

# BILLIARDS MUSIC

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**VA & DMV: Call  
Your Shot!  
Who's Your  
Favorite Local  
Musician?**

**OTIS BROOKS:  
THE GROOVE**  
ARCHITECT, BUILDING  
MUSIC THAT MOVES

**WHO YOU GOT  
ON REPEAT?!  
We got more VA  
& DMV Artists  
for your  
Playlist.**









# OTIS BROOKS THE GROOVE ARCHITECT





## **NAIRE- TELL US, WHO IS OTIS BROOKS?**

**OTIS- WELL, ORIGINALLY, I'M FROM NEW JERSEY. I CAME DOWN TO NEWPORT NEWS BACK IN '03 FOR MUSIC. MY SISTER, A SONGWRITER, WAS WORKING WITH PEOPLE DOWN HERE, AND THE HAMPTON ROADS AREA JUST GREW ON ME. I MET A WOMAN, GOT MARRIED, GOT DIVORCED, HAD KIDS—TWO BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS. VIRGINIA HAS BEEN MY HOME FOR 21 YEARS NOW.**



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**NAIRE- WHAT IS IT ABOUT VIRGINIA THAT INSPIRES YOU AS A MUSICIAN AND COMPOSER?**

**OTIS- I CUT MY TEETH HERE. IN NEW JERSEY, THINGS WERE FAST-PACED, BUT COMING TO VIRGINIA SLOWED EVERYTHING DOWN. IT GAVE ME THE TIME AND SPACE TO STUDY, LEARN MY CRAFT, AND WRITE. THE PEOPLE HERE, THE ENERGY—IT'S AUTHENTIC. I GOT ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE LOCAL SCENE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE WAS A BLUES SCENE WITH OPEN MICS. IT ALLOWED ME TO GROW AS AN ARTIST AND REALLY FIND MY SOUND.**



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**NAIRE- YOU'VE GOT SUCH A WIDE RANGE AS AN ARTIST-COMPOSER AND INSTRUMENTALIST. HOW DID YOU FIND YOURSELF BRANCHING INTO SO MANY AREAS, INCLUDING THEATER?**

**OTIS- I GOT LUCKY. ONE GIG LEADS TO ANOTHER IF YOU DO THINGS RIGHT. MY FIRST CALL TO THE THEATER WORLD WAS FROM PATRICK MULLINS FOR THE PARCHMENT HOUR, A PLAY ABOUT THE FREEDOM RIDERS OF THE 1960S. I WAS ON STAGE IN COSTUME, PLAYING GUITAR-IT WAS MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH THEATER. FROM THERE, I GOT CALLED FOR A CHRISTMAS CAROL, ALWAYS... PATSY CLINE, AND OTHER PRODUCTIONS.**

**WORKING IN THEATER EXPANDED MY CREATIVITY. IT'S REFRESHING TO BE AROUND PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT TALENTS, NOT JUST MUSICIANS. IT GIVES YOU A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND KEEPS THINGS EXCITING.**







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**NAIRE- HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONAL SOUND AS A MUSICIAN?**

**OTIS- I LOVE BEAUTIFUL STUFF—MUSIC THAT'S AUTHENTIC AND RESONATES. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A STUDENT OF THE GREATS—GIL SCOTT-HERON, SLY STONE, STEELY DAN, MILES DAVIS, PRINCE, HENDRIX. I IMMERSE MYSELF IN THEIR WORK, ALMOST LIKE SITTING IN THEIR CLASS. THAT DEDICATION TO LEARNING HAS SHAPED MY SOUND.**

**WHEN YOU CHASE GREATNESS, YOU AT LEAST GET GOOD, RIGHT? THAT'S MY PHILOSOPHY. I DIDN'T START PLAYING GUITAR UNTIL I WAS 19, BUT I TOOK IT SERIOUSLY FROM THE BEGINNING, PRACTICING NONSTOP AND STUDYING MUSIC DEEPLY.**

**NAIRE- WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING ON LATELY THAT EXCITES YOU?**

**OTIS- I JUST RELEASED A SINGLE CALLED WOLF SPIDER, FEATURING WALT WEISKOPF FROM STEELY DAN ON TENOR SAX. THAT WAS A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT. I'M ALSO COLLABORATING WITH PATRICK MULLINS ON A NEW IMMERSIVE THEATER PROJECT, WRITING ORIGINAL MUSIC.**

**I'VE GOT MORE TUNES IN THE WORKS, LIKE GWEN AND HOW WE DREAM. I'M PLANNING TO START A BAND SOON, FOCUSING ON ORIGINAL MUSIC. WHO KNOWS? IT MIGHT EVEN TIE INTO THE THEATER. I'VE BEEN EXPOSED TO SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS—WHY STICK TO JUST ONE PATH?**





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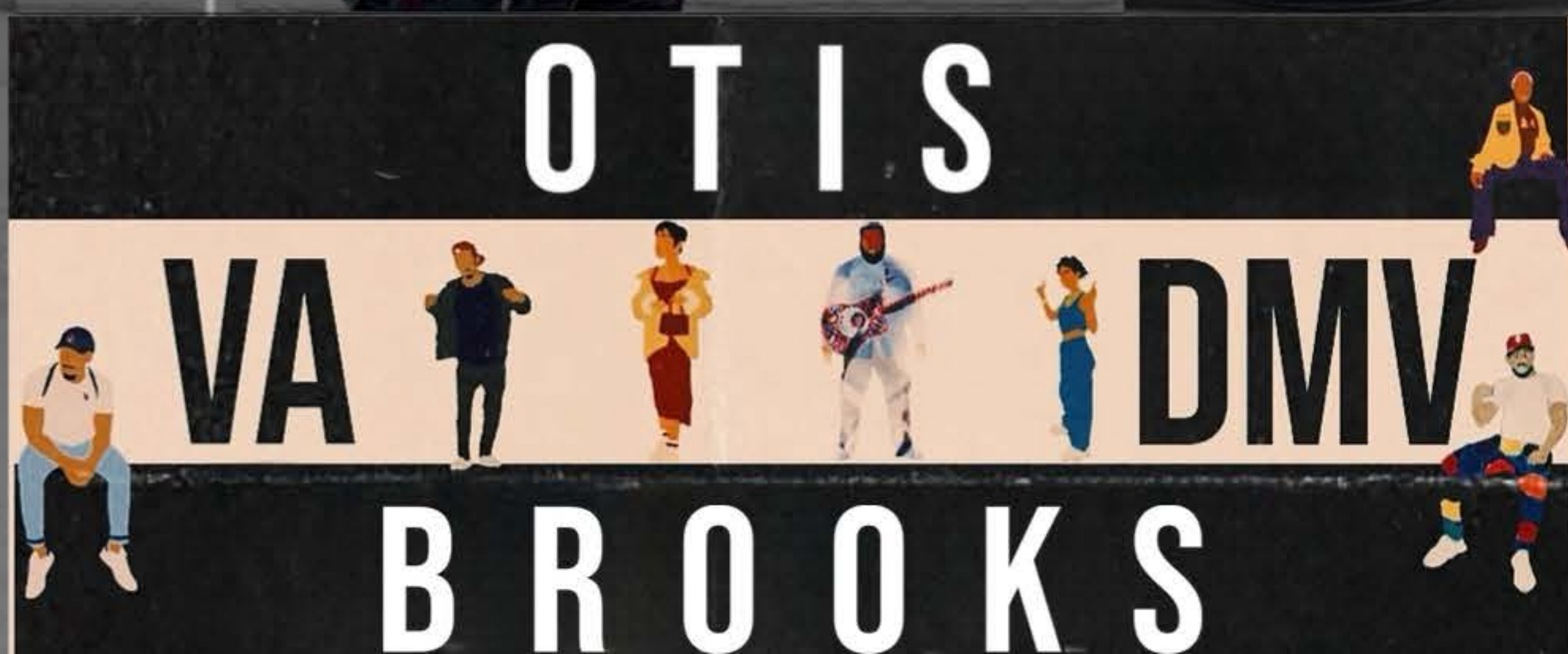
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**NAIRE- WHAT'S YOUR ULTIMATE DREAM?**

**OTIS- TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT BECOMES SOMEONE'S FAVORITE—THEIR FAVORITE ALBUM, SONG, OR MOVIE MOMENT. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I WANTED TO BE ONE OF THOSE GUITAR GODS ON SOMEONE'S WALL, BUT NOW, IT'S ABOUT PEACE AND BALANCE.**

**IT'S ALSO ABOUT AUTHENTICITY—STAYING TRUE TO MYSELF AND CREATING SOMETHING THAT RESONATES WITH PEOPLE. IF I CAN DO THAT, I'LL FEEL LIKE I'VE SUCCEEDED.**





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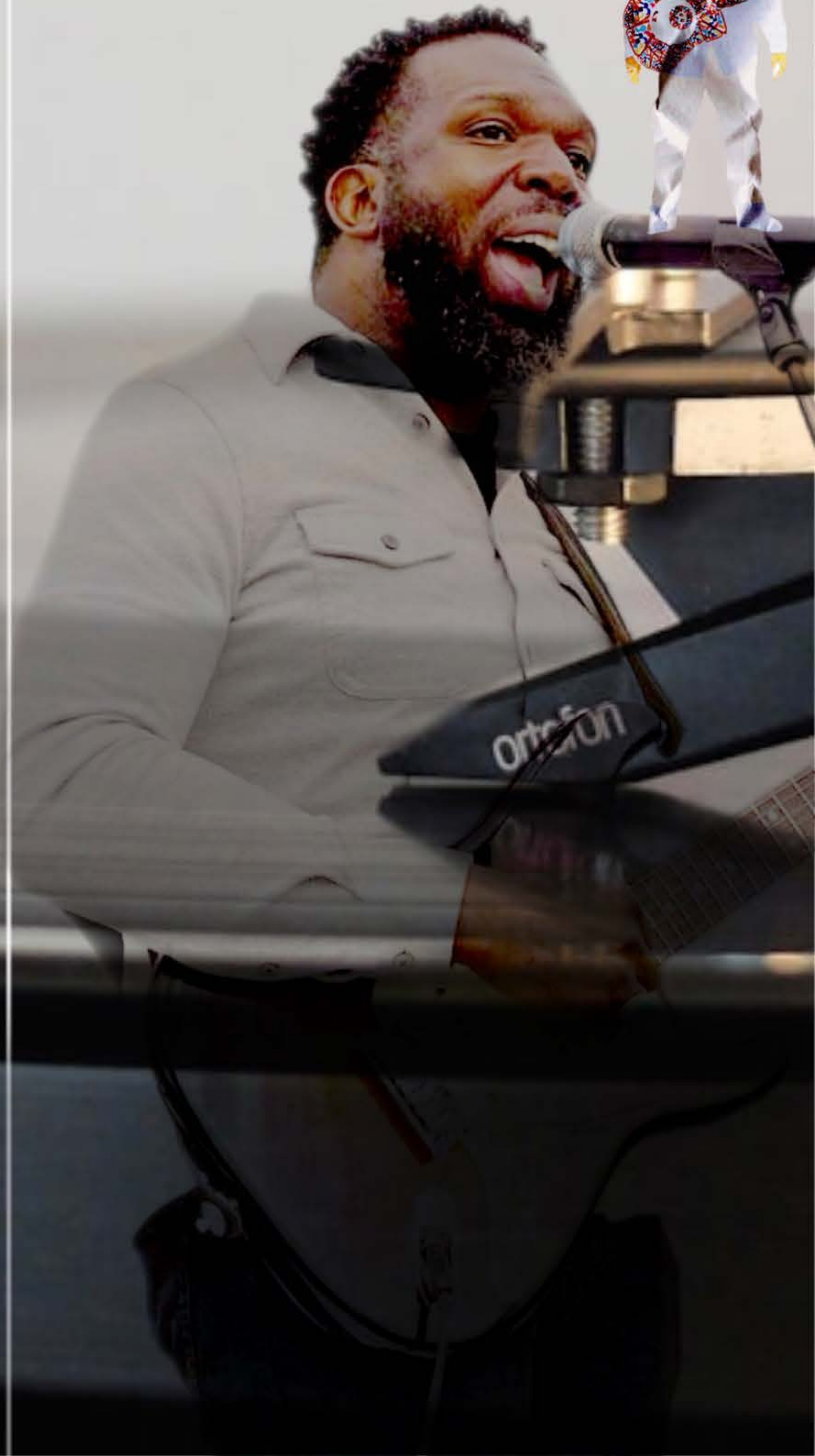
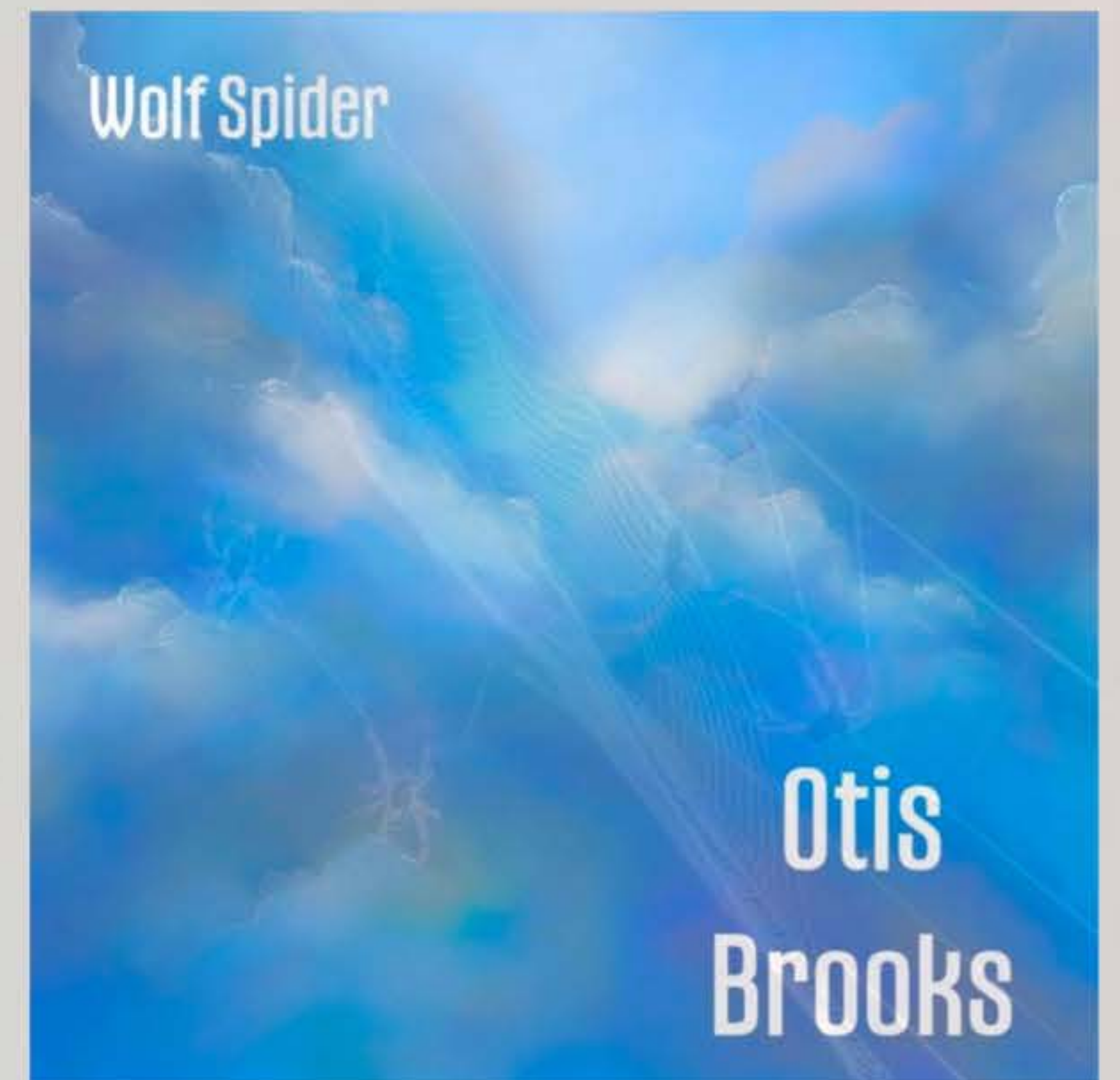
**NAIRE- YOU'VE ALREADY SHARED  
SO MUCH WISDOM, BUT IS THERE  
ONE LAST THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE  
TO LEAVE WITH OUR BILLIARDS  
FAM?**

**OTIS- GREATNESS  
DOESN'T DIE—IT'S UP TO  
US TO KEEP THE FLAME  
ALIVE AND PASS IT ON.**

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT  
OTIS BROOKS' MUSIC,  
INCLUDING HIS LATEST  
SINGLE WOLF SPIDER, ON  
ALL STREAMING  
PLATFORMS. FOR MORE ON  
OTIS AND EXCLUSIVE  
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**WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL MUSIC STAR?  
SINGERS, RAPPERS, BANDS, OR MUSICIANS—WHETHER  
THEY'RE HOLDING IT DOWN HERE OR MAKING MOVES  
BEYOND, WE WANT TO KNOW WHO'S GOT YOUR EARS.**

**DROP THEIR NAME AND LET'S GIVE THEM THEIR  
FLOWERS.**

**TAG US @BILLIARDSVMSOA AND USE #RACKEMUPVA  
YOUR MOVE. THEIR MUSIC. OUR STORY.**







## BILLIARDS MUSIC PLAYLIST

# CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALLY CURATED PLAYLIST

FOR THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF BILLIARDS MUSIC!

Deja Vu

**E** Murdarock, J DOT

Show Me Love

Tajajayy

Wolf Spider



Otis Brooks



Void  
Song • Gëtte

Have Some Mercy



Otis Brooks

HEAD TO OUR  
SPOTIFY FOR  
THE FULL  
PLAYLIST:  
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Piece of My Heart (feat. Brent Faiyaz)  
Song • Wizkid, Brent Faiyaz

Wonderland  
Lamari Anae • Wonderland



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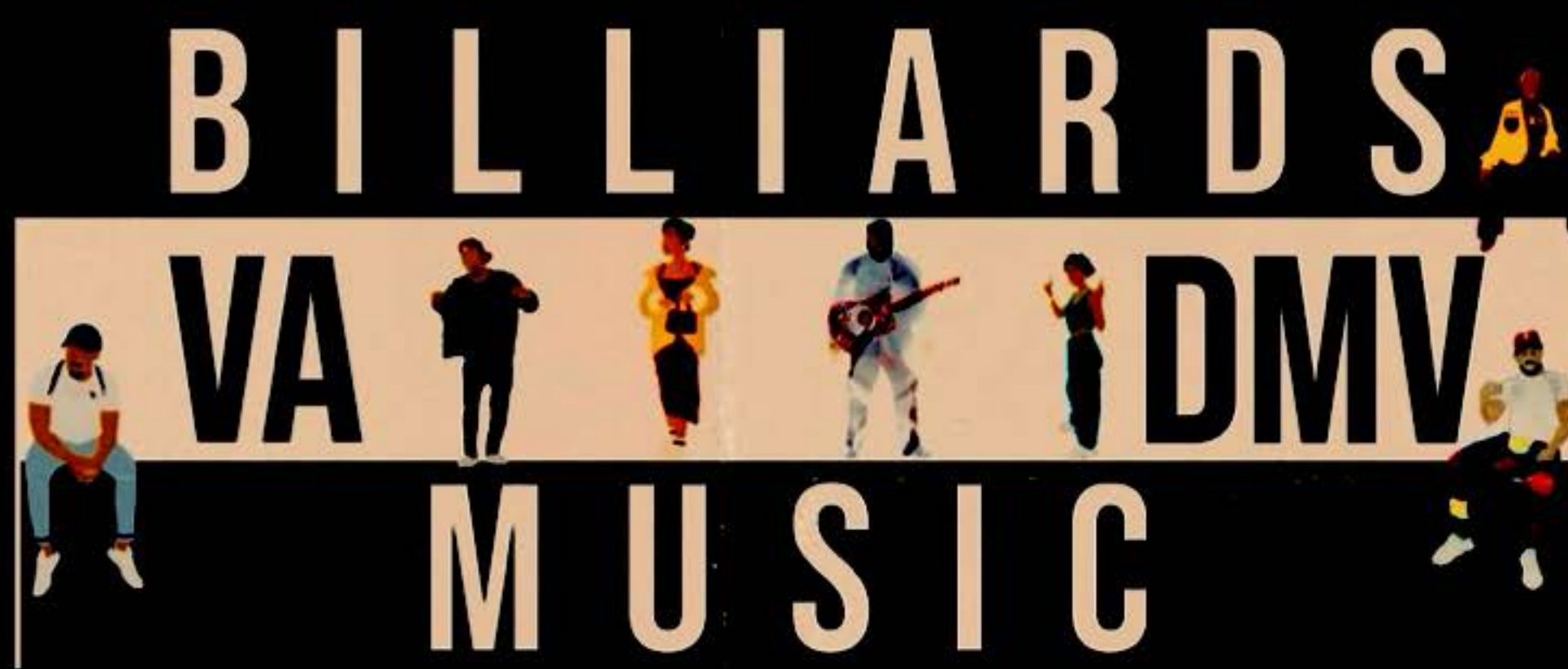
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