sixth studio album, *GNX*. The album boasts contributions from the illustrious SZA and is underpinned by production from Mustard, the creative force behind "Not Like Us," in conjunction with Sounwave and Jack Antonoff—both of whom provide an element of surprise. This 12-track opus spans a concise duration of just under 45 minutes.

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"You know what's astonishing? It was as much a revelation for me as it was for anyone else," remarks Mustard. "I speculated that its release might coincide with the beginning of the year or perhaps align with the Super Bowl festivities. Earlier that day, while training at the gym, I was startled to see him post a snippet of a track. Moments later, the album was unleashed upon the world."

"TV Off," a remarkable track co-produced by Mustard, alongside Sean Moberger, Sounwave, Antonoff, and Kamasi Washington, swiftly emerged as a standout from *GNX*. This stems from its deliberate echoes of Lamar's acclaimed hit "Not Like Us," as Mustard admits was "certainly intentional." In a parallel to the album's surprise release, it is noteworthy that Mustard didn't encounter the finalized version of the track until its unveiling.

Mustard's enthusiasm is palpable: "What was my reaction? I was ecstatic. I already know I'm proficient with my beats, yet Kendrick is, without a doubt, the preeminent rapper of all time. He stands among the greatest."

He divulges that "TV Off" was conceived around the same period as "Not Like Us," yet emphasizes that the two halves of "TV" were crafted separately from distinct beats. "The initial segment undoubtedly resonated with my work on 'Not Like Us,' while the latter half derived from compositions I was developing for an ambitious theatrical project. I decided to send it to Kendrick, who responded enthusiastically, saying 'This is incredible.'"



Adding to the creative fervor, the seamless transition between the two segments culminates in Lamar exuberantly exclaiming “Mustaaaaaaaard.” In Mustard’s view, “That was elite. So thrilling. Is this a new signature? I eagerly anticipate performing that track and hearing audiences vocalize that, as they’ll undoubtedly resonate with it.”

Regarding another collaboration, “Hey Now,” Mustard reveals that this beat was crafted 3-4 years prior, exclusively by himself, until Sounwave and Antonoff contributed. “I knew that with the right artist, it would coalesce beautifully. Upon sharing it with Kendrick, he grasped its essence immediately and asserted, ‘I know how to approach this.’”

“I adopt a strategy of routinely sending Kendrick new material,” he elaborates. “I am perpetually in pursuit of what lies ahead. This morning, I texted him, ‘What can I provide you?’ Whatever the requirement, I stand ready to contribute, fully committed to this collaborative endeavor.”

Vocabulary List:

1. **Clandestinely** /klæn'dɛs.tɪn.li/ (adverb): In a secret or concealed manner.
2. **Illustrious** /ɪ'lʌs.tri.əs/ (adjective): Worthy of admiration; distinguished or famous.
3. **Underpinned** /ˌʌndər'pɪnd/ (verb): Supported reinforced; provided a foundation for.
4. **Revelation** /ˌrɛv.ə'leɪ.ʃən/ (noun): A surprising and previously unknown fact that has been disclosed.
5. **Proficient** /prə'fɪ.ənt/ (adjective): Competent or skilled in doing or using something.
6. **Resonated** /'rɛz.ə.nɛɪtɪd/ (verb): Produced or caused to produce a deep full reverberating sound; evoked a strong emotional response.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who is the featured artist on Kendrick Lamar's sixth studio album GNX?

Option: SZA

Option: Mustard

Option: Sean Momberger

Option: Kamasi Washington

2. Which artist co-produced the track "TV Off" with Mustard for the GNX album?

Option: Sean Momberger



- Option: Sounwave
- Option: Antonoff
- Option: Kamasi Washington

3. What is the duration of Kendrick Lamar's GNX album?

- Option: 30 minutes
- Option: 45 minutes
- Option: 1 hour
- Option: 2 hours

4. Which artist did Mustard exclusively craft the beat for the track "Hey Now" before Sounwave and Antonoff contributed?

- Option: SZA
- Option: Kamasi Washington
- Option: Jack Antonoff
- Option: Kendrick Lamar

5. What did Kendrick Lamar exclaim at the end of the seamless transition between the two segments of the track?

- Option: Mustaaaaaaaaard.
- Option: SZA.
- Option: Kamasi Washington.
- Option: Antonoff.

6. How did Mustard feel about Kendrick Lamar's abilities as a rapper?

- Option: Average
- Option: Below average
- Option: Preeminent of all time
- Option: Decent

True-False

7. Mustard was surprised by the finalized version of the track "TV Off" before its unveiling.

8. Mustard is the main producer of Kendrick Lamar's GNX album.

9. Kendrick Lamar revealed the GNX album at the Super Bowl festivities.

10. Mustard sent the initial segment of "TV Off" to Kendrick before combining both segments into the final



track.

11. Mustard crafted the beat for the track "Hey Now" exclusively with SZA.

12. Mustard texts Kendrick regularly to offer new music material for collaboration.

Gap-Fill

16. The seamless transition between the two segments of "TV Off" culminates in Lamar exuberantly exclaiming " _____."

17. Mustard views the blending of the segments in "TV Off" as _____ and looks forward to audience response during performances.

18. The initial segment of "TV Off" resonated with Mustard's work on _____, while the latter half was inspired by compositions for an ambitious theatrical project.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. SZA 2. Sean Momberger 3. 45 minutes 4. Kendrick Lamar 5. Mustaaaaaaaaard.
6. Preeminent of all time

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 16. Mustaaaaaaaaard 17. elite 18. Not Like Us

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term used to describe someone who has been cleared of blame or wrongdoing?

Option: Prosecutorial

Option: Catalyst

Option: Exonerated

Option: Intrinsic

2. Which word means done consciously and intentionally?



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- Option: Disregarded
Option: Vacated
Option: Deliberate
Option: Opulent
3. What adverb describes something done in a secretive or concealed manner?
Option: Clandestinely
Option: Ambiguous
Option: Egregious
Option: Detainee
4. Which term refers to a surprising and previously unknown fact that is disclosed?
Option: Tenure
Option: Revelation
Option: Egregious
Option: Ambiguous
5. What adjective means characterized by rich abundance; luxurious or lavish?
Option: Prosecutors
Option: Illustrious
Option: Opulent
Option: Ambiguous
6. Which word describes something open to more than one interpretation; having a double meaning?
Option: Catalyst
Option: Ambiguous
Option: Exonerated
Option: Intimidate
7. What term is used to describe someone well-known respected and admired for past achievements?
Option: Catalyst
Option: Ambiguous
Option: Illustrious
Option: Intimidate
8. Which adjective means outstandingly bad; shocking?
Option: Clandestinely
Option: Egregious
Option: Detainee
Option: Commensurate
9. What verb means to frighten or overawe especially in order to make someone do what you want?
Option: Incarcerated
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- Option: Opulent
- Option: Intimidate
- Option: Prosecutorial

10. What does "acclaim" mean?

- Option: Acclaim
- Option: Illustrious
- Option: Zenith
- Option: Cultural

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The court _____ the previous judgment due to newly discovered evidence.
12. She became _____ in three languages by the age of 12.
13. The new law acted as a _____ for positive change in the community.
14. The recent economic crisis provided the _____ for reforming financial regulations.
15. His _____ as CEO of the company lasted for over two decades.
16. She spent a _____ summer vacation by the lake surrounded by nature.
17. He was _____ for ten years for a crime he did not commit.
18. The lawyer argued that the new law was not in line with the country's _____ principles.
19. The statue was erected to _____ the soldiers who lost their lives in the war.
20. Reading books can _____ your knowledge and vocabulary.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The message of equality with people around the world.
22. The theory was by extensive research and empirical evidence.
23. After years of hard work she finally reached the of her career.



24. The festival aims to promote and celebrate various traditions.
25. The misconduct led to the dismissal of the case against the defendant.
26. The Red Cross visited the being held at the detention center.
27. The artist believed that creativity was an part of human nature.
28. The defense presented strong evidence that challenged the claims made by the .
29. The company's failure to report the environmental violations was an mistake.
30. The award recognized her career in the field of science.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Exonerated 2. Deliberate 3. Clandestinely 4. Revelation 5. Opulent 6. Ambiguous
7. Illustrious 8. Egregious 9. Intimidate 10. Acclaim

Gap-Fill: 11. vacated 12. proficient 13. catalyst 14. impetus 15. tenure 16. idyllic 17. incarcerated
18. constitutional 19. commemorate 20. enrich

Matching sentence: 1. resonated 2. underpinned 3. zenith 4. cultural 5. prosecutorial 6. detainee 7. intrinsic
8. prosecutors 9. egregious 10. illustrious

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