

= Up All Night ( One Direction album ) =

Up All Night is the debut studio album by English @-@ Irish group One Direction , released by Syco Records in November 2011 in Ireland and the United Kingdom , followed by a worldwide release during 2012 . Four months after finishing third in the seventh series of British reality singing contest The X Factor in December 2010 , One Direction began recording the album in Sweden , UK and the United States , working with a variety of writers and producers . The album is predominantly a pop music album which orientates into pop rock , dance @-@ pop , teen pop and power pop . The album 's lyrical content regards being young , relationships , heartbreak and empowerment . Staged in support of the album , One Direction performed the album 's songs live on televised shows , at awards ceremonies , and during their worldwide Up All Night Tour .

The album received generally favourable reviews from contemporary music critics , many of whom appreciated the album 's combination of melodic song craft and catchy , pop @-@ oriented material that , while slickly produced , avoided the commercial cynicism and adult contemporary posturing of some of their ' 80s and ' 90s forebears . An international success , the album topped the charts in sixteen countries and , by December 2012 , has sold over 4 @.@ 5 million copies worldwide . The album bowed at number two on the UK Albums Chart and ultimately became the UK 's fastest @-@ selling debut album of 2011 . Up All Night debuted to number one on the United States Billboard 200 , selling 176 @,@ 000 copies in its first week . According to the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry ( IFPI ) , Up All Night was the third global best @-@ selling album of 2012 with sales of 4 @.@ 5 million copies .

One Direction finished 2012 with two of that year 's top five best @-@ selling albums in the United States ; Up All Night at number three and their second studio album , Take Me Home , at number five , making the boy band the first act to place two albums in the year @-@ end top five in the Nielsen SoundScan era . In addition , Up All Night became the best @-@ selling album by a group and the third best @-@ selling debut album of 2012 . Four singles were released from the album , including the UK Singles Chart top ten hits " What Makes You Beautiful " , " Gotta Be You " , and " One Thing " .

= = Background and development = =

After being formed and finishing third in the seventh series of The X Factor in 2010 , One Direction were signed by Simon Cowell to a £ 2 million Syco Records record contract . Recording for their debut album began in January 2011 , as they flew to Los Angeles to work with Moroccan @-@ Swedish producer RedOne . In February 2011 , One Direction and nine other contestants from the series participated in the X Factor Live Tour . After the tour concluded in April 2011 , the group continued working on their debut album . Recording took place in Sweden , the United States , and the United Kingdom , as One Direction worked with producers Carl Falk , Savan Kotecha , Steve Mac , RedOne , Toby Gad and Rami Yacoub , among others . The album also features songs written by Ed Sheeran , Kelly Clarkson , and Tom Fletcher . In May 2011 , Kotecha spoke to Digital Spy , and he elaborated that One Direction were " experimenting " with sounds on their debut album . Kotecha said that he was involved in the " early stages " of producing the record . " The stuff I 've heard has been really catchy and everyone loves the guys , so it 's just about capturing that in the music , which I think is what they 're going to be doing . " Sonny Takhar , the chief executive officer of Syco Records , in an August 2011 issue of Music Week , described the recording process as a " very intensive period " for the group . Takhar added the resulting album was one of the best pop records made by Syco Records in the past few years , and that he was confident it would be successful . In November 2011 , they signed a record deal with Columbia Records in North America . Steve Barnett , the co @-@ chairman of Columbia Records , said it was not a difficult decision to sign with One Direction . " Other artists in that category had gotten a little older , " he said . " I just thought there was a void , and maybe they could seize and hold it . "

= = Composition = =

Up All Night is predominately a pop music album which orientates into elements of the dance @-@ pop , teen pop , pop rock and power pop genres , with electropop and rock music influences . Instrumentation throughout the record is provided by guitar strings , drums and a piano . The album opens with lead single " What Makes You Beautiful " , an uptempo teen pop and power pop song . The opening guitar riff has been noted as similar to that of Grease single " Summer Nights " . " What Makes You Beautiful " has a guitar @-@ based chorus ; Digital Spy 's Robert Copsey likened it to a cross between Pink 's " Raise Your Glass " and McFly 's " All About You " . It also contains cowbell instrumentation , and the middle eight consists of an " oh na na na " hook . The second song on the album , as well as the second single , " Gotta Be You " , is a mid @-@ tempo pop rock ballad . Set in an orchestral arrangement , its instrumentation includes a guitar , piano lines , and abundant strings . The chorus of the song opens with falsettos that are followed by vocal harmonies .

The third single from the album , " One Thing " , is an upbeat pop rock song . The song has a " plucky " guitar riff and a " forceful " chorus with Lewis Corner of Digital Spy dubbing it " arena @-@ ready " . The song 's melody has been noted for similarities between Backstreet Boys song " I Want It That Way " . The fourth song on the album and fourth single , " More than This " , is a pop ballad . " More than This " contains sounds of synthesizers . The fifth song on the album , title track " Up All Night " , is an uptempo electropop and dance @-@ pop song . Lyrically , the song is a party @-@ anthem , with the Katy Perry name @-@ check in the chorus being noted by various publications . The sixth cut , " I Wish " , is a mid @-@ tempo pop ballad . The song 's lyrical tone has been compared to Robyn 's " Dancing On My Own " . The seventh song , " Tell Me a Lie " , is an uptempo pop rock song which features prominent guitar instrumentation and pulsating beats . The song was originally intended for Kelly Clarkson 's album Stronger ( 2011 ) . Clarkson spoke to Capital FM on how she was proud of the end result . " It 's a really cute song , I love it . I loved that they liked it . They sound really great on it . I already have it ? I 'm so VIP with my copy on my computer ! It does sound really good . "

The eighth track , " Taken " , is a guitar @-@ driven pop ballad . Lyrically , the song is about heartbreak and relationships . The ninth cut , " I Want " , is an uptempo pop rock song which features a prominent piano line . This song was co written by The Vaccines . The tenth song on the album , " Everything About You " , is an uptempo teen pop and electro pop song . The eleventh song on the album , " Same Mistakes " , is a mid @-@ tempo pop song , which utilizes piano lines , synthesizers and percussions . The twelfth track , " Save You Tonight " , is an uptempo synthpop song , and has a retro sound and arrangement . The thirteenth song , final song on the standard edition , " Stole My Heart " , is an uptempo dance @-@ pop track which has been noted for similarities between Taio Cruz 's hit 2010 single " Dynamite " . The first cut on the deluxe edition and overall fourteenth song on the album , " Stand Up " , is an uptempo electropop and pop rock song . The second song on the deluxe edition , " Moments " , is a mid @-@ tempo pop ballad . Instrumentation includes a gently strummed guitar and intermediate piano lines . The song 's lyrics revolve around an unrequited love . During the album 's UK launch in late 2011 , Tomlinson referred to the song as his favourite track on the album .

= = Promotion and release = =

Up All Night was made available on CD and digital download in two editions : the deluxe edition , in hard form shape of a yearbook , features a book @-@ sized collection of photos , quotes , and lyrics from the five members of One Direction , and two extra songs : " Stand Up " and " Moments " . The album was released by Syco Records in Ireland and the UK on 18 November 2011 and 21 November 2011 respectively . The album was released on 25 November 2011 and 28 November 2011 in Australia and New Zealand respectively . The album was fully released in Europe in early 2012 . The album was initially set for release in North America on 23 March 2012 through Columbia Records ; however , it was rescheduled for a one @-@ week earlier release on 13 March 2012 with Columbia Records releasing a statement : " due to overwhelming fan demand , their debut album will be released one week early on 13 March 2012 . "

For the North American release on 13 March 2012 , Columbia Records executives used social media to shape its marketing campaign . Columbia Records co @-@ chairman Steve Barnett and his team decided to reverse the usual pattern of releasing a single on radio . Instead the label mounted a four @-@ month marketing campaign aimed at building a fan base through social media before a single was ever released or played on the radio . The social media campaign asked fans to sign petitions and to enter video competitions to win a concert in their town . The campaign was a success as One Direction 's Facebook followers in the United States rose from 40 @,@ 000 to 400 @,@ 000 . " What Makes You Beautiful " sold more than 131 @,@ 000 copies in its first week , even though it had yet to be played on the radio . Radio programmers were flooded with calls from fans . Johnny Wright , who managed New Kids on the Block , Backstreet Boys and ' N Sync , said : " Now they are calling the radio station , and the radio station is scratching its head , saying , ? We don 't even have that record yet , ? . It 's almost like the return of The Beatles . I call it hype , but it 's positive hype because it 's all real . It 's not manufactured . No one paid these kids . "

= = = Live performances = = =

One Direction performed " What Makes You Beautiful " on Red or Black ? on 10 September 2011 . The performance started with hosts Ant & Dec announcing that the band was supposedly running late for their appearance , and cut to a video of One Direction boarding a London Tube carriage full of fans , as the studio version of the song began playing . Each fan on the tube was given a numbered ticket . The band and fans disembarked the tube and made their way to the television studio , where the remainder of the song was sung live . After the song , Styles caught a numbered ticket raining onstage . The number corresponded to a ticket held by a fan from the tube ; the colour of the fan 's shirt was the correct answer for the Red or Black ? challenge . The band performed " What Makes You Beautiful " and its B @-@ side , " Na Na Na " , at the BBC Radio 1 Teen Awards on 9 October 2011 . The band also performed the song to open telethon Children in Need 2011 on 19 November 2011 . One Direction performed " Gotta Be You " , " One Thing " , and " What Makes You Beautiful " at Capital FM 's Jingle Bell Ball on 4 December 2011 , at The O2 Arena . They performed a medley of " She Makes Me Wanna " and " What Makes You Beautiful " with JLS on the The X Factor 's eighth series final on 10 December 2011 . The group performed " One Thing " and " What Makes You Beautiful " on Dancing on Ice on 5 February 2012 .

In Italy , the group performed " What Makes You Beautiful " at the 2012 Sanremo Music Festival on 14 February 2012 . In France , they performed " What Makes You Beautiful " and " One Thing " on Le Grand Journal on 22 February 2012 . In the United States , One Direction performed " What Makes You Beautiful " , " More than This " and " One Thing " on The Today Show at the Rockefeller Center on 12 March 2012 . An estimated 15 @,@ 000 fans descended on the plaza . They also performed " What Makes You Beautiful " at the 2012 Kids ' Choice Awards on 31 March 2012 . One Direction performed " What Makes You Beautiful " and " One Thing " on comedy television show Saturday Night Live and also appeared in a comedy sketch with Sofía Vergara on 7 April 2012 . In Australia , they performed " One Thing " and " What Makes You Beautiful " at the 54th Logie Awards , where they also presented an award for " Most Popular New Female Talent " on 15 April 2012 . On 12 August 2012 , One Direction performed " What Makes You Beautiful " at the 2012 Summer Olympics closing ceremony in London , which represented the handover to Rio de Janeiro as the host of the 2016 Summer Olympics .

= = = Tour = = =

One Direction 's debut headline UK concert tour , the Up All Night Tour , was officially announced on 27 September 2011 . The tour began on 18 December 2011 in Watford , England and ended 26 January 2012 in Belfast , Northern Ireland . Shows in the UK and Ireland were an instant success ? many rumored to have sold out in under 10 seconds . In February 2012 , One Direction announced an Australasia leg , the tour dates set for April 2012 , set to visit cities Sydney , Brisbane , Melbourne , Auckland and Wellington . Once the first leg of the tour was complete , the band joined

Big Time Rush as an opening act on the Better With U Tour . On 21 March 2012 , One Direction announced an extended North American leg of the tour . The North American leg was set to start on 24 May 2012 and comprise 26 shows . Shortly after the announcement , British recording artist Olly Murs was confirmed to be the opening act for select dates on tour . On the tour , One Direction covered Kings of Leon 's " Use Somebody " , Gym Class Heroes ' " Stereo Hearts " , The Zutons ' " Valerie " , Ednaswap 's " Torn " and The Black Eyed Peas ' " I Gotta Feeling " . A recording of their tour , entitled Up All Night : The Live Tour , was released in late May 2012 .

= = Singles = =

Up All Night yielded four singles . The lead single , " What Makes You Beautiful " , was released in September 2011 and debuted at number one on the UK Singles Chart , after becoming the most pre-ordered Sony Music Entertainment single in history and selling 153 @, @ 965 copies in its first week . The single also topped the Irish and Scottish Singles Charts , and reached the top ten on the Australian and New Zealand Singles Charts , Flemish Ultratop 50 , Canadian Hot 100 , Japan Hot 100 and the United States Billboard Hot 100 . " What Makes You Beautiful " was released by Columbia Records in the United States on 14 February 2012 . In the US , the single became the highest Billboard Hot 100 debut for a British act since 1998 , when it debuted at number 28 . It peaked at number 4 on the Billboard Hot 100 and also became a chart success on other Billboard charts , reaching the top five on the Pop Songs , Adult Pop Songs , and Hot 100 Airplay charts , whilst topping the Hot Dance Club Songs chart . The track sold 3 @, @ 881 @, @ 000 copies in the United States in 2012 , becoming the best @-@ selling song by a boy band in digital history . With over 5 million copies sold worldwide , it is among the best @-@ selling singles of all time . At the 2012 BRIT Awards , the song won the BRIT Award for Best British Single .

" Gotta Be You " was released as the album 's second single in Ireland and the United Kingdom in November 2011 . The second single peaked on both the Irish and UK Singles Charts at number three . " One Thing " was released on 6 January 2012 as the second single in various European countries and in the UK as the third single on 13 February 2012 . The song also served as the album 's second single in the United States being sent to US contemporary hit radio ( CHR ) playlists on 22 May 2012 . The single peaked at number six and nine on the Irish and UK Singles Charts respectively , becoming the third consecutive top ten single for One Direction in Ireland and the UK . " One Thing " was One Direction 's second best @-@ selling song in the UK by August 2012 , denoting sales of 154 @, @ 000 copies . In Australia , One Direction became the second act of 2012 to have two singles in the top ten simultaneously with " One Thing " at number 3 and " What Makes You Beautiful " at number 10 . " One Thing " peaked at number 39 on the Billboard Hot 100 . The track was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) on 21 September 2012 , denoting sales of 1 @, @ 000 @, @ 000 copies . " More than This " was confirmed to be released as the fourth single by Sony Music Australia in early May 2012 . Released digitally on 25 May 2012 , the final single failed to replicate the success of its predecessors , charting in lower regions on the singles charts in Australia , Ireland , and the United Kingdom .

= = Critical reception = =

Up All Night received generally positive reviews from music critics . At Metacritic , which assigns a normalised rating out of 100 to reviews from mainstream critics , the album received an average score of 64 , which indicates " generally favourable reviews " . AllMusic 's Matthew Chisling commended the album for its appeal to the teenage audience , " limitless potential for the time being , this is a perfectly sized , and targeted , collection . " PopMatters ' Zachary Houle called the album a " laudable addition to the boy band pantheon " and a " well @-@ crafted slice of pop you can pop bubbles to " . Digital Spy 's Robert Copsey commended the album for " a collection of pg pop rock with killer choruses " and summarised it as " an adorable as expected debut with a surprising amount of bite " . Cosmopolitan 's Sophie Goddard lauded the album for a collection of " toe @-@ tappers that are just impossible to dislike " . The Independent editor Simon Price gave the album

two out of five stars , and in an assessment wrote : " the album consists of fifteen instalments of inoffensive daytime radio pop , of which half the songs sound like " I Want It That Way " by the Backstreet Boys , the other half like " Free Fallin ' " by Tom Petty , it will sell by the zillion . " Daily Star 's John Earls complimented the group for creating an album " that doesn 't take the easy route " , quipping that the album has " big personalities " and " belting fun pop anthems " , whilst Jody Rosen of Rolling Stone criticised the album for lacking personality . Adam Markovitz of Entertainment Weekly perceived that the album " won 't help the group earn much respect in music circles . But if a tween @-@ pop empire is what these boys are after , they 're definitely headed in the right direction " .

In a detailed review , Jason Lipshutz from Billboard wrote , [ Up All Night ] demonstrates an originality in sound that was necessary for the revitalization of the boy band movement . The electropop currently dominating Top 40 radio is seamlessly weaved into the pop harmonies made standards by ' N Sync , Backstreet Boys and 98 Degrees -- for instance , the title track sounds like a hybrid of Backstreet Boys ' " Larger than Life " and an LMFAO song , and even includes a Katy Perry name @-@ check . Up All Night has its ups and downs , but One Direction complete two important tasks on their debut album : the boy band notches a long @-@ lasting hit with " What Makes You Beautiful , " and they look forward instead of back . Get ready to hear a lot more of One Direction . Matthew Horton of Virgin Media opined that the album brims with " punchy pop rock " , and considered the dance @-@ orientated " Stole My Heart " : " the only misstep , which only reinforces their decision to go pop rock . " MSN Music 's Ben Chalk called the album : " manufactured , calculated and commercial " , assessing that the resulting album " is a corking pop album " . In his review , he also complimented the album for its collection of singles : " ' [ Up All Night ] is a collection of highly polished pop gems , which knows its market and gives it what it wants " .

= = Commercial performance = =

The album topped the charts in sixteen countries . Up All Night became the third best selling album of 2012 globally , selling 4 @.@ 5 million units . It entered the UK Albums Chart at number two on 27 November 2011 , selling 138 @,@ 631 copies , becoming the UK 's fastest @-@ selling debut album of 2011 and also the fastest selling album of 2011 to miss out on the top spot . The album was kept off the top spot by the first week sales of Rihanna 's Talk That Talk , which sold 163 @,@ 819 copies . The album became the sixteenth biggest @-@ selling album in the UK of 2011 , with 468 @,@ 000 copies sold . As of 8 December 2012 , the album had sold 777 @,@ 000 copies in the UK . The record became the fifteenth best @-@ selling album in the UK of 2012 , with sales of 372 @,@ 000 copies . It was certified double platinum by the British Phonographic Industry ( BPI ) on 15 February 2013 , denoting shipments of 600 @,@ 000 copies . As of November 2014 , the album has sold 1 @,@ 086 @,@ 434 copies in the UK . The record held the runner @-@ up position for four non @-@ consecutive weeks on the Irish Albums Chart , and was the tenth biggest selling album in 2011 in Ireland . After six months in the Irish Albums Chart top twenty , the album peaked at number one in its twenty @-@ seventh week . The album topped the Australian ARIA Chart for five consecutive weeks , and was certified quintuple platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association ( ARIA ) , denoting shipments of 350 @,@ 000 units . In New Zealand , the album topped New Zealand Albums Chart for three non @-@ consecutive weeks , and was certified triple platinum by Recording Industry Association of New Zealand ( RIANZ ) , denoting shipments of 45 @,@ 000 units .

The album debuted atop the Italian Albums Chart on the issue dated 16 February 2012 . It was certified platinum by Federation of the Italian Music Industry ( FIMI ) , denoting sales of 60 @,@ 000 units . In Mexico , the album topped the Mexican Albums Chart for twelve non @-@ consecutive weeks , and was certified four times platinum by the Mexican Recording Industry Association ( AMPROFON ) , denoting shipments of 240 @,@ 000 units . In Canada , the album bowed atop the Canadian Albums Chart with first @-@ week sales of 35 @,@ 000 copies , which made One Direction the first UK group in Canadian chart history to enter at number one with their debut album ,

and the first international act to debut at number one in the Nielsen SoundScan era ( post 1991 ) with their debut album . The album has been certified double platinum by Music Canada , denoting shipments of 160 @,@ 000 units . The album went straight to number one on the United States Billboard 200 chart , selling 176 @,@ 000 copies in its first week , which made One Direction the first UK group in US chart history to debut at number one with their first album . They were inducted into the Guinness World Records as a result . The album was certified two times platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) on 26 July 2012 , denoting shipments of 2 @,@ 000 @,@ 000 copies . Up All Night also became the first album by a boy band to sell 500 @,@ 000 digital copies in the US by October 2012 . The album has sold over 2 @.@ 05 million copies in the United States as of August 2015 .

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Credits adapted from album liner notes .

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( Credits taken from AllMusic and Up All Night 's liner notes . )

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