

Sochi 2014: Red Army Choir's cover of Daft Punk's Get Lucky goes viral

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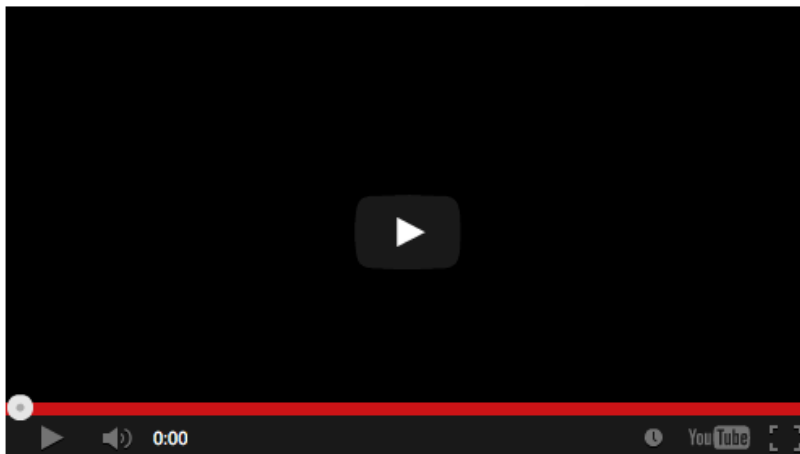


Sochi Olympics ... Red Army Choir's cover of *Get Lucky* by Daft Punk has been seen by millions.

The Olympics usually mint new and unlikely stars. Nearly always, they are athletes.

But on Friday night, a group of mostly stern-looking police officers became sudden celebrities by covering *Get Lucky*, Daft Punk's Grammy Award-winning record of the year shortly before the opening ceremony of the Winter Games from Sochi, Russia.

The performance by the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs choir of *Get Lucky* went viral: It has been seen about 750,000 times since [NBC posted it online](#).



The reward for the still-commonly-called Red Army Choir: an appearance on Monday morning on NBC's *Today* show.

The incongruity of the choir, dressed in evergreen uniforms accented by yellow braided cords, performing the slightly racy song ("She's up all night for good fun/I'm up all night to get lucky"), doubtlessly accounts for its appeal. The two lead singers were the stars (a baritone joined them later); some others bobbed their heads but did not get funky, while others looked uncomfortable at their surreal dip into dance music.

Rolling Stone labeled the police choir's rendition "incredible" and noted "the officers' hilarious 'old, goofy man dancing at a wedding reception' dance moves."

A spokeswoman for Daft Punk had no comment on the choir's cover.

The performance followed a studio version of the same number that was posted on YouTube in November. That performance, even more animated than Friday's, has been viewed nearly 4.4 million times.

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