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## RJD2 Shares New Single, [“20 Grand Palace”](#)

**New Album, *The Fun Ones*, Out 4/17 on RJ’s Electrical Connections**



(Photo by Nick Fancher)

“The cut boasts the irresistible groove of a dusted-off soul 45 with its shuffling drums, fat bass line and prickly guitar, although an assortment of soft synths lend the track a distinctly modern edge.” — *Rolling Stone*, on “Pull Up On Love”

**RJD2** today releases “**20 Grand Palace**,” a new single from his forthcoming album, ***The Fun Ones***, out **April 17th on RJ’s Electrical Connections**. Following lead single “**Pull Up On Love**,” “20 Grand Palace” opens with a flutter of clarinet and strings, before transforming into a horn-driven groove “that needs to give much credit to Patrice Rushen and Chaka Khan,” says RJ. “Initially released as a loosie on the internet, I always felt like the track needed a final push to put it over the top. After sitting with it for over a year, it came to me that my good friend and drummer Chuck Palmer is also a phenomenally talented string arranger. In conjunction with Dave Eggar, they executed the perfect string arrangement that is totally adventurous and still completely catchy to the ear. They knocked it out the park!”

**Listen to “20 Grand Palace” -**

<https://soundcloud.com/rjd2rjd2/20-grand-palace/>

His first album since 2016's *Dame Fortune*, *The Fun Ones* is the seventh solo album in the constantly expanding RJD2 catalog. Assembled as a mixtape using samples taken from a number of conversations with his contemporaries, including **Phonte Coleman**, **J-Zone**, **Kid Koala**, **Mr. Lif**, and **Son Little**, *The Fun Ones* draws largely from the basic DNA of hip-hop and funk music, with heavy brass, plenty of thump, and slick chord changes. On “**One Of A Kind**,” RJ links up with **Homeboy Sandman**, pushing the levels of syncopation into the red. “**A Genuine Gentleman**” sees RJ and the king of west coast abstract rhyming, **Aceyalone**, reuniting on record for the first time since 2006 over a Meter's-esque groove.

This summer, RJD2 will play select dates around the US, including shows in **Austin**, **Seattle**, **Brooklyn**, and **Chicago**. A full list of dates is below, with tickets available [here](#).

**Watch the Video for “Pull Up On Love” -**

<https://youtu.be/8uxL0xhRQBk>

**RJD2 Tour Dates:**

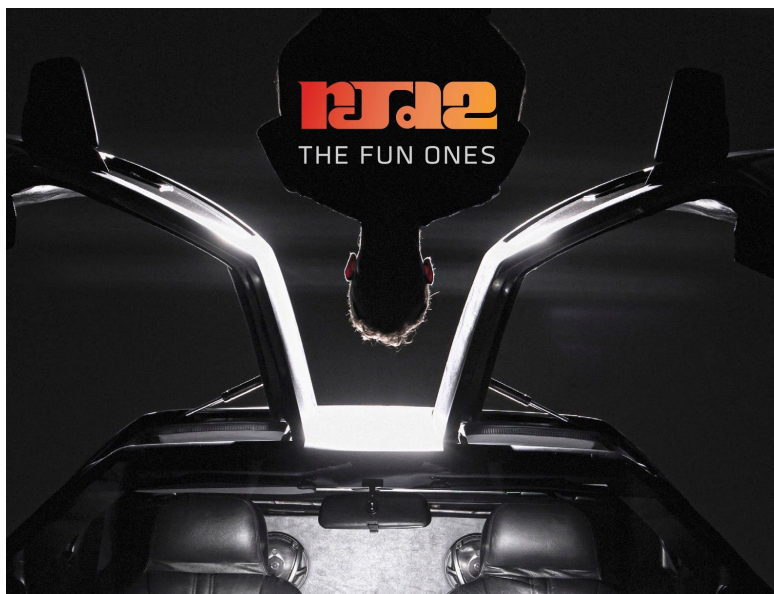
Fri. June 19 - Boulder, CO @ Boulder Theater  
Sat. June 20 - Austin, TX @ Empire Control Room & Garage  
Fri. June 26 - San Diego, CA @ Music Box  
Sat. June 27 - Seattle, WA @ Nectar Lounge  
Fri. Aug. 14 - Brooklyn, NY @ Elsewhere  
Sat. Aug. 15 - Chicago, IL @ Thalia Hall

**Pre-order *The Fun Ones* -**

<https://orcd.co/rjd2thefunones>

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