



Nick Cannon

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Nicholas Scott "Nick" Cannon (born October 8, 1980)^[1] is an American rapper, actor, comedian, director, screenwriter, film producer, entrepreneur, record producer, radio and television personality. On television, Cannon began as a teenager on *All That* before going on to host *The Nick Cannon Show*, *Wild 'N Out*, and *America's Got Talent*. He acted in the films *Drumline*, *Love Don't Cost a Thing*, and *Roll Bounce*. As a rapper he released his debut self-titled album in 2003 with the hit single "Gigolo", a collaboration with singer R. Kelly. In 2007 he played the role of the fictional footballer TJ Harper in the film *Goal II: Living the Dream*. In 2006, Cannon recorded the singles "Dime Piece" and "My Wife" for the planned album *Stages*, which was never released. Cannon married American R&B/pop singer, Mariah Carey in 2008. He filed for divorce in December 2014, after six years of marriage. The divorce was finalized in 2016.

Early life

Cannon was born on October 8, 1980, in San Diego, California. Cannon was largely raised by his paternal grandfather, whom both he and his biological father called 'dad'. Growing up in Lincoln Park, a notorious gang-ridden neighborhood in Southeast San Diego, Cannon avoided gangs and spent most of his time playing basketball. Cannon received his first break doing stand-up comedy on his father's local cable access program. Before filming *Drumline*, Cannon lived in Augusta, GA on Nellyville Road.^[2]

Music career

1999–2006: Music beginnings, *Nick Cannon* and *Stages*

Nick Cannon



Cannon in 2010

Born	Nicholas Scott Cannon <div>October 8, 1980</div> <div>San Diego, California, U.S.</div>
Occupations	Rapper · actor · comedian · film director · screenwriter · film producer · television host · radio personality · entrepreneur · record producer
Years active	1998–present

As a teenager, Cannon formed the rap group "Da G4 Dope Bomb Squad" with his friend Steve Groves; they opened for the likes of Will Smith, LFO, 98 Degrees, and Montell Jordan.

After signing with Jive Records in 2001, he was featured alongside Romeo Miller and 3LW on the *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius* soundtrack with a cover of the 1988 hit song "Parents Just Don't Understand".^[3] His debut self titled album was released in 2003 and included the single "Your Pops Don't Like Me (I Really Don't Like This Dude)".^[4]

In 2005, Cannon formed his own record label, Can-I-Ball Records, with plans to release his second studio album, entitled *Stages*, later that year.^[5] The album's first single, "Can I Live?", a pro-life song, was released in July 2005^[6] followed by the second single "Dime Piece" in March 2006.^[6] It was never released because of Nick Cannon's acting career.

2009–12: N'Credible Entertainment, Slick Nick and *Child of the Corn*

In 2009 Nick Cannon formed a new label after cancelling his old label Can-I-Ball Records entitled N'Credible Entertainment. In 2010, Cannon created a parody of hip hop pioneer Slick Rick entitled "Slick Nick". He released two songs by the character such as "I'm a Slick Rick", a freestyle of Cali Swag District's "Teach Me How to Dougie" in which he attempted to diss hip hop mega-star Eminem, and "Nick's Story", a freestyle rap version of Slick Rick's "Children's Story". On December 6, 2011, Nick Cannon released his debut mixtape entitled *Child of the Corn*.^[7]

2013–present: *White People Party Music* and second mixtape

On July 26, 2013 Nick Cannon premiered his new single "Me Sexy" and announced over seven years after the shelving of his album *Stages* that he was working on a new second studio album entitled *White People Party Music* featuring collaborations with Afrojack, Pitbull, Future and Polow da Don.^{[8][9]}

The album's second single "Looking for a Dream" was released on February 11, 2014. The song features Afrojack. The music video was released on VEVO on February 13.^[10]

On November 16, 2016, Nick Cannon released his second mixtape *The Gospel of Ike Turn Up: My Side of the Story*.^[11] Prior to the release of the mixtape, a music video for the single "If I Was Your Man" was released on November 7, 2016. The song features Jeremih and the music video features a cameo appearance by Chili of TLC.^[12]

Television	<u>Nick Cannon Presents: Wild N' Out</u> <u>The Nick Cannon Show</u> <u>America's Got Talent</u> <u>Real Husbands of Hollywood</u> <u>Brooklyn Nine-Nine</u>
Spouse	<u>Mariah Carey</u> (m. 2008; div. 2016)
Children	3
Musical career	
Genres	<u>Hip hop</u> · <u>comedy hip hop</u>
Instrument(s)	<u>Vocals</u>
Labels	<u>Jive</u> · <u>Columbia</u> · <u>N'Credible Entertainment</u> / <u>Sony Music</u> / <u>RED</u>
Website	<u>nickcannon.com</u> (<u>http://nickcannon.com</u>)

On December 2, 2016, Nick Cannon released a single called "Hold On" on iTunes.^[13]

Other ventures

Hosting

In 2005, Cannon created, produced, and hosted the MTV improv comedy series *Wild 'N Out*.^[14] That same year he hosted the so-called slime stunt on Nickelodeon's 2005 Kids' Choice Awards in which a human cannonball was shot into slime. He also hosted the first and only season of Nickelodeon's *Friday Night Slimetime*. In addition, he was the DJ on Ellen DeGeneres's *Bigger, Longer, And Wider* show. On December 11, 2009, Cannon hosted the Nickelodeon HALO Awards along with Justin Timberlake, Hayden Panettiere, LeBron James, Kelly Rowland and Alicia Keys.

On July 4, 2011, Cannon hosted the *Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest*, an annual American competitive eating competition.

On November 12, 2012, MTV2 announced that the revival of *Wild 'N Out*. The revived show was produced by Cannon's Ncredible Entertainment, the series premiered in 2013 with a few returning faces joined by a roster of fresh talents. When asked about the show coming back, Cannon said, "With our show's original cast, everyone from Kevin Hart to Katt Williams, Affion Crockett and Taran Killam becoming household names, I am looking forward to working with MTV2 as we work to introduce the biggest comedic stars of tomorrow with the return of *Wild 'N Out*."^[15] Rapper Big Boi of Outkast has confirmed in a tweet on Twitter he is shooting an episode on January 29, 2013 in NYC and for people to join in the audience.^[16]

Season 5 of the show premiered on July 9, 2013, to the highest ratings in MTV2 history.^[17] It was renewed for season 6 and 7, which is currently airing in two blocks, the 2nd to resume late 2015, or early 2016.

On November 4, 2013, Cannon was the master of ceremonies as well as an honoree at the annual *Ebony Magazine Power 100 Awards*.^[18]

In 2014, he began hosting *Caught on Camera with Nick Cannon* on NBC.

On August 4, 2016, *Wild 'N Out* returned for its 8th season after three record-breaking seasons.^[19]

From 2009 to 2016, Cannon served as the host of *America's Got Talent*. He announced he would not be back for 2017, citing creative differences between him and executives at NBC. The resignation comes in the wake of news that the network considered firing Cannon after he made disparaging remarks about NBC in his 2017 Showtime comedy special, *Stand Up, Don't Shoot*. "I love art and entertainment too much to watch it be ruined by controlling corporations and big business," Cannon said in a statement, referencing cable giant Comcast's ownership of NBC.^[20] Cannon, however, is technically under contract to host *America's Got Talent* and could potentially be sued by NBC for breach of contract, though this is considered unlikely. NBC executives have not accepted his

resignation and are stated to be keeping their fingers crossed that he will instead choose to return.^[21] On February 16, 2017, Cannon stated that he planned to stand his ground when it came to resigning from *America's Got Talent*.^[22]

Business

Cannon is now the chairman of TeenNick for Nickelodeon and the development and creative consultant of the network since 2009. In 2012, Nick Cannon created a sketch-comedy series, *Incredible Crew*, starring six teenagers as Cannon wrote and produced the theme song. The show was produced by Cartoon Network Studios, in association with Ncredible Entertainment.

On November 30, 2012, a picture of Nick was posted on the Ncredible Entertainment website, which reported that Nick signed a deal with NBCUniversal to produce scripted and unscripted material for the network.^[23]

In 2015, Cannon was named as "Chief Creative Officer" for the now-defunct RadioShack.^[24] According to the company this role involved "creating RadioShack-exclusive products and curating the in-store experience."^[24] RadioShack chose him in hopes of catering to a younger crowd.^[24]

Radio hosting

On January 19, 2010, Cannon started hosting the morning show (6-10AM) with co-hosts Nikki and Southern Sarah Lee at 92.3 NOW FM (WXRK-FM) in New York.

Cannon has a weekly chart program called *Cannon's Countdown* that is syndicated by CBS Radio.^[25]

On February 17, 2012, Cannon stepped down from 92.3 NOW citing health issues.

Comedy

On July 13, 2010, Cannon announced that he was going on a comedy tour in fall 2010, beginning at the Just for Laughs festival in Montreal.^[26]

In early 2011, Cannon recorded his first stand-up comedy special titled *Mr. Showbiz* at the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas. The special premiered on Showtime on May 14, 2011. A digital release of *Mr. Showbiz* became available on iTunes beginning May 16, 2011, with a physical release of the album on May 31, 2011.^[27]

Ncredible Entertainment

Managed artists

- Make It Pop
- New Boyz
- Colette Carr
- Kreesha Turner

Ncredible Entertainment	
Founded	2009
Founder	Nicholas Scott "Nick" Cannon (CEO)
Status	Active
Genre	Various

- [Soulja Boy](#)
- [Amber Rose](#)
- [Kehlani](#)

Country of origin	<u>United States</u>
Location	<u>Los Angeles, California</u> (2009–present) <u>New York City, New York</u> (2009–present)
Official website	<u>http://ncredible.com/</u>

Television

- [Incredible Crew](#)
- [Wild 'N Out](#) (2013–present)
- [TeenNick Top 10](#) (2012–present)
- [Nickelodeon HALO Awards](#)
- [React to That](#)
- [Real Husbands of Hollywood](#)
- [Make It Pop](#)
- [Caught on Camera with Nick Cannon](#)
- [All That](#) (1998-2000)

Films

- [School Dance](#)
- [Drumline: A New Beat](#)

Personal life

Cannon married singer Mariah Carey on April 30, 2008, at her private estate on [Windermere Island](#) in The Bahamas.^[28] On April 30, 2011, their third wedding anniversary, Carey gave birth to fraternal twins:^[29] daughter Monroe (after [Marilyn Monroe](#)) and son Moroccan Scott, because Cannon proposed to Carey in her Moroccan-style room; Scott is Cannon's middle name and his grandmother's maiden name. Monroe, like her mother, has no middle name.^[30] After six years of marriage, the pair separated, and Cannon filed for divorce in 2014,^{[31][32][33]} which was finalized in 2016.^[34] Following a brief relationship, Cannon had another child, son Golden "Sagon" Cannon, with [Brittany Bell](#) on February 21, 2017.^{[35][36]}

Cannon was hospitalized on January 4, 2012, for treatment of "mild kidney failure", and again on February 17 after a pulmonary embolism.^[37] On March 5 he announced that his kidney problems were due to [lupus nephritis](#).^[38] Cannon enrolled in at [Howard University](#) in 2016.^[39]

Activism

In 2011, Cannon filmed a public service announcement for [Do Something](#) encouraging teens to find a cause about which they are passionate and take action in their communities.^[40] Since 2011, Cannon has served as the celebrity spokesperson for the [National Association of Letter Carriers'](#) annual national food drive, which is held throughout the United States on the second Saturday in May.^[41]

In November 2016, Cannon was widely reported as commenting on his opposition to abortion, saying that abortion is modern-day eugenics and population control.^[42]

Controversy

Eminem

Eminem's 2009 album, *Relapse*, contained a track titled "Bagpipes from Baghdad", poking fun at Cannon's wife, Mariah Carey. Cannon responded via his Twitter account, while Mariah released a song and video titled "Obsessed", with lyrics and visuals aimed at Eminem.

Eminem responded with a mixtape-style track called "The Warning" in which he addressed both Cannon and Mariah, and later commented that he was finished talking about the subject.

The feud was thought to have been over until in September 2010 when Cannon responded with the song "I'm a Slick Rick", in which he takes shots at Eminem in Slick Rick's flow over the instrumental for Cali Swag District's "Teach Me How to Dougie".^[43] This was followed by a campaign via Facebook, Twitter, and his radio show proposing a boxing ring fight between Eminem and Cannon for charity.

In late September 2011, over a year after "I'm a Slick Rick" was released, Cannon took another lyrical jab at Eminem by releasing a song called "I Remember".^{[44][45]}

On October 3, 2011, Cannon released another song called "Warning (Remix)" featuring Uncle Murda, aimed at Eminem, radio host Charlamagne Tha God, and the feud between R&B singer Ray J and rapper Fabulous. The song features Cannon firing lyrical shots at Eminem and an audio clip of Eminem with Tim Westwood back in 2009 where Eminem saying: "I had no idea Nick Cannon was going to start 'wiling out' on me," referring to Cannon's then canceled Wild 'n Out television show. Cannon retorted to the clip by saying: "You said it Marshall, that's all you had to do!" and that Slim Shady is "forgiven".^{[46][47][48][49]}

On June 2, 2016, Cannon had an interview with Tim Westwood. Westwood said, "Last time I saw you, you were getting ready to battle Eminem." Cannon responded, "I'm still ready! I'm trying to find him. Where is he? ... We gonna be out in the States for the BET Awards. I'm holding a \$100,000 battle — whoever wants it — but it has to be someone who can put up 100 grand ... I done reached out to Tyga, he didn't want it. I went to all Slaughterhouse. I did it like Mortal Kombat, I said I'll take all of them out to get to the boss." Throughout the interview, Westwood goads Cannon along, saying, "Nick, you're the best fam. I don't think you'd win against Eminem, but you are the best in many other ways." Cannon plays along with everything and says, "At least tell him to show up to the match. I can't win by default."^{[50][51]}

On June 16, 2016, Cannon pours out his heart in a track titled "Divorce Papers." He recently refused to sign divorce papers with his ex-wife Mariah Carey. He also mentioned his father passing away. Cannon used some lines in the track as a response for the hate comments he had from Eminem's fans, who are known as "Stans". He mentions Eminem in a few lines. He said that he can relate to the drug life Eminem had. "Em, right now I could really relate to him. Drug habits, all the pain that he was in."

The last thing he mentioned in the track, he talks about himself finally signing the divorce papers. "It's been over two years and I'm the one that's been waitin'. It's fucked up that the time that you spend with your own kids is called 'visitation'? Man, fuck it, let's sign these papers."^[52]

Discography

Studio albums

List of Studio albums, with selected chart positions

Title	Album details	Peak chart positions		Sales
		US ^[53]	US R&B ^[54]	
<i>Nick Cannon</i>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Released: December 9, 2003Label: <u>Jive Records</u>Formats: <u>CD</u>, <u>download</u>, <u>LP</u></div>	83	15	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">US sales: 201,000^[55]</div>
<i>White People Party Music</i> ^[8] ^[9] ^[56]	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Released: April 1, 2014^[57]Label: N'Credible EntertainmentFormats: CD, download, LP</div>	—	—	

Compilation albums

Year	Title
2014	<div><i>Nick Cannon Presents Wild 'N Out: Compilation Vol. 1</i>^[58] (with Various artist)<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Released: January 28, 2014Label: N'Credible, <u>RED</u>Formats: <u>CD</u>, <u>MD</u>, <u>LP</u></div></div>

Comedy albums

List of Comedy albums, with selected chart positions

Title	Album details	Peak chart positions	
		US Comedy ^[59]	US R&B ^[54]
<i>Mr. Showbiz</i>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Released: May 14, 2011Label: New Wave DynamicsFormats: <u>CD</u>, <u>MD</u>, <u>LP</u></div>	3	66

Mixtapes

Nick Cannon's mixtapes and details

Title	Mixtape details
<i>Child of the Corn</i>	▪ Released: December 6, 2011
<i>The Gospel of Ike Turn Up: My Side of the Story</i>	▪ Released: November 16, 2016 ^[60]

Singles

As lead artist

List of singles as lead artist, with selected chart positions, showing year released and album name

Title	Year	Peak chart positions			Album
		US Hot 100	US R&B	US Rap	
"Parents Just Don't Understand" (featuring Lil Romeo)	2001	—	—	—	<i>Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius</i> soundtrack
"Your Pops Don't Like Me (I Really Don't Like This Dude)"	2003	—	—	—	<i>Nick Cannon</i>
"Feelin' Freaky" (featuring B2K)		92	46	—	
"Gigolo" (featuring R. Kelly)		24	21	9	
"Shorty (Put It on the Floor)" (with Busta Rhymes, Chingy and Fat Joe)		—	101	—	<i>Love Don't Cost a Thing</i> soundtrack
"Get Crunk Shorty" (featuring Ying Yang Twins and Fatman Scoop)	2004	—	—	—	Non-album singles
"Can I Live?" (featuring Anthony Hamilton)	2005	—	85	—	
"It's Your Birthday" (featuring Fatman Scoop)	2006	—	—	—	
"My Wife" (featuring Slim of 112)		—	—	—	
"Dime Piece" (featuring Izzy)		—	70	—	
"Famous" (featuring Akon)	2011	—	—	—	<i>White People Party Music</i>
"Me Sexy"	2013	—	—	—	
"Dance Floor"		—	—	—	
"Looking for a Dream"	2014	—	—	—	

"Pajama Pants" (featuring <u>Future</u> , <u>Takeoff</u> <u>Quavo</u> and <u>Traphik</u>)	2015	—	—	—	
"If I Was Your Man" (featuring <u>Jeremih</u>)	2016	—	—	—	<i>The Gospel of Ike Turn Up: My Side of the Story</i>
"Hold On"		—	—	—	Non-album single
"—" denotes a single that did not chart or was not released in that territory.					

Filmography

Film			
Year	Film	Role	Notes
2000	<i>Whatever It Takes</i>	Chess Club Kid	
2002	<i>Men in Black II</i>	MIB Autopsy Agent	Alternative titles: <i>MIB 2</i> <i>MIIB</i>
2002	<i>Drumline</i>	Devon Miles	Main Role
2003	<i>Love Don't Cost a Thing</i>	Alvin Johnson	Alternative title: <i>Love Don't Co\$t a Thing</i>
2004	<i>Garfield: The Movie</i>	Louis	Voice
2004	<i>Shall We Dance?</i>	Scott	
2005	<i>The Beltway</i>		Executive producer
2005	<i>Underclassman</i>	Tracy "Tre" Stokes	Writer, executive producer
2005	<i>Roll Bounce</i>	Bernard	
2006	<i>The Adventures of Brer Rabbit</i>	Brer Rabbit	Voice
2006	<i>Even Money</i>	Godfrey Snow	
2006	<i>Monster House</i>	Officer Lester	Voice
2006	<i>Bobby</i>	Dwayne	
2007	<i>Weapons</i>	Reggie	
2007	<i>Goal II: Living the Dream</i>	TJ Harper	
2008	<i>American Son</i>	Mike	
2008	<i>Day of the Dead</i>	Salazar	Direct-to-DVD release
2008	<i>Ball Don't Lie</i>	Mico	
2009	<i>The Killing Room</i>	Paul Brody	
2010	<i>School Gyrls</i>	Lunch Lady	Director
2012	<i>Rags</i>	Himself	TV movie
2014	<i>Drumline: A New Beat</i>	Devon Miles	Executive producer/small role
2014	<i>School Dance</i>	Super Sizer/Himself	Also director, co-writer, producer
2015	<i>Chi-Raq</i>	Chi-raq	
2017	<i>King of the Dancehall</i>		Director

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1998–2000	<i><u>All That</u></i>	Various	33 episodes
1998–1999	<i><u>Kenan & Kel</u></i>	Uncredited/Pizza Boy	4 episodes
2000	<i><u>The Parkers</u></i>	Garland	1 episode
2001	<i><u>Taina</u></i>	Alex LaTanya	2 episodes
2002–2003	<i><u>The Nick Cannon Show</u></i>	Himself	22 episodes Writer Executive producer
2004	<i><u>Chappelle's Show</u></i>	Himself	1 episode Episode #24
2005–2007, 2013–present	<i><u>Nick Cannon Presents: Wild 'N Out</u></i>	Himself	Creator Writer Director Executive producer
2007	<i><u>Nick Cannon Presents: Short Circuitz</u></i>	Himself	8 episodes Creator Director Executive producer
2009–2016	<i><u>America's Got Talent</u></i>	Himself	Host
2009–present	<i><u>TeenNick</u></i>	Himself	Chairman
2009–present	<i><u>Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade</u></i>	Himself	Host
2010	<i><u>The Nightlife</u></i>	Himself	Host
2011	<i><u>Up All Night</u></i>	Calvin	Recurring role
2012–present	<i><u>TeenNick Top 10</u></i>	Himself/Host	Main Cast
2013-2014	<i><u>Incredible Crew</u></i>	Announcer	Creator Executive producer Music
2013–present	<i><u>Real Husbands of Hollywood</u></i>	Himself	Main Cast
2013	<i><u>Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards</u></i>	Himself	
2013	<i><u>Big Time Rush</u></i>	Himself	
2013	<i><u>Hollywood Game Night</u></i>	Himself	
2014-2015	<i><u>Brooklyn Nine-Nine</u></i>	Marcus	Recurring Role
2014	<i><u>Love & Hip Hop</u></i>	Himself	Guest Appearance
2014	<i><u>The Eric Andre Show</u></i>	Himself	Guest Appearance
2015	<i><u>Love & Hip Hop: Hollywood</u></i>	Himself	Guest Appearance
2017	<i><u>The Wendy Williams Show</u></i>	Himself	Guest Co Host

Awards and nominations

Year	Result	Award	Category	Film or series
2003	Nominated	<u>Black Reel Awards</u>	Best Breakthrough Performance — Viewer's Choice	<i>Drumline</i>
2006	Nominated		Best Ensemble	<i>Roll Bounce</i> (Shared with cast)
2006	Won	Hollywood Film Festival	Ensemble of the Year	<i>Bobby</i> (Shared with cast)
2001	Won	<u>Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards</u>	Favorite Television Actor	<i>All That</i>
2002	Nominated		Favorite Television Actor	<i>The Nick Cannon Show</i>
2003	Nominated		Favorite Television Actor	<i>The Nick Cannon Show</i>
	Nominated	<u>MTV Movie Awards</u>	Breakthrough Male Performance	<i>Drumline</i>
	Nominated		Best Kiss	<i>Drumline</i> (Shared with <u>Zoe Saldana</u>)
2007	Nominated	<u>Screen Actors Guild Awards</u>	Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture	<i>Bobby</i> (Shared with cast)
2003	Nominated	<u>Teen Choice Awards</u>	Choice Movie Actor — Drama/Action Adventure	<i>Drumline</i>
	Nominated		Choice Movie Breakout Star — Male	<i>Drumline</i>
2004	Nominated		Choice Movie Liplock	<i>Love Don't Cost a Thing</i> (Shared with <u>Christina Milian</u>)
	Nominated		Choice Movie Liar	<i>Love Don't Cost a Thing</i>
	Nominated		Choice Movie Chemistry	<i>Love Don't Cost a Thing</i> (Shared with Christina Milian)
2006	Nominated		TV — Choice Personality	<i>Nick Cannon Presents Wild 'n Out</i>
2007	Nominated		TV — Choice Personality	<i>Nick Cannon Presents Wild 'n Out</i>
2012	Won	<u>NAACP Image Awards</u>	Outstanding Supporting Actor	<i>Up All Night</i>

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