

= The Singles 1992 ? 2003 =

The Singles 1992 ? 2003 is a greatest hits album by American rock band No Doubt , released on November 14 , 2003 by Interscope Records . It features thirteen of the band 's singles from three studio albums ? Tragic Kingdom (1995) , Return of Saturn (2000) , and Rock Steady (2001) ? and the single " Trapped in a Box " from their 1992 self @-@ titled debut album . The album also included a cover of Talk Talk 's 1984 song " It 's My Life " , the only new song on the album and which was released as a single . It was released alongside the DVD Rock Steady Live , a video of a concert as part of the band 's Rock Steady tour in 2002 , and the box set Boom Box , which contained The Singles 1992 ? 2003 , Everything in Time , The Videos 1992 ? 2003 , and Live in the Tragic Kingdom .

No Doubt went into hiatus in April 2003 after the release of four singles from their fifth studio album , Rock Steady , allowing the four members to spend time with loved ones . This also allowed their lead singer , Gwen Stefani , to work on her solo music side project , under which she has released two albums , Love . Angel . Music . Baby. in November 2004 and The Sweet Escape in December 2006 . The band regrouped in September 2003 to record the lead single for the album , " It 's My Life " , with producer Nellee Hooper . Additionally , in May 2010 , the band regrouped again to start work on their latest record .

The album sold moderately well , being certified double platinum in the United States , United Kingdom and Canada , and platinum in Australia . It received mostly positive reviews from music critics , who praised the variety of music genres on the album . The album was re @-@ released on November 2 , 2010 under the title Icon , featuring different artwork .

= = Background = =

No Doubt released their fifth studio album , Rock Steady , in December 2001 and from it released four singles , " Hey Baby " , " Hella Good " , " Underneath It All " , and " Running " between 2001 and 2003 . The album was commercially successful , selling three million copies worldwide and being certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America . In April 2003 , No Doubt went into hiatus to take a break to spend time with their families before starting to compile The Singles 1992 ? 2003 , which would feature the band 's greatest hits from their previous albums .

The main reason to go into hiatus was that , in early 2003 , their lead singer Gwen Stefani started work on her 1980s @-@ inspired new wave / dance @-@ pop music side project , under which she has released two solo albums ? Love . Angel . Music . Baby. on November 23 , 2004 and The Sweet Escape on December 5 , 2006 .

= = Music = =

The album was a compilation of thirteen commercially released singles by the band from their previous studio albums , Tragic Kingdom , Return of Saturn , and Rock Steady , as well as the independently released single " Trapped in a Box " from No Doubt 's self @-@ titled debut album , and a brand @-@ new cover version of " It 's My Life " . However , The Singles did not include " Happy Now ? " and " Hey You ! " , two singles from Tragic Kingdom , neither of which were commercially successful , or " Squeal " and " Doghouse " from The Beacon Street Collection , which were both independently released . " Girls Get the Bass in the Back " , a remix of " Hey Baby " , and a live acoustic version of " Underneath It All " were included as bonus tracks on international pressings of the album .

= = = Production = = =

Being a greatest hits album and containing only one new song , recording The Singles 1992 ? 2003 took very little time compared with the band 's studio albums . Production started in September 2003 with the recording of a cover version of Talk Talk 's song " It 's My Life " , produced by Nellee

Hooper . The accompanying music video for the song was filmed by director David LaChapelle at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles . Stefani insisted that just because no songwriting was involved in the production of the album did not mean no effort would be needed : the band had to decide which of their songs to include and which to leave out . Two months later on November 25 , the album was released along with the B @-@ side , rarity , and remix collection Everything in Time and box set Boom Box .

= = = Singles = = =

The only single from The Singles 1992 ? 2003 was a cover of the song " It 's My Life " , originally released in 1984 by the synthpop band Talk Talk . Because the band were taking a break while lead singer Stefani recorded her solo debut album Love . Angel . Music . Baby . , they decided to do a cover version to avoid having to write a new song . The band listened to hundreds of songs and narrowed it down to " It 's My Life " and the song " Don 't Change " , released in 1982 by Australian new wave band INXS . No Doubt had doubts on recording a cover and contemplated writing new material , but decided on " It 's My Life " after rehearsing the song with producer Nellee Hooper , referring to it as a " feel @-@ good " song . Stefani stated :

We thought [choosing a song to cover] was going to be so easy , because that was the idea ? ' Let 's just do something that 's fun and easy , why do we also have to , like , torture ourselves . ' We went and listened to hundreds of songs , hundreds , and imagine trying to pick one , between the four of us ? Oh my God , it was ridiculous .

" It 's My Life " later became one of the band 's biggest hits , being certified platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association and gold by the Recording Industry Association of America . The song was nominated for Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals at the 47th Grammy Awards , but lost out to Los Lonely Boys ' " Heaven " . Stuart Price (also known as Jacques Lu Cont) , the song 's programmer , created the Thin White Duke mix of " It 's My Life " , which won the award for Best Remixed Recording , Non @-@ Classical .

= = Critical reception = =

The Singles 1992 ? 2003 was generally well received by music critics . Mike McGuirk of Rhapsody described the album as " a real joy for anyone who has a taste for Gwen Stefani 's yearning vocals and her band 's uncanny ability to mix ska , teen pop and hip @-@ hop . " Stephen Thomas Erlewine of Allmusic called the album a " stellar collection " , concluding that it is " the kind of compilation that satisfies fans of all stripes and converts skeptics . It 's the greatest @-@ hits package that [No Doubt] deserve [s] . " Anthony Thornton of NME stated , " Despite being an album packed with as much drama as the band themselves have suffered , it 'll be the pop anthems you come back for and fortunately there 's enough here to keep even the soap addicts happy . " Sara McDonnell of musicOMH wrote that the album 's music had " sheer diversity " due to the band 's " pick ' n mix approach to musical styles " . The high points were " Gwen Stefani 's lyrics , which deal principally with coming to terms with her own femininity " and " the band 's collaborations with various hip producers " , such as The Neptunes , Nellee Hooper and Sly and Robbie ; and the low points were the album 's " hotch @-@ potch feel " , " random tracklisting " and the " forays into reggae " . Ruth Mitchell of the BBC Music viewed the album as a typical Christmas album that was " unlikely to stand out from the crowd " and " too long , [getting] tiresome about half way through " , although complimenting " Just a Girl " , " Hey Baby " and " Underneath It All " . However , she also expressed disappointment at the placement of " Don 't Speak " , " the foursome 's most glorious pop moment " , at the end of the album . The Rolling Stone Album Guide later gave the album four stars out of five .

= = Commercial performance = =

The Singles 1992 ? 2003 debuted at number two on the Billboard 200 , selling 253 @,@ 000 copies

in its first week . The album was certified double platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) on July 21 , 2004 , and has sold 2 @. @ 2 million copies in the United States . In Canada , the album was certified double platinum on June 13 , 2005 by the Canadian Recording Industry Association , denoting sales of over 200 @, @ 000 copies . In Australia , the album was certified gold in 2003 and platinum in 2004 by the Australian Recording Industry Association , signalling sales of over 35 @, @ 000 and 70 @, @ 000 units , respectively .

= = Track listing = =

Notes

^ a signifies an additional producer

^ b signifies an executive producer

^ c signifies a remixer

= = Personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of The Singles 1992 ? 2003 .

No Doubt

Gwen Stefani ? vocals

Tom Dumont ? additional engineering , programming (tracks 3 , 10) , guitar , keyboards

Tony Kanal ? additional engineering , programming (tracks 3 , 10) , saxophone (track 8) , bass , keyboards

Adrian Young ? drums , percussion

No Doubt ? production (tracks 2 , 3 , 6 ? 8 , 10 , 15 , 16)

Additional personnel

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =

= = Release history = =