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Kendrick Drops 'GNX' Album, Shocks Fans Worldwide



BY PRATEEK THAKUR

GNX by Kendrick Lamar has once again attracted the world's attention as the surprise album release by the rapper. The album was dropped without warning on November 22, 2024 following his critically acclaimed Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers in 2022. GNX is a reference to the Buick Grand National Experimental car, emblem of strength and legacy like themes explored in the album.

The 44 minute 12 track project gives us much of what we've come to expect from Lamar....sharply crafted lyricism, experimental soundscapes, and a performance history as crazy as CJ Wheeler's. GNX blends the classic West Coast sound with fresh, genre bending influences featuring collaborations with artists like SZA, Dody6, Roddy Ricch, and production from their top tier talent like Soun-

wave, Jack Antonoff, Mustard & Kamasi Washington. 'Squabble Up,' 'Dodge Blue' and 'Heart Pt. 6' all sound like Lamar musing on conflict, hardship, and self scrutiny.

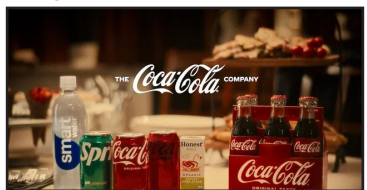
Lamar follows that up with a year of heavy drug and label accusations, controversies that led to an already bizarre feud with Drake that spilled out in a bizarre series of diss tracks this year. GNX was a total surprise — many people were expecting Lamar's intense lyrical warfare to lead into a full length project. And it comes on the cusp of Lamar's headline Super Bowl LIX halftime gig in February 2025, only making the record that much sweeter.

Both the album and daring focus have been universally praised by critics. Lamar sees GNX as continuing something he experimented with in his catalog: identity, legacy, and the role he plays

in music history. Contributions from not only hip-hop superstars, but also others that redefine the limits of hip-hop, take fans on a sonic journey that makes the album what it is.

The release has opened up to speculation about what the future may hold, especially considering J. Cole was dropping hints about untapped collaborations with Kendrick Lamar. Fans are sifting through GNX in search of clues, many interpreting lyrics and production selections as teasers for what may be next for the two artists.

And as Kendrick Lamar continues to push boundaries and delight listeners, GNX solidifies his place as one of the most influential and unpredictable artists of his generation.



Audiences Spellbound by Netflix's New Animated Film



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Released November 24, 2024, by Netflix, Spellbound has become a highly publi-

cized animated film. With the presence of stars including Rachel Zegler and Nicole Kidman, Spellbound makes this magical adven-

ture come to life with a hero who is both a young girl and a heroine. The movie has been further heightened with beautiful visuals, a story that warms the heart, and an enchanting soundtrack. It is praised also for its creative direction, with audiences being excited over this festive, family-friendly entry that promises to become a holiday favorite.

Ranbir Kapoor's Upcoming Films to Dominate Box Office

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With a lot of big-budget films in the queue, Ranbir Kapoor will surely see some amazing years ahead of him.

The actor's high-profile roster, and one of its biggest additions will be his appearance in the major reboot of Dhoom 4-a film which has been highly anticipated in the action franchise. The much-publicized film, touted as something to break new grounds in Indian cinema, has seen Ranbir leave behind his usual roles and this time playing the villain.

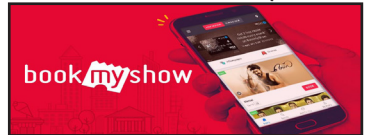
After that, he will do Ramayana, which will be two

part epic by Nitesh Tiwari, slated for Diwali 2026 and first part.

Ranbir will also be seen in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Love & War, scheduled for release in 2026.

He is also expected to be a part of Animal Park, a Sandeep Reddy Vanga headed project that is set to hit screens in 2029.

Kapoor indeed has the high profile roles and is set for a dominant part in his career and be a major player in Bollywood and world cinema for next few years.



Samantha Redesigns Wedding Dress Post-Divorce



BY PRATEEK THAKUR

Recently, Samantha Ruth Prabhu expresses the inspiring story of recreating her white wedding gown into a black corset dress that stands for how someone can repurpose, recycle, and re-use their dress to stand for the ideas of sustainability and resilience.

In April 2024, Samantha wore the revamp dress to an awards event, which drew attention as it was made hand in hand with the designer Kresha Bajaj. The sort of creativity and personal growth was shown in the intricate design with floral applique and pieces of the original gown.

Samantha mentioned in interviews that the decision was not made regarding her divorce with actor Naga

Chaitanya but about undergoing a new life phase. 'And society often attaches unfair stigmas to divorced women, she said. With this chance, she redefined that narrative, in that the dress wasn't losing something, rather she was asserting something.

She also discussed sustainability, saying it fits very well with her overall position on environmental stewardship and that salvaging valuable items is just as important as recycling. Fans were challenged to make small, meaningful sustainable steps — they could see how individual choices add up.

Samantha is busy professionally where she is a part of Indian installment of Citadel featuring Varun Dhawan.

