



Common

Collaborations

J Dilla, the Soulquarians, Kanye West, Karriem Riggins, and many singers and instrumentalists are central to Common's musical evolution. Each partnership changes the texture while leaving room for his conversational cadence.

His collaboration with John Legend on Glory connected the film Selma to a contemporary protest anthem and earned major awards. In later composing work with Riggins and James Poyser, Common's voice entered an orchestral sports-broadcast setting, another unusual bridge between hip-hop authorship and public ceremony.