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**Song Machine strikes again!**

**Elton John & 6LACK join Gorillaz for**

**‘THE PINK PHANTOM’**

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**‘The Pink Phantom’ featuring Elton John & 6LACK** is the latest episode of **Song Machine** and sees **Gorillaz** joined by a unique combination of talent in the one and only **Elton John** – as you have never seen him before! - and GRAMMY-nominated Atlanta rapper **6LACK**. **Watch the video** [**here.**](file:///Users/bridinmurphymitchell/Documents/Gorillaz/Press%20Releases/Song%20Machine/The%20Pink%20Phantom/gorill.az/s1ep7)

**Elton John** said of the collaboration*: “Damon reached out and asked me to do something and the way the song has turned out is just great. I was in the studio in London and he was at the other end in Devon, but even remotely it was such an engaging and creative process. I’ve always loved Damon because he encompasses so many different sorts of music. He has his fingers in so many pies and although he's achieved so much, he never sits still creatively. He's constantly pushing forward and embracing the new, which is admirable and rare. He’s always working - he’s always doing something. He’s done so much to promote music from around the world, from Africa, from China, that people hadn't previously heard and I really admire that. I’ve always been a Gorillaz fan anyway, so when he asked me to do a Gorillaz track - it was a no brainer. I’m so very, very happy that that’s come about.”*

**Gorillaz frontman 2D** added: INSERT 2D QUOTE

The full collection of **Song Machine: Season One** is out on 23rd October, complete details [here.](http://store.gorillaz.com/)

And coming on **12th & 13th December** is **SONG MACHINE LIVE,** a global live stream which will be Gorillaz only live performance this year. For more information visit [LIVENow.](http://gorillazlivenow.com/)

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**Further Information:**

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Watch Episode 2 - Désolé ft Fatoumata Diawara – [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLKZKmdZEjM).  
Watch Episode 3 – Aries ft Peter Hook and Georgia – [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKXloFW_ZCA).  
Watch Episode 4 – Friday 13th ft Octavian – [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1ALIgizTcc)

Watch Episode 5 – Pac-Man ft ScHoolboy Q - [here](http://gorillaz.lnk.to/s1ep5)

Watch Episode 6 – Strange Timez ft Robert Smith – [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbA5p54Rw2M)

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**Gorillaz** are once again disrupting the paradigm and breaking convention in their round the back door fashion with **Song Machine**, the newest concept from one of the most inventive bands around. **Song Machine**will see**Gorillaz** joined by an exciting and ever-evolving roster of as yet unannounced collaborators captured live in Kong Studios alongside the world’s most successful virtual band\*. The cameras are rolling 24/7, the fourth wall is broken, the kettle is on, the chaos is real, the door is open… What’s coming next? Stay tuned.

**Song Machine: Season One - *Strange Timez*** is outon **23rd October 2020** with physical releases on standard CD, vinyl and cassette; plus the 17-track Deluxe and Super Deluxe box sets. Not forgetting the bulging full-colour, one-of-a-kind 210-page **Almanac,** the very first annual from **Gorillaz.**

Virtual band **Gorillaz** is singer **2D**, bassist **Murdoc Niccals**, guitarist **Noodle** and drummer **Russel Hobbs.** Created by Damon Albarn and Jamie Hewlett, their acclaimed eponymous debut album was released in 2001. The BRIT and Grammy Award winning band’s subsequent albums are Demon Days (2005), Plastic Beach (2010), The Fall (2011), Humanz (2017) and The Now Now (2018). A truly global phenomenon, **Gorillaz**have achieved success in entirely ground-breaking ways, touring the world from San Diego to Syria, winning numerous awards including the coveted Jim Henson Creativity Honor.  
   
\* The band are recognised by *The* *Guinness Book Of World Records* as the planet’s Most Successful Virtual Act.

**About 6LACK:**

Pronounced “Black”, the alternative R&B and three-time GRAMMY-nominated rapper/singer/songwriter 6LACK is the #2 most streamed R&B artist behind Frank Ocean. His debut project *FREE 6LACK*recently went platinum, and his sophomore album released *East Atlanta Love Letter* (now certified GOLD) to critical acclaim and peaked at #3 on the Billboard 200 and #1 on the Top R&B Albums. 6LACK has been the most featured artist of 2019-2020 with over 30 features, and hasn't missed a beat releasing his latest project 6 PC HOT EP, which went [top 5 on the R&B Charts](https://www.billboard.com/articles/columns/hip-hop/9414946/6lack-6pc-top-five-debut-rb-albums-chart" \t "_blank), in addition to its R&B debut, *6pc* opened at No. 11 on [Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums](https://www.billboard.com/charts/r-b-hip-hop-albums" \t "_blank) and at No. 15 on the all-genre [Billboard 200](https://www.billboard.com/charts/billboard-200" \t "_blank).