

= SMS (Bangerz) =

" SMS (Bangerz) " is a song by American singer Miley Cyrus featuring Britney Spears for Cyrus ' fourth studio album Bangerz (2013) . It was written and produced by Mike Will Made It and Marz , with additional songwriting provided by Cyrus and Sean Garrett . The track incorporates elements of hip hop styles , and is lyrically a " celebration of pop culture , beautiful women , [and] strong women " . Upon its release " SMS (Bangerz) " received generally mixed reviews from music critics ; some complimented its originality , while others criticized its production and Cyrus ' rapping . The album 's digital downloads helped the song chart in the United States and the United Kingdom . Cyrus has performed on MTV Unplugged and her Bangerz Tour .

= = Production and composition = =

" SMS (Bangerz) " was written by Miley Cyrus , Mike Will Made It , Sean Garrett , and Marz , while production was handled by Mike Will Made It and Marz . Stephen Hybicki and Tim Roberts recorded the track with help from Mike Gaydusek , and Jaycen Joshua mixed it with assistants of Ryan Kaul . Chris " Tek " O 'Ryan handled engineering the song , and it was further mastered by Dave Kutch at the Mastering Palace . The track is the third on Cyrus 's fourth album Bangerz , which was released in 2013 .

" SMS (Bangerz) " has been described as " 1980s hip hop @-@ inspired track " . The song lasts for two minutes and 49 seconds . Garrett stated that its concept was inspired by the female rap trio Salt @-@ n @-@ Pepa , and noted that the final track was " like five different things , it 's hip @-@ hop , it 's the girls , it 's a female anthem , Salt @-@ n @-@ Pepa , [and] Britney and Miley " . He further opined that the women 's collaboration made for a " historical moment [...] as big as when Britney kissed Madonna " Miley said : " There 's only one bitch that I want on my album , and that is Britney bitch ! " . Speculation of a collaboration between Cyrus and Britney Spears first arose after they shared a brief exchange over Twitter in July 2013 . The following month , producer Sean Garrett confirmed that the pair had recorded a " nuts " collaboration for Bangerz . He later stated that Cyrus " [was] throwing around those ideas " of featuring Gwen Stefani and Nicki Minaj as the guest vocalist , but felt that the final cut with Spears was " absolutely the right one . "

= = Release and reception = =

" SMS (Bangerz) " is the third track on Miley Cyrus 's fourth studio album Bangerz , which was released in October 2013 . Although the song never entered the Billboard Hot 100 , the album 's strong digital downloads helped it reach number 10 on Billboard 's Bubbling Under the Hot 100 chart , as well as number 157 on the UK Singles Chart . The song is marked as explicit by the RIAA due to its explicit language . Although in October 2013 Cyrus claimed she wanted the song to be the third single off Bangerz , " Adore You " was the album 's third single release instead . Talking about plans for a music video , Cyrus hoped " that the video will be as epic as the ' Work Bitch ' one , so I think that would be the smartest choice . "

Upon the album 's release , " SMS (Bangerz) " received generally mixed reviews from music critics . Nick Catucci of Entertainment Weekly provided a favorable review , calling the track one of the best included on Bangerz and describing it as " a merry rap @-@ off with Britney " . Caroline Sullivan from The Guardian opined that Spears ' inclusion was " a stroke of skewed inspiration " , which contributed in making its parent album Cyrus ' " game @-@ changer " . Writing for Slant Magazine , Kyle Fowle called the song an " Auto @-@ Tuned Euro @-@ house jam " that helped make the album both " a message of empowerment " and " a straightforward party album " . In contrast , Mariah Eakin of The A.V. Club provided a more mixed review , saying that " Cyrus absolutely cannot rap , as horrifyingly evidenced by her Kreayshawn @-@ like turns " highlighted in the track . Evan Sawdey from PopMatters cautioned that " braggadocio can only go so far (especially with a song that features such a formless sense of melody) " , and felt that Mike Will Made It has a " horrid sense of how hooks work , leaving a slew of missed @-@ attempts and

mangled opportunities in his wake . "

= = Live performance = =

An episode of MTV Unplugged starring Cyrus premiered through MTV on January 29 , 2014 ; she performed an acoustic version of " SMS (Bangerz) " without Spears , among several additional tracks from Bangerz . The song was used as the opening number on the worldwide Bangerz Tour , lasting throughout 2014 . Blake Hannon provided a positive review for the performance , praising the " synthy rush of the title track . " Cyrus returned to perform the song during the musical festival on June 21 , 2014 , Summertime Ball at Wembley Stadium of London , in front of 80 @, @ 000 people .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits are adapted from the liner notes of Bangerz .

Recording

Recorded at Nightbird Studios (West Hollywood , California) ; Conway Recording Studios (Los Angeles , California) ; Glenwood Studios , (Burbank , California)

Mixed at The Penua Project / Innersound Management at Larrabee Sound Studios (North Hollywood , California)

Personnel

= = Charts = =