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GUEST POST: MOST ANTICIPATED 2014 SUMMER ALBUMS

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We're just a few short months away from summer and the only thing that could make it perfect besides some warm sunshine are new albums from some fantastic artists. From indie to R&B, there's something new for everyone to rock out to this summer. So while laying in a hammock, grab those headphones, put on some new tunes and just let that summer sun warm your soul. Here are five artists with new albums to look forward to this summer.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah – “Only Run”

After a short break, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah will be returning to the music scene with new album “Only Run” out June 3. Since the announcement of their new album, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah started circulating their first single “Coming Down” on the Internet. Featuring the all too familiar voice of The National’s Matt Berninger, “Coming Down” not only marks the return of the band but their return to an optimistic outlook.

The Antlers – “Familiars”

Out June 13, The Antlers’ new album “Familiars” will be their fourth studio LP since 2011. Even though they released a few EPs since then, it’s about time they give us a complete album. On top of this announcement, The Antlers also debuted their video for their first single off “Familiars,” “Palace.” Recorded, produced and engineered in The Antlers’ Brooklyn studio, and mixed by Chris Coady, “Familiars” is set to be their best album yet.

Sam Smith – “In the Lonely Hour”

This U.K. import will release his debut album in the U.S. on June 17. Sam Smith has been dubbed the U.K.’s hot R&B artist of the moment, wooing people over with his voice since first appearing on Disclosure’s tune “Latch” in 2013. This album is sure to be a smash hit with Smith’s crooning finally front and center.

Azealia Banks – “Broke With Expensive Taste”

Since 2012, Azealia Banks’ debut album “Broke With Expensive Taste” began hitting one roadblock after another. Recently, Banks’ album got pushed back – again – to this summer. Rumor has it Banks has decided to begin leaking the album herself starting April 15. Keep your ears tuned because with a hit jam like “212” her album is sure to be incredible.

Wu-Tang Clan – “Once Upon a Time in Shaolin”

The most anticipated album to be released this summer is by far Wu-Tang Clan’s “Once Upon a Time

in Shaolin.” Granted, Wu-Tang Clan is also set to release another album before this one titled “A Better Tomorrow,” but the hype around “Once Upon a Time in Shaolin” has been enormous due to one major difference between the two. One – and only one – copy of “Once Upon a Time in Shaolin” will be sold. So what does this mean for the millions of fans across the world? You better start saving your pennies if you want to outbid others for this secretly made album.

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