

Top Music Artists – Information Sheet

1. The Weeknd

Full Name: Abel Makkonen Tesfaye

Genre: R&B, Pop, Alternative

Background: The Weeknd rose to fame through his early mixtapes, gaining attention for his dark, atmospheric sound. He became a global superstar with albums like *Beauty Behind the Madness* and *After Hours*.

Notable Hits: “Blinding Lights,” “Starboy,” “The Hills.”

Achievements: Multiple Grammy Awards, known for blending cinematic production with emotional storytelling.

2. Bruno Mars

Full Name: Peter Gene Hernandez

Genre: Pop, Funk, R&B

Background: Bruno Mars is recognized for his retro-inspired musical style and charismatic performances. He's also part of the duo Silk Sonic with Anderson .Paak.

Notable Hits: “Uptown Funk,” “24K Magic,” “Just the Way You Are.”

Achievements: Numerous Grammy Awards, acclaimed for live shows, songwriting, and genre versatility.

3. Taylor Swift

Genre: Pop, Country, Folk

Background: Taylor Swift began as a country artist and transitioned into pop, becoming one of the world's most influential singer-songwriters. Known for narrative lyrics and record-breaking albums.

Notable Hits: “Love Story,” “Shake It Off,” “Anti-Hero.”

Achievements: Over a dozen Grammy Awards, historic chart achievements, and cultural impact through her songwriting.

4. Rihanna

Full Name: Robyn Rihanna Fenty

Genre: Pop, R&B, Caribbean-influenced

Background: Rihanna debuted in the mid-2000s and quickly became a global pop icon. She is also a fashion and beauty mogul, founding Fenty Beauty and Savage X Fenty.

Notable Hits: "Umbrella," "Diamonds," "Work."

Achievements: One of the world's bestselling artists, award-winning entrepreneur.

5. Lady Gaga

Full Name: Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta

Genre: Pop, Dance, Electronic

Background: Lady Gaga is known for boundary-pushing visuals, theatricality, and powerful vocals. Her work spans pop, jazz, film acting, and philanthropy.

Notable Hits: "Bad Romance," "Poker Face," "Shallow."

Achievements: Grammy & Oscar winner, advocate for mental health and LGBTQ+ rights.

6. Justin Bieber

Genre: Pop, R&B

Background: Discovered through YouTube, Justin Bieber became one of the youngest global sensations in pop history. His music evolved from teen pop to more mature R&B-infused styles.

Notable Hits: "Sorry," "Peaches," "Love Yourself."

Achievements: Multiple Billboard and Grammy Awards, one of the most streamed artists of all time.

7. Ed Sheeran

Genre: Pop, Folk, Singer-Songwriter

Background: Ed Sheeran built his career on acoustic ballads and honest songwriting. His breakthrough came with "+" and he continued releasing chart-smashing albums.

Notable Hits: "Shape of You," "Perfect," "Thinking Out Loud."

Achievements: Grammy-winning global artist known for loop-pedal live performances.

8. Billie Eilish

Genre: Alternative Pop, Electropop

Background: Billie Eilish emerged as a teen sensation with a minimalist, dark-pop sound. She collaborates closely with her brother and producer, Finneas.

Notable Hits: "Bad Guy," "Everything I Wanted," "Ocean Eyes."

Achievements: Youngest artist to sweep major Grammy categories in one night.

9. Coldplay

Genre: Alternative Rock, Pop Rock

Background: Coldplay formed in the late 1990s and gained global recognition with their emotional, melodic sound. Their style expanded into more electronic and pop influences over time.

Notable Hits: "Fix You," "Viva La Vida," "Yellow."

Achievements: Multiple Brit and Grammy Awards, one of the bestselling bands worldwide.

10. Ariana Grande

Genre: Pop, R&B

Background: Ariana Grande began her career in musical theater and television before transitioning to music, where she became known for her vocal range and modern pop-R&B sound.

Notable Hits: "thank u, next," "7 Rings," "Into You."

Achievements: Grammy winner, globally influential artist with one of the strongest fanbases.