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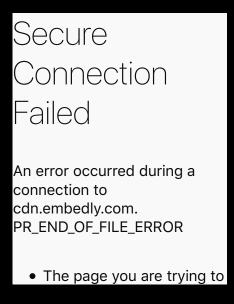
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DeRosa's experience as a queer person-of-color in America, but also the music. His time as an orchestral musician is reflected in lush orchestration, while his study of eastern music is clearly heard in his unique instrumental and vocal performances. DeRosa met Robbie Simmons at Berklee College of Music in Boston, and the pair began to collaborate, forming ThebandIvory (then called Ivory) in 2013. Simmons's vision as a producer takes the songs from the highest points of wall-of-sound to minimal and restrained, his rhythm section the foundation of their arrangements.

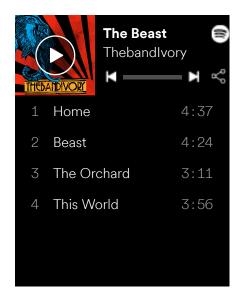
Upon arriving in Philadelphia in 2015, ThebandIvory released their debut EP, The Beast, along with a music video for the lead single, "Home." In the time since, DeRosa and Simmons have been carefully crafting new material while developing a small but enthusiastic fan-base, performing with a full band at venues such as Milkboy, and local festivals like the South Street Spring Festival and more intimate acoustic performances at DIY spaces and listening rooms. Their single "After it's Said and Done," which was released August 2019, fully realizes the energy and individuality of ThebandIvory's sound. A live video for their song "Beast" was released in February 2020, introducing ThebandIvory as a live experience, performing as an all-star 8 piece ensemble. "Factory Song (Hey-oh, Goodbye)" - coming out April 2020 - harnesses ThebandIvory's unique orchestrated indie rock sound in a catchy, hook-driven song.

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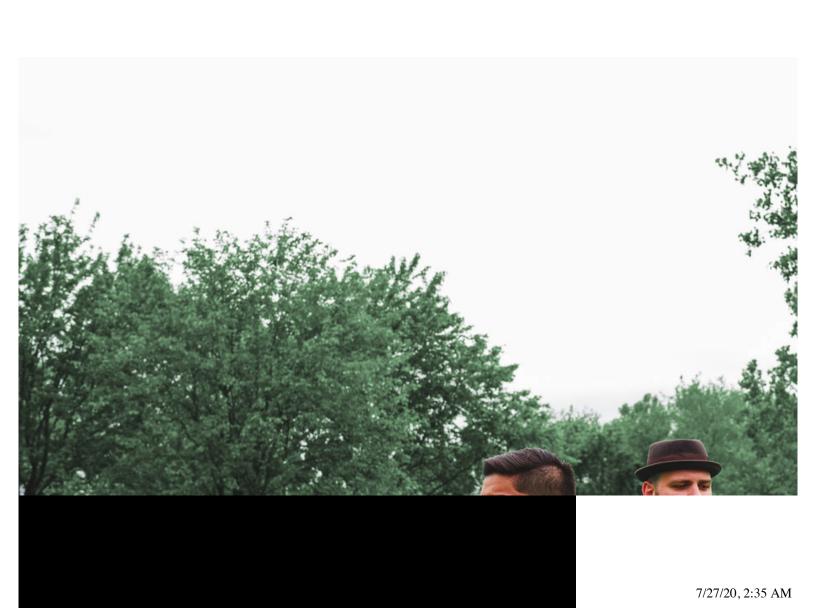




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