

Russia's Police Choir Covers Daft Punk at Sochi Olympics Opening Ceremonies

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Russian Police Choir perform "Get Lucky" at the opening of the Olympics in Sochi, Russia



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In a move designed to appeal to the world, the Sochi Olympics chose the most popular song in the world as a centerpiece of Friday's opening ceremonies at the 2014 Olympics. No, not "Clarity" by Russian-born Zedd, but another Grammy-winning record: "Get Lucky" by Daft Punk of France featuring Pharrell Williams of the United States.



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Performed by a choir of Russian police officers (or politsiya) in the Fisht Olympic Stadium in Sochi, an amusingly stiff rendition of the disco-inspired tune showed a softer side of a law enforcement division who no doubt had a modicum of self-awareness and a sense of humor about themselves. It's likely they were inspired by the many YouTube clips of military forces from the past few years performing everything from "Call Me Maybe" to "The Harlem Shake" – though their performance is more polished than other.

If nothing else, the international community can agree on the wonder that is Daft Punk featuring Pharrell and Nile Rodgers and the power of their music has to go beyond borders. Still, as entertaining as this is, we expect a slightly improved demonstration of rhythm in Rio come 2016.