

= Express (Christina Aguilera song) =

" Express " is a song recorded by American singer Christina Aguilera for the accompanying soundtrack album to her film *Burlesque* (2010) . Written by Aguilera , C. " Tricky " Stewart and Claude Kelly and was produced by Stewart , " Express " is an uptempo electropop number . The track premiered on November 3 , 2010 on *On Air with Ryan Seacrest* to promote the soundtrack . It was also released to Australian radio as a single on December 6 , 2010 .

" Express " received generally favorable reviews from music critics , who praised its both old @-@ school ? and ? contemporary sound . It attained moderate chart success , peaking at number two on the US *Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles* and also charting in other territories . Aguilera performed the track at the American Music Awards of 2010 and on the seventh season of British television singing contest *The X Factor* .

= = Background and composition = =

In support of her sixth studio album , *Bionic* , Aguilera planned to embark on the *Bionic Tour* . However , on May 24 , 2010 , the singer and tour promoter Live Nation both posted messages on their websites stating that due to excessive promotion of *Bionic* and preparing for her upcoming film debut in *Burlesque* , she felt she would need more time to be able to put together a show that her fans deserve to see . Aguilera stated that this was not possible to do in less than one month between the release of the album and the start of the tour as she would need more time to rehearse . For the accompanying soundtrack for the film , Aguilera worked with Tricky Stewart ; he co @-@ wrote and produced two songs , " Show Me How You Burlesque " and " Express " , and produced several other tracks including " Something 's Got a Hold on Me " , " Tough Lover " and " But I Am a Good Girl " . " Express " was premiered on the *On Air with Ryan Seacrest* radio show (*KIIS @-@ FM*) on November 3 , 2010 as a promotional single from the album .

" Express " was written by Aguilera , Christopher Stewart and Claude Kelly , and was produced by Tricky Stewart . Aguilera 's vocals on the track span two octaves , from the low @-@ note of E3 to the high @-@ note of E5 . It is an electropop song ; the melody of " Express " is similar to the old @-@ school style of " Lady Marmalade " , and has a dance production . Thus , " Express " has an old @-@ school sound , but is also modern . Lyrically , the song evokes sexual theme , as she " seductively " sings , " Show a little leg , you gotta shimmy your chest " .

= = Reception = =

" Express " received mainly positive reviews from music critics . Eric Henderson of *Slant Magazine* called the song " nasty , buzzing bump @-@ and @-@ grind " and " a bionic ' Lady Marmalade ' " . Blogcritics thought that " Express " , among with " Show Me How You Burlesque " are the two songs that " work better in the context of the movie , where the elaborate visuals help distract from their lack of melody and strong hooks " . An online website , *Movie @-@ Moron* was positive toward the track , saying that it is " the most modern sounding thing " in the soundtrack , also compared " Express " to Aguilera 's 2002 single " *Dirrty* " .

Commercially , " Express " charted on several music charts worldwide , despite not being released as an official single . In the United States , the song peaked at number two on the *Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles* chart . In the United Kingdom , " Express " peaked at number 75 on the *UK Singles Chart* , and also charted on the *UK R & B Chart* at number 21 on December 25 , 2010 . On the *Swiss Singles Chart* , " Express " debuted and peaked at number 54 on January 21 , 2011 , and stayed there for 3 weeks . In Japan , the track also peaked at number 68 .

= = Live performances = =

To promote " Express " and *Burlesque* , Aguilera has performed the track on two shows . Aguilera performed " Express " for the first time at the American Music Awards of 2010 on November 21 ,

2010 , held at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles , California . During an interview with MTV News about the performance , Aguilera stated that the performance would be " fantastic " and would " give a fitting look inside the movie " . Wearing a " black spangly bodysuit " with knee @-@ high boots and a bowler , Aguilera seated in a chair with her back to the audience in the beginning of the show . She began to snap her fingers and leaned into the " jazzy , skittery rhythms " of " Express " . Later , the scene revealed a set made up to mimic the backstage at a burlesque club , with the singer surrounded by a number of dancers . Gil Kaufman of MTV News said that the performance is a flash back to the " Dirrty @-@ era " of Aguilera .

On December 11 , 2010 , Aguilera performed " Express " again on the seventh series of British television singing contest The X Factor . During the show , the singer cavorted around the stage in her lingerie with her " army of scantily clad female dancers " . Aguilera 's performance , as well as Rihanna 's one of " What 's My Name ? " , received criticism for being inappropriate for pre @-@ watershed television . ITV was later exonerated and the performances were deemed to be " at the limit " of acceptability for pre @-@ watershed television . However , Ofcom received about 2 @,@ 868 complaints about the matter .

= = Parody = =

On February 18 , 2011 , a video featuring a 10 @-@ year @-@ old Taiwanese boy dressing in drag and performing a dance number choreographed to " Express " , channeling Aguilera 's performance of the song in Burlesque , was uploaded to the Internet . The video was met with controversy , with Billboard magazine questioning if " the kid 's parents filmed his sexualized dance routine and uploaded it to YouTube " .

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =