

= You Rock My World =

" You Rock My World " is a song by American recording artist Michael Jackson from his tenth and final studio album released during his lifetime , *Invincible* (2001) . It was released as the lead single from the album on August 22 , 2001 by Epic Records . The lyrics pertain to being in love and trying to gain a woman 's affection . Produced by Jackson and Rodney " Darkchild " Jerkins and written by Jackson , Jerkins , Fred Jerkins III , LaShawn Daniels and Nora Payne , the song is musically a disco @-@ pop song with influences from Jackson 's songs from his previous studio albums with Quincy Jones .

The song received mixed reviews from music critics , with reviewers commenting that Jackson could have made a better effort for it and that it was not his best material , while other reviewers generally praised the song 's composition and Jackson 's vocal performance . " You Rock My World " was commercially successful worldwide and peaked at number ten on the Billboard Hot 100 , becoming Jackson 's first top ten song in the United States in over six years , and his last in the country until " Love Never Felt So Good " (a duet with Justin Timberlake) hit number 9 in 2014 . This success was achieved on airplay alone , as the song was not released as a commercial single in the United States . " You Rock My World " topped the French music chart for three consecutive weeks . It also reached the top ten in Australia , Austria , Canada , Denmark , Finland , Italy , Sweden , Switzerland and the United Kingdom .

As part of promotion for the song , a music video was released . The video , which is thirteen and a half minutes long , was directed by Paul Hunter and features Chris Tucker and Marlon Brando . In the video , Jackson and Tucker portray men who are trying to gain a woman 's affection . The video has been compared to Jackson 's previous videos " Smooth Criminal " and " The Way You Make Me Feel " and has received mixed reviews . The song was performed only twice by Jackson ; at Madison Square Garden in New York City at two concerts in September 2001 to celebrate Jackson 's career as a solo artist . Footage of the performance was shown in the two @-@ hour CBS television special , *Michael Jackson : 30th Anniversary Special* . The track was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance at the 44th Grammy Awards . " You Rock My World " has sold 6 million copies worldwide .

= = Background = =

" You Rock My World " was recorded by Michael Jackson for his studio album , *Invincible* (2001) . The song was written and composed by Michael Jackson and produced by Jackson and Jerkins . " You Rock My World " was officially released as the lead single from the album in mid @-@ August 2001 , by Epic Records . Prior to the singles official release it had been leaked to two New York radio stations on Friday , August 17 . Immediately after the songs radio airplay the radio stations had received " a herd of [radio] callers asking for more . " " You Rock My World " was first played on the WJTM @-@ FM station at 6 p.m. , with WKTU @-@ FM airing the song 45 minutes later . Both stations had played the single every two hours until around 6 p.m. Saturday , when Jackson 's record label , Epic Records , called the program director for both stations , Frankie Blue , who was also a friend of Jackson , and asked him to stop . Blue later recalled , " They informed me of the dangers of playing a song too early . " He refused to say how the song came into his possession .

= = Composition = =

" You Rock My World " is credited as being an uptempo disco @-@ pop song that has vibrating vocal harmonies . The song is played in the time signature of common time in the key E minor , with Jackson 's vocal range spanning from the tonal nodes of E4 to Bb5 . " You Rock My World " has a moderate tempo of 95 beats per minute . The chord progression in the song is Em7 ? C9 @-@ Bm7 ? Am7 ? D ? Em7 . The song 's composition has been compared to Jackson 's previous material with Quincy Jones from the 1970s and 1980s , as well as the disco @-@ theme from Jackson 's 1979 single , " Don 't Stop ' til You Get Enough " . Chris Tucker voices the vocal introduction of the

song while all the instruments heard on the track were played by Jackson and Rodney Jerkins . Lyrically , the song 's lyrics are about being in love , as well as the effect that it can have , as evident in the opening line , " My life will never be the same , ' cause , girl , you came and changed the way I walk , the way I talk , I cannot explain " .

= = Critical reception = =

" You Rock My World " received generally mixed reviews from music critics . Praise was mainly directed at the song 's composition , while dissatisfaction towards the song was expressed by critics because they felt that the track was not Jackson 's best material . Stephen Thomas Erlewine of AllMusic listed " You Rock My World " as being a highlight for the *Invincible* album . Reviewer Andrew Hamilton , also of AllMusic , stated that , " If anybody other than Michael Jackson had released ' You Rock My World ' with the tons of publicity and promotion it was accorded , it would have slam dunked the charts and been a multiple award winner . It sold well and got play everywhere , but too many critics panned the song and the album it came from as not being good enough for an artist on Jackson 's level . " Hamilton commented that people should " give Michael credit " because he was able to maintain a respectable career as a recording artist over the years of his later career .

James Hunter of *Rolling Stone* praised the song 's vocal rhythms as being " finely sculpted " and " exquisite " . He noted that the song shows similarities to Jackson 's previous material with Quincy Jones . Mark Beaumont , a writer for *NME* , described the song as being a " disco classic " and commented that he felt that the song 's brief intro was " funnier than Chris Evans on fire " . Catherine Halaby of *Yale Daily News* stated that the song " showcases the best of ' classic Michael ' " , and described the song as being " funky , catchy , upbeat , not too creepy " . " You Rock My World " was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Pop Vocal Performance - Male at the 44th Grammy Awards , but it lost the award to James Taylor 's " Don 't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight " . It was Jackson 's first Grammy nomination since 1997 , for his single " Earth Song " , and his first nomination in that category since 1995 .

= = Chart performance = =

" You Rock My World " was commercially successful , generally charting within the top ten positions on music charts worldwide . The song was Jackson 's last hit single in the United States in the final years of his career . " You Rock My World " charted within the top twenty positions on the *Billboard* Hot 100 on September 15 , 2001 . The following week , the song charted at its peak position , number ten . It became Jackson 's highest charting single since his 1995 number @-@ one single , " You Are Not Alone " . " You Rock My World " also charted at number seven and thirteen on *Billboard* 's Pop Charts and R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs respectively . Notably , these chart positions were attained based on airplay alone , as no commercial single was issued in the United States . Fred Bronson , *Billboard* 's chart expert at the time , remarked , " Certainly , if a commercial single had been available , it would have peaked higher - perhaps even at no.1 " . The song also charted within the top ten positions , peaking at number two , on the Canadian RPM Hot 100 chart . " You Rock My World " debuted on the United Kingdom Singles Chart at number two , which was its peak position in the country , on October 20 . The song remained within the top twenty positions on the chart for four consecutive weeks , and remained within the top 100 positions for fifteen consecutive weeks from October 20 , 2001 , to January 26 , 2002 . " You Rock My World " debuted on the French Singles Chart on October 13 , 2001 , at the number one position . The song remained at the number one position on the chart for three consecutive weeks , and remained within the top twenty positions for ten consecutive weeks . The song debuted on the Dutch Singles Charts at number four on October 20 , and the following week , charted at its peak position , number two . " You Rock My World " debuted on the Finnish Singles Chart on the forty first week of 2001 , at its peak position , number two . After three weeks , the song fell off the charts .

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After Jackson 's death in June 2009 , " You Rock My World " re @-@ entered music charts worldwide and re @-@ entered Billboard charts for the first time in almost eight years . The song also peaked at number sixty two on Billboard 's Digital Songs chart on July 11 , 2009 . The song re @-@ entered the United Kingdom Singles Chart on July 4 , charting at number ninety @-@ seven . The following week the song charted at its peak position , number sixty , and charted out of the top 100 positions after spending three weeks on the chart . " You Rock My World " re @-@ entered the Australian Singles Chart for the third time on July 19 , at number fifty . The song remained on the chart for only one week .

= = Promotion = =

In late August 2001 , Jackson and Sony Music began a promotional campaign for " You Rock My World " . As part of promotion for the single , as well as the album , Jackson made a public appearance by celebrating his 43rd birthday ? one day late ? by presiding over the NASDAQ market opening ceremony in Times Square on Thursday morning , on August 30 , 2001 . Jackson only performed " You Rock My World " twice . The only performances of " You Rock My World " was during two concerts in early September 2001 , which was to celebrate Jackson 's 30th year as solo artist , at Madison Square Garden . Tucker , who is part of the song 's dialogue and video , was part of the live performance . Footage of the second concert on September 10 was shown in a two @-@ hour television special , entitled Michael Jackson : 30th Anniversary Special , which was aired on CBS in November of the same year .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " You Rock My World " was directed by Paul Hunter , and was released in 2001 . The video , which is over thirteen minutes long , was described as being a short film . The dance performed during the video consists of fragments from the canceled " Dangerous " music video . The video consists of Jackson 's and Tucker 's characters trying to gain a woman 's (Kishaya Dudley) affection by subsequently following her around the neighborhood . The video for " You Rock My World " was thought to be the last music video to feature any participation from Jackson before the video for " One More Chance " was unearthed (his following videos would consist of archive footage of himself and others) . The video has been compared to Jackson 's previous 1980s music videos for his singles , " Smooth Criminal " (1987) , " Bad " (1987) , and " The Way You Make Me Feel " (1987) , all from his 1987 studio album , Bad . In the video , Jackson can be seen wearing a Blazer and his traditional hat . The video features appearances from Marlon Brando , Michael Madsen and Billy Drago . The video won an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Music Video at the award shows 2002 ceremony . In several instances in the video , Tucker 's character makes several references to previous songs by Michael Jackson , such as " Beat It " , " P.Y.T. (Pretty Young Thing) " , " The Girl Is Mine " , " Bad " and " Dangerous " . The short version of the music video appears on Number Ones , and the long version appears on Michael Jackson 's Vision .

= = Covers and homages = =

In Episode 10 of the first season of the CW series *Hellcats* , " Pledging My Love " , the cheerleading team , led by Derrick Altman (played by D. B. Woodside) , danced to a shortened version of " You Rock My World " as a means for Altman to propose to coach Vanessa Lodge (played by Sharon Leal) . The number was choreographed by episode director Debbie Allen .

= = Live performances = =

" You Rock My World " was performed twice live during the 30th anniversary concerts performed in late 2001 . In the second concert , he was joined by Usher and Chris Tucker at the end , who danced with him . It was the only full song from *Invincible* that Jackson had performed live . The song was set to be performed in his *This Is It* concerts , but he died before the concerts took place .

= = Track listing = =

= = Personnel = =

Written and composed by Michael Jackson , Rodney Jerkins

Produced and all musical instruments performed by Michael Jackson and Rodney Jerkins

Lead and background vocals by Michael Jackson

Intro by Chris Tucker and Michael Jackson

Recorded by Brad Gilderman , Rodney Jerkins , Jean @-@ Marie Horvat , Dexter Simmons and Stuart Brawley

Digital Editing by Harvey Mason , Jr. and Stuart Brawley

Mixed by Bruce Swedien and Rodney Jerkins

Starring Michael Jackson , Chris Tucker , Marlon Brando , Michael Madsen , Billy Drago , introducing Kryshia Dudley .

Directed by Paul Hunter

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =