

= Eminem =

Marshall Bruce Mathers III (born October 17 , 1972) , known professionally as Eminem (often stylized as EMIN?M) , is an American rapper , songwriter , record producer , and actor from Detroit , Michigan . In addition to his solo career , he is a member of D12 , and with Royce da 5 ' 9 " is one half of the hip @-@ hop duo Bad Meets Evil . Eminem is the best @-@ selling artist of the 2000s in the United States . Rolling Stone ranked him 83rd on its list of 100 Greatest Artists of All Time , calling him the King of Hip Hop . Including his work with D12 and Bad Meets Evil , Eminem has had ten number @-@ one albums on the Billboard 200 . He has sold more than 172 million albums , making him one of the world 's best @-@ selling artists . As of June 2014 , Eminem is the second @-@ bestselling male artist of the Nielsen SoundScan era , the sixth @-@ bestselling artist in the United States and the bestselling hip @-@ hop artist , with sales of 45 @.@ 1 million albums and 42 million tracks (including 31 million digital single certifications) .

After his debut album Infinite (1996) , Eminem achieved mainstream popularity in 1999 with his The Slim Shady LP , which earned him his first Grammy Award for Best Rap Album . His next two releases , 2000 's The Marshall Mathers LP and 2002 's The Eminem Show , were worldwide successes , with each being certified diamond in U.S. sales and both winning Best Rap Album Grammy Awards (making Eminem the first artist to win the award for three consecutive LPs) . They were followed by Encore in 2004 , another critical and commercial success . Eminem went on hiatus after touring in 2005 , releasing Relapse in 2009 and Recovery in 2010 . Both won Grammy Awards and Recovery was the best @-@ selling album of 2010 worldwide , the second time he had the international best @-@ selling album of the year (after The Eminem Show) . Eminem 's eighth album , 2013 's The Marshall Mathers LP 2 , won two Grammy Awards , including Best Rap Album ; it expanded his record for the most wins in that category and his Grammy total to 15 .

Eminem has developed other ventures , including Shady Records with manager Paul Rosenberg . He has his own channel , Shade 45 , on Sirius XM Radio . In November 2002 , Eminem starred in the hip hop film 8 Mile . He won the Academy Award for Best Original Song for " Lose Yourself " , the first rap artist to win the award . Eminem has made cameo appearances in the films The Wash (2001) , Funny People (2009) , The Interview (2014) and the television series Entourage (2010) .

= = Life and career = =

= = = 1972 ? 91 : Early life = = =

Mathers was born on October 17 , 1972 , in St. Joseph , Missouri . He is the only child of Marshall Bruce Mathers , Jr . (born June 30 , 1951 , known as Bruce) and Deborah Rae Nelson (born January 6 , 1955 , and known as Debbie) . Eminem is of English , German , Scottish and Swiss descent . Debbie was 14 when she met 18 @-@ year @-@ old Bruce ; at age 17 , she nearly died during her 73 @-@ hour labor . Eminem 's parents were in a band called Daddy Warbucks , playing in Ramada Inns along the Dakotas @-@ Montana border before their separation . Bruce left the family , moving to California and having two other children : Michael and Sarah (born c . 1982) . Debbie later had a son , Nathan Kane Samara , born February 3 , 1986 also known as Nate . During his childhood Eminem and Debbie shuttled between Missouri and Michigan , rarely staying in one house for more than a year or two and living primarily with family members . In Missouri they lived in several places , including Saint Joseph , Savannah and Kansas City . As a teenager , Eminem wrote letters to his father ; according to Debbie , all came back marked " Return to sender . " Friends and family remember Eminem as a happy child , but " a bit of a loner " who was often bullied . One bully , De 'Angelo Bailey , severely injured Eminem in the head ; Debbie Nelson filed a lawsuit against the school in 1982 , which was dismissed the following year .

Eminem spent much of his youth in a lower @-@ middle @-@ class , primarily black Detroit neighborhood . He and Debbie were one of three white households on their block , and Eminem

was beaten by black youths several times . As a child he was interested in storytelling , aspiring to be a comic book artist before discovering hip hop . Eminem heard his first rap song (" Reckless " , featuring Ice T) on the Breakin ' soundtrack , a gift from Debbie 's half brother Ronnie Polkinghorn , who later became a music mentor to him . When Polkinghorn committed suicide in 1991 , Eminem stopped speaking for days and did not attend his funeral .

Eminem 's home life was seldom stable ; he frequently fought with his mother , whom a social worker described as having a " very suspicious , almost paranoid personality " . When her son became famous , Debbie bristled at suggestions that she was a less than ideal mother contending that she sheltered him and was responsible for his success . In 1987 , Debbie allowed runaway Kimberly Ann " Kim " Scott to stay at their home ; several years later , Eminem began an on and off relationship with Scott . After spending three years in ninth grade due to truancy and poor grades , he dropped out of Lincoln High School at age 17 . Although he was interested in English , he never explored literature (preferring comic books) and disliked math and social studies . Eminem worked at several jobs to help his mother pay the bills , later maintaining that she often threw him out of the house anyway . When she left to play bingo , he would blast the stereo and write songs .

At age 14 , he began rapping with high school friend Mike Ruby ; they adopted the names " Manix " and " M & M , " the latter of which evolved into " Eminem " . Eminem snuck into neighboring Osborn High School with friend and fellow rapper Proof for lunchroom freestyle rap battles . On Saturdays they attended open mic contests at the Hip Hop Shop on West 7 Mile , considered ground zero for the Detroit rap scene . Struggling to succeed in a predominantly black industry , Eminem was appreciated by underground hip hop audiences . When he wrote verses , he wanted most of the words to rhyme ; he wrote long words or phrases on paper and , underneath , worked on rhymes for each syllable . Although the words often made little sense , the drill helped Eminem practice sounds and rhymes .

== 1992 - 99 : Early career , Infinite , and The Slim Shady LP ==

As Eminem 's reputation grew , he was recruited by several rap groups ; the first was the New Jacks . After they disbanded he joined Soul Intent , who released a single on their 1995 self titled EP featuring Proof . Eminem and Proof then teamed up with four other rappers to form The Dirty Dozen (D12) , who released their first album Devil 's Night in 2001 . Eminem had his first run in with the law at age 20 , when he was arrested for his involvement in a drive by shooting with a paintball gun . The case was dismissed when the victim did not appear in court .

Eminem was soon signed to Jeff and Mark Bass 's FBT Productions , and recorded his debut album Infinite for their independent Web Entertainment label . One lyrical subject of Infinite was his struggle to raise his newborn daughter , Hailie Jade Scott Mathers , on little money . During this period Eminem 's rhyming style , primarily inspired by rappers Nas , Esham and AZ , lacked the comically violent slant for which he later became known . Detroit disc jockeys largely ignored Infinite , and the feedback Eminem did receive (" Why don 't you go into rock and roll ? ") led him to craft angrier , moodier tracks . At this time Eminem and Kim Scott lived in a crime ridden neighborhood , and their house was robbed several times . Eminem cooked and washed dishes for minimum wage at Gilbert 's Lodge , a family style restaurant at St. Clair Shores . His former boss described him as becoming a model employee , as he worked 60 hours a week for six months after Hailie 's birth . He was fired shortly before Christmas , and later said , " It was , like , five days before Christmas , which is Hailie 's birthday . I had , like , forty dollars to get her something . " After the release of Infinite , his personal problems and substance abuse culminated in a suicide attempt . By March 1997 he was fired from Gilbert 's Lodge for the last time , and lived in his mother 's mobile home with Kim and Hailie .

Eminem attracted more attention when he developed Slim Shady , a sadistic , violent alter ego . The character , " a drug dealing , bloodthirsty thug who spits furious rhymes about murder , rape , drugs and living by the law of the urban jungle " , allowed him to express his anger . In the spring of 1997 he recorded his debut EP , the Slim Shady EP , which was released that winter by

Web Entertainment . The EP , with frequent references to drug use , sexual acts , mental instability and violence , also explored the more @-@ serious themes of dealing with poverty and marital and family difficulties and revealed his direct , self @-@ deprecating response to criticism . Hip @-@ hop magazine The Source featured Eminem in its " Unsigned Hype " column in March 1998 .

After he was evicted from his home , Eminem went to Los Angeles to compete in the 1997 Rap Olympics , an annual , nationwide battle rap competition . He placed second , and Interscope Records staff in attendance sent a copy of the Slim Shady EP to company CEO Jimmy Iovine . Iovine played the tape for record producer Dr. Dre , founder of Aftermath Entertainment and founding member of hip @-@ hop group N.W.A. Dre recalled , " In my entire career in the music industry , I have never found anything from a demo tape or a CD . When Jimmy played this , I said , ' Find him . Now . ' " Although his associates criticized him for hiring a white rapper , he was confident in his decision : " I don 't give a fuck if you 're purple ; if you can kick it , I 'm working with you . " Eminem had idolized Dre since listening to N.W.A as a teenager , and was nervous about working with him on an album : " I didn 't want to be starstruck or kiss his ass too much ... I 'm just a little white boy from Detroit . I had never seen stars , let alone Dr. Dre . " He became more comfortable working with Dre after a series of productive recording sessions .

Eminem released The Slim Shady LP in February 1999 . Although it was one of the year 's most popular albums (certified triple platinum by the end of the year) , he was accused of imitating the style and subject matter of underground rapper Cage . The album 's popularity was accompanied by controversy over its lyrics ; in " ' 97 Bonnie and Clyde " Eminem describes a trip with his infant daughter when he disposes of his wife 's body , and in " Guilty Conscience " which encourages a man to murder his wife and her lover . Guilty Conscience marked the beginning of a friendship and musical bond between Dr. Dre and Eminem . The label @-@ mates later collaborated on a number of hit songs (" Forgot About Dre " and " What 's the Difference " from Dr. Dre 's album 2001 , " Bitch Please II " from The Marshall Mathers LP , " Say What You Say " from The Eminem Show , " Encore / Curtains Down " from Encore , and " Old Time 's Sake " and " Crack a Bottle " from Relapse) , and Dre made at least one guest appearance on each of Eminem 's Aftermath albums . The Slim Shady LP has been certified quadruple platinum by the RIAA .

= = = 2000 ? 02 : The Marshall Mathers LP and The Eminem Show = = =

The Marshall Mathers LP was released in May 2000 . It sold 1 @, @ 760 @, @ 000 copies in its first week , breaking US records held by Snoop Dogg 's Doggystyle for fastest @-@ selling hip hop album and Britney Spears ' ... Baby One More Time for fastest @-@ selling solo album . The first single from the album , " The Real Slim Shady " , was a success despite controversies about Eminem 's insults and dubious claims about celebrities (for example , that Christina Aguilera had performed oral sex on Fred Durst and Carson Daly) . In his second single , " The Way I Am " , he reveals the pressure from his record company to top " My Name Is " . Although Eminem parodied shock rocker Marilyn Manson in the music video for " My Name Is " , they are reportedly on good terms ; Manson is mentioned in " The Way I Am " , appeared in its music video and has performed a live remix of the song with Eminem . In the third single , " Stan " (which samples Dido 's " Thank You ") Eminem tries to deal with his new fame , assuming the persona of a deranged fan who kills himself and his pregnant girlfriend (mirroring " ' 97 Bonnie & Clyde " from The Slim Shady LP) . Q magazine called " Stan " the third @-@ greatest rap song of all time , and it was ranked tenth in a Top40 @-@ Charts.com survey . The song has since been ranked 296th on Rolling Stone magazine 's " 500 Greatest Songs of All Time " list . In July 2000 , Eminem was the first white artist to appear on the cover of The Source magazine . The Marshall Mathers LP has been certified 11 x platinum by the RIAA .

Eminem performed with Elton John at the 43rd Grammy Awards ceremony in 2001 , with the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD , an organization which considered Eminem 's lyrics homophobic) condemning John 's decision to perform with Eminem . Entertainment Weekly placed the appearance on its end @-@ of @-@ decade " best @-@ of " list : " It was the hug heard ' round the world . Eminem , under fire for homophobic lyrics , shared the stage with a gay icon for a

performance of " Stan " that would have been memorable in any context . " On February 21 , the day of the awards ceremony , GLAAD held a protest outside the Staples Center (the ceremony 's venue) . In 2001 Eminem appeared in the Up in Smoke Tour with rappers Dr. Dre , Snoop Dogg , Xzibit and Ice Cube and the Family Values Tour with Limp Bizkit , headlining the Anger Management Tour with Papa Roach , Ludacris and Xzibit .

The Eminem Show was released in May 2002 . It was another success , reaching number one on the charts and selling over 1 @. @ 332 million copies during its first full week . The album 's single , " Without Me " , denigrates boy bands , Limp Bizkit , Dick and Lynne Cheney , Moby and others . The Eminem Show (certified 10 × platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America) examines the effects of the rapper 's rise to fame , his relationship with his wife and daughter and his status in the hip @-@ hop community , addressing an assault charge brought by a bouncer he saw kissing his wife in 2000 . Although several tracks are clearly angry , Stephen Thomas Erlewine of AllMusic found The Eminem Show less inflammatory than The Marshall Mathers LP . L. Brent Bozell III , who had criticized The Marshall Mathers LP for misogynistic lyrics , noted The Eminem Show 's extensive use of obscenity and called the rapper " Eminef " for the prevalence of the word " motherfucker " on the album . The Eminem Show was the best @-@ selling album of 2002 .

= = = 2003 ? 07 : Encore and musical hiatus = = =

On December 8 , 2003 , the United States Secret Service said that it was " looking into " allegations that Eminem had threatened the President of the United States . The cause for concern was the lyrics of " We As Americans " (" Fuck money / I don 't rap for dead presidents / I 'd rather see the president dead / It 's never been said , but I set precedents ") , which was later released on a bonus CD with the deluxe edition of Encore .

Encore , released in 2004 , was another success . Its sales were partially driven by the first single , " Just Lose It " , which contained slurs about Michael Jackson . On October 12 , 2004 , a week after the release of " Just Lose It " , Jackson phoned the Los Angeles @-@ based Steve Harvey radio show to report his displeasure with its video (which parodies Jackson 's child molestation trial , plastic surgery and the 1984 incident when Jackson 's hair caught fire during the filming of a commercial) . In the song Eminem says , " That 's not a stab at Michael / That 's just a metaphor / I 'm just psycho " . Many of Jackson 's friends and supporters spoke out against the video , including Stevie Wonder (who described it as " kicking a man while he 's down " and " bullshit ") and Steve Harvey (who said , " Eminem has lost his ghetto pass . We want the pass back ") . The video also parodied Pee @-@ wee Herman , MC Hammer and Madonna during her Blond Ambition period . " Weird Al " Yankovic , who parodied the Eminem song " Lose Yourself " on " Couch Potato " for his 2003 album Poodle Hat , told the Chicago Sun @-@ Times about Jackson 's protest : " Last year , Eminem forced me to halt production on the video for my ' Lose Yourself ' parody because he somehow thought that it would be harmful to his image or career . So the irony of this situation with Michael is not lost on me . " Although Black Entertainment Television stopped playing the video , MTV announced that it would continue to air it . The Source , through CEO Raymond " Benzino " Scott , called for the video to be pulled , the song removed from the album and Eminem to apologize publicly to Jackson . In 2007 Jackson and Sony bought Famous Music from Viacom , giving him the rights to songs by Eminem , Shakira , Beck and others .

Despite its lead single 's humorous theme , Encore explored serious subject matter with the anti @-@ war song " Mosh " . The song criticized President George W. Bush as " This weapon of mass destruction that we call our president " , with lyrics including " Fuck Bush " . On October 25 , 2004 , a week before the 2004 US Presidential election , Eminem released the video for " Mosh " on the Internet . In it , Eminem gathers an army (including rapper Lloyd Banks) of Bush @-@ administration victims and leads them to the White House . When they break in , it is learned that they are there to register to vote ; the video ends with " VOTE Tuesday November 2 " . After Bush 's reelection , the video 's ending was changed to Eminem and the protesters invading the White House during a speech by the president .

In 2005 , industry insiders speculated that Eminem was considering ending his rapping career after

six years and several multi @-@ platinum albums . Rumors began early in the year about a double album to be released late that year , entitled The Funeral ; the greatest hits album , entitled Curtain Call : The Hits , was released in December . In July the Detroit Free Press reported a possible final bow for Eminem as a solo performer , quoting members of his inner circle as saying that he would embrace the roles of producer and label executive . The day of Curtain Call : The Hits 's release , Eminem appeared on WKQI 's " Mojo in the Morning " show . Denying that he was retiring , he suggested he would take a break as an artist : " I 'm at a point in my life right now where I feel like I don 't know where my career is going ... This is the reason that we called it ' Curtain Call ' , because this could be the final thing . We don 't know . " The following year , Eminem released Eminem Presents : The Re @-@ Up on Shady Records .

In 2005 the rapper was ranked 58th in Bernard Goldberg 's book , 100 People Who Are Screwing Up America . Goldberg cited a 2001 column by Bob Herbert of The New York Times , in which Herbert wrote " In Eminem 's world , all women are whores and he is eager to rape and murder them " , and the song " No One 's Iller " from the Slim Shady EP as examples of the rapper 's misogyny . That summer Eminem began his first US concert tour in three years , with the Anger Management 3 Tour featuring 50 Cent , G @-@ Unit , Lil Jon , D12 , Obie Trice and The Alchemist . In August he canceled the European leg of the tour , later announcing that he had entered drug rehabilitation for treatment of a " dependency on sleep medication " . Curtain Call : The Hits was released December 6 , 2005 by Aftermath Entertainment . During its first week it sold nearly 441 @,@ 000 copies in the US , and was Eminem 's fourth consecutive number @-@ one album on the Billboard Hot 200 . The album has been certified double platinum by the RIAA .

In September 2007 Eminem called New York radio station WQHT during an interview with 50 Cent , saying that he was " in limbo " and " debating " about when (or if) he would release another album : " I 'm always working ? I 'm always in the studio . It feels good right now , the energy of the label . For a while , I didn 't want to go back to the studio ... I went through some personal things . I 'm coming out of those personal things [and] it feels good . "

= = = 2008 ? 09 : Relapse and Refill = = =

Eminem appeared on his Shade 45 Sirius channel in September 2008 , saying : " Right now I 'm kinda just concentrating on my own stuff , for right now and just banging out tracks and producing a lot of stuff . You know , the more I keep producing the better it seems like I get ' cause I just start knowing stuff . " Interscope confirmed that a new album would be released in spring 2009 . In December 2008 the rapper provided a few more details about the album , entitled Relapse : " Me and Dre are back in the lab like the old days , man . Dre will end up producing the majority of the tracks on ' Relapse ' . We are up to our old mischievous ways ... let 's just leave it at that . "

According to a March 5 , 2009 press release , Eminem would release two new albums that year . Relapse , the first , was released on May 19 ; its first single and music video , " We Made You " , had been released on April 7 . Although Relapse did not sell as well as the rapper 's previous albums , it was a commercial success which received positive reviews and re @-@ established his presence in the hip @-@ hop world . Relapse was named one of the top albums of 2009 , and has sold more than five million copies worldwide . During the 2009 MTV Movie Awards , Sacha Baron Cohen descended on the audience in an angel costume . He landed buttocks @-@ first on Eminem , who stormed out of the ceremony ; three days later , the rapper said that the stunt had been staged . On October 30 he headlined at the Voodoo Experience in New Orleans , his first full performance of the year . Eminem 's act included several songs from Relapse , many of his older hits and an appearance by D12 . On November 19 , he announced on his website that Relapse : Refill would be released on December 21 . The album was a re @-@ release of Relapse with seven bonus tracks , including " Forever " and " Taking My Ball " . Eminem described the CD :

I want to deliver more material for the fans this year like I originally planned ... Hopefully these tracks on The Refill will tide the fans over until we put out Relapse 2 next year ... I got back in with Dre and then a few more producers , including Just Blaze , and went in a completely different direction which made me start from scratch . The new tracks started to sound very different than the

tracks I originally intended to be on Relapse 2 , but I still want the other stuff to be heard .

= = = 2010 ? 11 : Recovery and Bad Meets Evil reunion = = =

On April 14 , 2010 , Eminem tweeted : " There is no Relapse 2 " . Although his followers thought he was not releasing an album , he had changed its title to Recovery and confirmed this by tweeting " RECOVERY " with a link to his website . According to the rapper :

I had originally planned for Relapse 2 to come out last year . But as I kept recording and working with new producers , the idea of a sequel to Relapse started to make less and less sense to me , and I wanted to make a completely new album . The music on Recovery came out very different from Relapse , and I think it deserves its own title .

His seventh album was released on June 18 . In the US Recovery sold 741 @, @ 000 copies during its first week , topping the Billboard 200 chart . Eminem 's sixth consecutive US number @-@ one album also topped the charts in several other countries . Recovery remained atop the Billboard 200 chart for five consecutive weeks of a seven @-@ week total .

Billboard reported that it was the bestselling album of 2010 , making Eminem the first artist in Nielsen SoundScan history with two year @-@ end bestselling albums . Recovery is the bestselling digital album in history . Its first single , " Not Afraid " , was released on April 29 and debuted atop the Billboard Hot 100 ; its music video was released on June 4 . " Not Afraid " was followed by " Love the Way You Lie " , which debuted at number two before rising to the top . Although " Love the Way You Lie " was the bestselling 2010 single in the United Kingdom , it did not reach number one (the first time this has happened in the UK since 1969) . Despite criticism of its inconsistency , Recovery received positive reviews from most critics . As of November 21 , 2010 , the album had US sales of three million copies . Recovery was the bestselling album worldwide in 2010 , joining 2002 's bestseller The Eminem Show to give the rapper two worldwide year @-@ end number @-@ one albums . With Recovery , Eminem broke the record for the most successive US number @-@ one albums by a solo artist .

He appeared at the 2010 BET Awards , performing " Not Afraid " and " Airplanes , Part II " with B.o.B , and performed at the Activision E3 concert . In June Eminem and Jay @-@ Z announced they would perform together in Detroit and New York , at concerts called The Home & Home Tour . The first two concerts quickly sold out , prompting an additional show in each city . BET called Eminem the number @-@ one rapper of the 21st century . He opened the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards on September 12 , performing " Not Afraid " and " Love the Way You Lie " with Rihanna singing the choruses . Due to the success of Recovery and the Home & Home Tour , Eminem was named the 2010 Hottest MC in the Game by MTV and Emcee of the Year by the online magazine HipHopDX . He and Rihanna again collaborated on " Love the Way You Lie (Part II) " , the sequel of their hit single . Unlike the original , Rihanna is the lead vocalist and it is sung from the female perspective . In December 2010 , the " Great Eminem Recovery " was number one on Billboard 's Top 25 Music Moments of 2010 . He appeared at the 2011 Grammy Awards on February 13 , performing " Love the Way You Lie (Part II) " with Rihanna and Adam Levine and " I Need a Doctor " with Dr. Dre and Skylar Grey . That month it was announced that " Space Bound " would be the fourth single from Recovery , with a music video featuring former porn star Sasha Grey ; the video was released June 24 on the iTunes Store .

In 2010 , Eminem again began collaborating with Royce da 5 ' 9 " on their first EP as Bad Meets Evil ; the duo formed in 1999 . The EP , Hell : The Sequel , was released on June 14 , 2011 . Eminem was featured on Royce da 5 ' 9 " 's " Writer 's Block " , released on April 8 , 2011 . On May 3 they released the lead single " Fast Lane " from their upcoming EP , and a music video was filmed . In March 2011 , within days of each other , The Eminem Show and The Marshall Mathers LP were certified diamond by the RIAA ; Eminem is the only rapper with two diamond @-@ certified albums . With more than 60 million " likes " he was the most @-@ followed person on Facebook , outscoring Lady Gaga , Justin Bieber , Rihanna and Michael Jackson . Eminem was the first artist in five years with two number @-@ one albums (Recovery and Hell : The Sequel) in a 12 @-@ month period . Early in 2011 he leaked " 2 @-@ 0 Boys " , on which Yelawolf and Slaughterhouse collaborated

when they signed with Shady Records in January , and performed it in April . Bad Meets Evil released their next single , " Lighters " , on July 6 and its music video in late August . On August 6 , Eminem performed several songs from throughout his career at Lollapalooza with the artists who had been featured on each song .

== 2012 ? 13 : The Marshall Mathers LP 2 ==

Eminem announced on May 24 , 2012 that he was working on his next album , scheduled for release the following year . Without a title or release date , it was included on a number of " Most Anticipated Albums of 2013 " lists (including MTV) ; Complex Magazine ranked it sixth , and XXL listed it fifth .

He talked about the album on June 30 , 2012 , with DJ Whoo Kid on Shade 45 ; the material was taking shape , and Dr. Dre would be involved . On August 30 , Slaughterhouse member Royce da 5 ' 9 " said about it : " I 'm not so sure how the world is going to respond from some of the things that I 've heard from him . " Friend and fellow rapper 50 Cent was confirmed as appearing on the album . Eminem appeared on Pink 's " Here Comes The Weekend " , from The Truth About Love .

On February 11 , 2013 , Shady Records president and Eminem manager Paul Rosenberg announced that the rapper 's eighth album would be released after Memorial Day . " We fully expect to be releasing a new Eminem album in 2013 . He 's been working on it for some time , " said Rosenberg . " It 's safe to say that it will be post @-@ Memorial Day at some point , but we 're not exactly sure when . We 've got some dates locked in for him to perform live in Europe in August , so we 're trying to see what else lines up . " The album remained untitled . On March 22 , Dr. Dre said that he worked with Eminem on the album and it was nearly finished ; No I.D. was confirmed as producer .

On August 14 " Survival " , featuring Liz Rodrigues and produced by DJ Khalil , premiered in the multi @-@ player trailer for the video game Call of Duty : Ghosts . According to a press release , the first single from Eminem 's eighth album would be released soon . During the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards , it was announced that the album would be entitled The Marshall Mathers LP 2 (following The Marshall Mathers LP) and was scheduled for release on November 5 .

Its lead single , " Berzerk " , was released on August 25 and debuted at number three on the Billboard Hot 100 chart . Three more singles followed : " Survival " (appearing on the Call of Duty : Ghosts trailer) , " Rap God " and " The Monster " (with Rihanna) .

The album was released on November 5 by Aftermath Entertainment , Shady Records and Interscope Records . Its standard version had 16 tracks , and the deluxe version included a second disc with five additional tracks . The Marshall Mathers LP 2 was Eminem 's seventh album to debut atop the Billboard 200 , and had the year 's second @-@ largest first @-@ week sales . The rapper was the first artist since The Beatles to have four singles in the top 20 of the Billboard Hot 100 .

In the United Kingdom The Marshall Mathers LP 2 debuted at number one on the UK Albums Chart . The first American artist with seven consecutive UK number @-@ one albums , he is tied with The Beatles for second place for the most consecutive chart @-@ topping UK albums . The album secured Eminem 's position as Canada 's best @-@ selling artist , and was 2013 's best @-@ selling album .

On November 3 Eminem was named the first YouTube Music Awards Artist of the Year , and a week later he received the Global Icon Award at the 2013 MTV EMA Music Awards . On June 10 , it was announced that the rapper was the first artist to receive two digital diamond certifications ? sales and streams of 10 million and above ? by the RIAA (for " Not Afraid " and " Love the Way You Lie ") . On July 11 and 12 , Eminem played two concerts in Wembley Stadium . At the 57th Grammy Awards , he received Best Rap Album award for The Marshall Mathers LP 2 and Best Rap / Sung Collaboration (with Rihanna) for " The Monster " .

== 2014 ? present : Shady XV and Southpaw ==

In June 2014 Eminem and Rosenberg began using the hashtag # SHADYXV on social @-@

networking sites , and the rapper wore a T @-@ shirt with the hashtag onstage . According to an August 25 press release on Eminem 's website , the hashtag was the name of an upcoming Shady Records compilation : Shady XV . That day , the first single from the album (" Guts Over Fear " , featuring singer @-@ songwriter Sia Furler) was released and the album 's track list was released on October 29 . Shady Records released a cypher to promote the album , in which Eminem did a seven @-@ minute freestyle . " Detroit Vs . Everybody " (the album 's second single) , with Eminem , Dej Loaf , Royce da 5 ' 9 " , Danny Brown , Big Sean and Trick @-@ Trick , was released on November 11 . Shady XV , released on November 24 during Black Friday week , consists of one greatest @-@ hits disc and one disc of new material by Shady Records artists such as D12 , Slaughterhouse , Bad Meets Evil and Yelawolf . The album debuted at number three on the Billboard 200 chart , with first @-@ week sales of 138 @,@ 000 copies in the United States .

The Official Eminem Box Set , a career @-@ spanning , 10 @-@ disc vinyl box set , was released on March 12 , 2015 . The set includes seven of Eminem 's eight studio albums (excluding Infinite) , the 8 Mile soundtrack , the compilation Eminem Presents : The Re @-@ Up , and the greatest hits collection Curtain Call : The Hits . Early in the year , it was announced that he would appear on Tech N9ne 's " Speedom (Worldwide Choppers 2) " . The song , also featuring Krizz Kaliko , was released on April 20 . Eminem also appeared on Yelawolf 's " Best Friend " , the single from Love Story .

Eminem is the executive producer of the soundtrack on the sports drama Southpaw , with Shady Records . The first single from the soundtrack called ' Phenomenal ' was released on June 2 , 2015 . Another single , " Kings Never Die " by Eminem featuring Gwen Stefani , was released on July 10 , 2015 on YouTube via Eminem 's Vevo account . Eminem was the first interview of Zane Lowe in Beats 1 . The interview streamed online on the Beats 1 radio on July 1 , 2015 . Eminem appeared on the public access show Only in Monroe , produced in Monroe , Michigan , and was interviewed by guest host Stephen Colbert for an episode that aired July 1 , 2015 . In the episode Eminem sang snippets of Bob Seger songs at Colbert 's prompting and briefly discussed Southpaw .

In June 2015 , it was revealed that he will serve as the executive producer and music supervisor on the TV series Motor City whose premise will be based upon the 2002 film Narc . In June 2016 , Eminem appears on the soundtrack of the film Suicide Squad .

= = Other ventures = =

= = = Shady Records and D12 = = =

After Eminem 's multi @-@ platinum record sales , Interscope offered him his own label ; the rapper and Paul Rosenberg founded Shady Records in late 1999 . Eminem signed his Detroit collective , D12 , and rapper Obie Trice to the label and signed 50 Cent in a 2002 joint venture with Dr. Dre 's Aftermath label . In 2003 , Eminem and Dr. Dre added Atlanta rapper Stat Quo to the Shady @-@ Aftermath roster . DJ Green Lantern , Eminem 's former DJ , was with Shady Records until a dispute related to the 50 Cent @-@ Jadakiss feud forced him to leave the label . The Alchemist is currently Eminem 's tour DJ . In 2005 Eminem signed another Atlanta rapper , Bobby Creekwater , and West Coast rapper Cashis to Shady Records .

On December 5 , 2006 , the compilation album Eminem Presents : The Re @-@ Up was released on Shady Records . The project began as a mixtape , but when Eminem found the material better than expected he released it as an album . The Re @-@ Up was intended to introduce Stat Quo , Cashis and Bobby Creekwater . While he was recording Infinite , Eminem , Proof and Kon Artis assembled a group of fellow rappers now known as D12 , short for " Detroit Twelve " or " Dirty Dozen " , who performed in a style similar to Wu @-@ Tang Clan . In 2001 D12 's debut album , Devil 's Night , was released . The first single from the album was " Shit on You " , followed by " Purple Pills " (an ode to recreational drug use) and " Fight Music " . " Purple Pills " was rewritten for radio and television , removing many of the song 's references to drugs and sex , and renamed " Purple Hills " .

After their debut , D12 took a three @-@ year break from the studio . They reunited in 2004 for their second album , D12 World , which included the hit singles " My Band " and " How Come " . " American pshyco 2 " featuring Cypress Hill member , B @-@ Real , was another popular hit . According to D12 member Bizarre , Eminem was not featured on his album Blue Cheese & Coney Island because " he 's busy doing his thing " .

In January 2014 , Bass Brothers announced that D12 had returned to record at F.B.T. Studio and they were working on an album with Eminem on at least three songs . Bizarre reported that he was still part of the group and that the album was scheduled for a 2014 release .

= = = Acting career = = =

After small roles in the 2001 film The Wash and as an extra in the 1998 Korn music video for Got the Life (during which he gave the band a demo tape) , Eminem made his Hollywood debut in the quasi @-@ autobiographical 2002 film 8 Mile . According to the rapper , it is a representation of growing up in Detroit rather than an account of his life . He recorded several new songs for the soundtrack , including " Lose Yourself " (which won an Academy Award for Best Original Song in 2003 and became the longest @-@ running # 1 hip hop single in history) . Eminem was absent from the ceremony , and co @-@ composer Luis Resto accepted the award .

The rapper has voiced the video game 50 Cent : Bulletproof (as an aging , corrupt , Ebonics @-@ speaking police officer) and guested on the Comedy Central television show Crank Yankers and a Web cartoon , The Slim Shady Show (currently available on DVD) . He was signed to star in an unmade film version of Have Gun ? Will Travel , and was considered for the role of David Rice in the 2008 film Jumper . Eminem had a cameo appearance , arguing with Ray Romano , in the 2009 film Funny People .

He played himself in the Entourage season @-@ seven finale " Lose Yourself " with Christina Aguilera . Although Eminem was offered the lead role in the 2013 science @-@ fiction film Elysium , he turned it down because director Neill Blomkamp would not change its location from Los Angeles to Detroit . The rapper had a cameo appearance as himself in the 2014 film , The Interview ; during an interview with the main character , Dave Skylark (James Franco) , Eminem satirically comes out as homosexual .

= = = Memoirs = = =

Eminem 's autobiography , The Way I Am , was published October 21 , 2008 . Detailing his struggles with poverty , drugs , fame , heartbreak and depression , it includes stories of his rise to fame , commentary about past controversies and original lyric sheets from " Stan " and " The Real Slim Shady . " An autobiography of the rapper 's mother (My Son Marshall , My Son Eminem) was published the following month , in which Debbie Nelson describes her childhood and adolescence , meeting Eminem 's father and her son 's rise to (and struggles with) fame .

= = = Advertising and charity = = =

Eminem appeared in two commercials which were shown during Super Bowl XLV . In the first , a one @-@ minute spot for Lipton 's Brisk iced tea , the rapper is a claymation figure . In the second , a two @-@ minute ad ? the longest in Super Bowl history at the time ? for the Chrysler 200 , Eminem drives through Detroit (with " Lose Yourself " as the soundtrack) to his show at the Fox Theatre .

He established the Marshall Mathers Foundation to aid disadvantaged youth . The foundation works in conjunction with a charity founded by Norman Yatooma , a Detroit attorney .

= = Artistry = =

== Influences and rapping technique ==

Eminem has cited several MCs as influencing his rapping style , including Esham , Kool G Rap , Masta Ace , Big Daddy Kane , Newcleus , Ice @-@ T , Mantronix , Melle Mel (on " The Message ") , LL Cool J , Beastie Boys , Run ? D.M.C. , Rakim and Boogie Down Productions . In How to Rap , Guerilla Black notes that Eminem studied other MCs to hone his rapping technique : " Eminem listened to everything and that 's what made him one of the greats " . In the book , other MCs also praise aspects of his rapping technique ; varied , humorous subject matter , connecting with his audience , carrying a concept over a series of albums , complex rhyme schemes , bending words so they rhyme , multisyllabic rhymes , many rhymes to a bar , complex rhythms , clear enunciation and the use of melody and syncopation . Eminem is known to write most of his lyrics on paper (documented in The Way I Am) , taking several days or a week to craft lyrics , being a " workaholic " and " stacking " vocals .

== Alter egos ==

Eminem uses alter egos in his songs for different rapping styles and subject matter . His best @-@ known alter ego , Slim Shady , first appeared on the Slim Shady EP . In this persona his songs are violent and dark , with a comic twist . Eminem downplayed Slim Shady on Recovery because he felt it did not fit the album 's theme . Another character is Ken Kaniff , a homosexual who pokes fun at Eminem 's songs . Ken was created and originally played by fellow Detroit rapper Aristotle on the Slim Shady LP , where Kaniff makes a prank call to Eminem . An argument after the album 's release prompted Eminem to use the Kaniff character on Marshall Mathers and later albums (except Encore and Recovery) . Aristotle , angry with Eminem 's use of his character , created a mixtape in his Kaniff persona ridiculing the rapper .

== Collaborations and productions ==

Although Eminem usually collaborates with Aftermath Entertainment and Shady Records rappers such as Dr. Dre , 50 Cent , D12 , Obie Trice and Yelawolf , he has also worked with Redman , Kid Rock , DMX , Lil Wayne , Missy Elliott , Jay Z , Drake , Rihanna , Nicki Minaj , Xzibit , Method Man , Jadakiss , Fat Joe , Sticky Fingaz , T.I. and Young Jeezy . Eminem rapped a verse in a live performance of Busta Rhymes ' " Touch It " remix at the June 27 , 2006 BET Music Awards . He appeared on Akon 's single " Smack That " from Konvicted , Lil Wayne 's hit " Drop the World " , and " My Life " (the lead single from 50 Cent 's Street King Immortal) .

Eminem was the executive producer of D12 's first two albums (Devil 's Night and D12 World) , Obie Trice 's Cheers and Second Round 's on Me and 50 Cent 's Get Rich or Die Tryin ' and The Massacre . He has produced songs for other rappers , such as Jadakiss ' " Welcome To D @-@ Block " , Jay @-@ Z 's " Renegade " and " Moment of Clarity " , Lloyd Banks ' " On Fire " , " Warrior Part 2 " and " Hands Up " , Tony Yayo 's " Drama Setter " , Trick @-@ Trick 's " Welcome 2 Detroit " , and Xzibit 's " My Name " and " Don 't Approach Me " . Most of The Eminem Show was produced by Eminem and his longtime collaborator , Jeff Bass , and the rapper co @-@ produced Encore with Dr. Dre . In 2004 Eminem was co @-@ executive producer of 2Pac 's posthumous album Loyal to the Game with Shakur 's mother , Afeni . He produced the UK number @-@ one single " Ghetto Gospel " , featuring Elton John , " The Cross " from the Nas album God 's Son and eight tracks on Obie Trice 's 2006 Second Round 's on Me (also appearing on " There They Go ") . The rapper produced several tracks on Trick @-@ Trick 's The Villain (appearing on " Who Want It ") , and produced four tracks on Cashis ' 2013 album The County Hound 2 .

Eminem is considered unusual in structuring his songs around the lyrics , rather than writing to beats . One exception was " Stan " , which came from an idea and scratch track produced by the 45 King . After doing little production on Relapse and Recovery , Eminem produced a significant portion of The Marshall Mathers LP 2 . He said about producing his own music , " Sometimes , I may get something in my head , like an idea or the mood of something that I would want , and I 'm not

always gonna get that by going through different tracks that other people have made . They don 't know what 's in my head . I think maybe it helps , a little bit , with diversity , the sound of it , but also , I would get something in my head and want to be able to lay down that idea from scratch . "

= = = Comparisons with other artists = = =

As a lyricist and a white performer prominent in a genre influenced by black artists , Eminem has been compared to Bob Dylan . Rapper Asher Roth has been compared to Eminem , and Roth devoted a song on his album (" As I Em ") to him . The accomplished trumpet player Nicholas Payton has called Eminem " the Bix Beiderbecke of hip hop " .

Eminem and Christian hip hop artist KJ @-@ 52 have been compared to each other , with KJ @-@ 52 called his " Christian counterpart " . KJ @-@ 52 's single , " Dear Slim " , was controversial with Eminem fans when it appeared on Total Request Live . Although he said the song was not intended to be disrespectful , KJ @-@ 52 received hate mail and the song was number 26 on VH1 's Top 40 Worst Moments in Hip Hop list .

= = Personal life = =

= = = Family = = =

Eminem has been scrutinized , as a rapper and personally . The rapper was married twice to Kimberly Anne " Kim " Scott . He met Kim in high school ; he was 15 and she was 13 when he stood on a table with his shirt off rapping LL Cool J 's " I 'm Bad " . Kim and her twin sister , Dawn , had run away from home ; they moved in with Eminem and his mother when he was 15 , and he began an on @-@ and @-@ off relationship with Kim in 1989 . Their daughter , Hailie , was born on December 25 , 1995 ; they married in 1999 , divorcing in 2001 . Although Eminem told Rolling Stone in 2002 , " I would rather have a baby through my penis than get married again " , he and Kim briefly remarried in January 2006 . He filed for divorce in early April , agreeing to joint custody of Hailie . He has also adopted Alaina , Dawn 's daughter and Whitney , Kim 's daughter from another relationship . In early 2010 , Eminem denied tabloid reports that he and Kim had reconciled . He had legal custody of his younger half @-@ brother , Nathan who is also a rapper and is known by his stage name " Nate Kane " . In his 2014 song " Headlights " , Eminem apologized to , and reiterated his love for his mother .

= = = Legal problems = = =

In 1999 Eminem 's mother sued him for about \$ 10 million for slandering her on The Slim Shady LP , receiving about \$ 1 @,@ 600 in damages in 2001 . Eminem was arrested on June 3 , 2000 during an altercation with Douglas Dail at a car @-@ audio store in Royal Oak , Michigan , when he pulled out an unloaded gun and pointed it at the ground . The next day , in Warren , Michigan , he was arrested for assaulting bouncer John Guerrero in the parking lot of the Hot Rock Café when he saw Guerrero kiss his wife . Eminem recreated the Guerrero assault in " The Kiss (Skit) " on The Eminem Show . The rapper , charged with possession of a concealed weapon and assault , pleaded guilty and received two years ' probation ; Guerrero 's assault charge was dropped as part of the plea agreement . On July 7 , 2000 Kim attempted suicide , slashing her wrists , and later sued Eminem for defamation after he described her violent death in " Kim " .

On October 26 , 2000 , the rapper was scheduled to perform at Toronto 's Skydome when Ontario Attorney General Jim Flaherty said that Eminem should not be allowed to enter the country . " I personally don 't want anyone coming to Canada who will come here and advocate violence against women , " he said . Flaherty said he was " disgusted " when he read the lyrics of " Kill You " , which includes the lines " Slut , you think I won 't choke no whore / Till the vocal cords don 't work in her throat no more ? " Although public reaction to Flaherty 's position was generally negative , with

barring Eminem from the country considered a free @-@ speech issue , Liberal MPP Michael Bryant suggested that hate crime charges be brought against the rapper for advocating violence against women in his lyrics . Robert Everett @-@ Green wrote in a Globe and Mail editorial , " Being offensive is Eminem 's job description " , and the rapper 's Toronto concert went on as planned .

Sanitation worker DeAngelo Bailey sued Eminem for \$ 1 million in 2001 , accusing him of invading his privacy by publicizing information placing him in a false light in " Brain Damage " , a song which portrays him as a violent school bully . Although Bailey admitted picking on Eminem in school , he said he merely " bumped " him and gave him a " little shove " . The lawsuit was dismissed on October 20 , 2003 ; Judge Deborah Servitto , who rapped the verdict , ruled that it was clear to the public that the lyrics were exaggerated .

On June 28 , 2001 , Eminem was sentenced to one year 's probation and community service and fined about \$ 2 @, @ 000 on weapons charges stemming from an argument with an employee of Psychopathic Records .

On March 31 , 2002 , French jazz pianist Jacques Loussier filed a \$ 10 million lawsuit against Eminem and Dr. Dre , claiming that the beat for " Kill You " was from his instrumental " Pulsion " . Loussier demanded that sales of The Marshall Mathers LP be halted , and any remaining copies destroyed . A trial date was set for June 2004 , and the case was later settled .

On December 8 , 2003 the United States Secret Service reported that it was " looking into " allegations that Eminem threatened President George W. Bush in " We As Americans " (an unreleased bootleg at the time) , with the lyrics : " Fuck money , I don 't rap for dead presidents . I 'd rather see the president dead , it 's never been said but I set precedents . " The incident was included in the video for " Mosh " , as a newspaper clipping on a wall with articles about unfortunate incidents in Bush 's career . " We As Americans " eventually appeared on Encore 's deluxe @-@ edition bonus disc , with altered lyrics .

In 2007 Eminem 's music @-@ publishing company (Eight Mile Style) and Martin Affiliated sued Apple Inc. and Aftermath Entertainment , claiming that Aftermath was not authorized to negotiate a deal with Apple for digital downloads of 93 Eminem songs on Apple 's iTunes . The case against Apple was settled shortly after the trial began , in late September 2009 .

In July 2010 , the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled in F.B.T. Productions , LLC v. Aftermath Records that F.B.T. Productions and Eminem were owed a royalty of 50 percent of Aftermath 's net revenue from licensing his recordings to companies such as Apple , Sprint Corporation , Nextel Communications , Cingular and T @-@ Mobile . In March 2011 , the Supreme Court of the United States declined to hear the case .

In 2013 , Eminem sampled Chicago @-@ based rap group Hotstylz 's 2008 viral hit , " Lookin ' Boy " , for his 2013 hit single , " Rap God " . The group claims Eminem did not receive permission to use the sample , nor did he credit or compensate them . In November 2013 , Hotstylz released a diss track towards Eminem titled " Rap Fraud " , where they sample several of his songs and criticize him for not crediting them . In January 2015 , TMZ reported Hotstylz were suing the rapper and his label , Shady Records , for the amount of \$ 8 million , for using the 25 second sample of " Lookin ' Boy " on his song " Rap God " , without their permission .

= = = Drug problems = = =

Eminem has spoken about his addiction to prescription drugs , including Vicodin , Ambien and Valium . According to friend and fellow D12 member Proof , Eminem first " sobered up " in 2002 . During the production of 8 Mile , the rapper , working 16 hours a day , developed insomnia . An associate gave him an Ambien tablet which " knocked [him] out " , encouraging him to obtain a prescription . This was Eminem 's first experience of drug addiction , which would affect him for several years . Near the end of production on Encore , he would " just go into the studio and goof off [with] a pocketful of pills " . Eminem began taking the drugs to " feel normal " , taking a " ridiculous amount [...] I could consume anywhere from 40 to 60 Valium [in a day] . Vicodin , maybe 30 " . The drugs would put him to sleep for no more than two hours , after which he would take more . The rapper 's weight increased to 230 pounds (100 kg) , and he was regularly eating fast food : " The

kids behind the counter knew me ? it wouldn't even faze them . Or I'd sit up at Denny's or Big Boy and just eat by myself . It was sad " . Eminem became less recognizable due to his weight gain , and once overheard two teenagers arguing about whether or not it was he : " Eminem ain't fat . "

His struggle with drugs climaxed with a December 2007 methadone overdose . Eminem had first bought methadone from a dealer who had told him it was " just like Vicodin , and easier on [your] liver " . The rapper continued to buy more , until he collapsed in his bathroom one night and was rushed to the hospital . Doctors there told him he had ingested the equivalent of four bags of heroin and was " about two hours from dying " . After missing Christmas with his children , Eminem checked himself out of the facility weak and not fully detoxed . When he tore his meniscus " after falling asleep for literally 10 minutes , " he had surgery ; after he came home he had a seizure and relapsed within three weeks . Eminem began to attend church meetings to get clean , but after he was asked for autographs he sought help from a rehabilitation counselor . He began an exercise program which emphasized running , and became sober on April 20 , 2008 . Elton John was a mentor during this period , calling Eminem once a week to check on him .

= = = Alleged homophobia = = =

Some of Eminem's lyrics have been considered homophobic , and an Australian politician attempted to ban him from the country . Eminem denies the charge , saying that when he was growing up words such as " faggot " and " queer " were used generally in a derogatory manner and not specifically toward homosexuals . During a 60 Minutes interview , journalist Anderson Cooper explored the issue :

Cooper : Some of the lyrics , like , you know , in the song " Criminal " you say " My words are like a dagger with a jagged edge , That 'll stab you in the head , whether you 're a fag or lez , Or the homosex , hermaph or a trans @-@ a @-@ vest , Pants or dress ? hate fags ? The answer 's ' yes ' " .

Eminem : Yeah , this scene I came up in . That word was thrown around so much , you know , " faggot " was like thrown around constantly to each other , like in battling .

Cooper : Do you not like gay people ?

Eminem : No , I don't have any problem with nobody . You know what I mean ? I 'm just like whatever .

The rapper is a friend of Elton John . When asked his opinion in a New York Times interview of the legalization of same @-@ sex marriage in Michigan , Eminem replied : " I think if two people love each other , then what the hell ? I think that everyone should have the chance to be equally miserable , if they want " , adding that his " overall look on things is a lot more mature than it used to be " .

Several years later , Eminem was accused yet again of using homophobic words in his lyrics , and explained " I don't know how to say this without saying it how I've said it a million times . But that word , those kind of words , when I came up battle @-@ rappin ' or whatever , I never really equated those words ... "

= = Legacy = =

Eminem is considered one of the greatest hip @-@ hop artists of all time . He was 83rd on Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Artists of All Time and 79th on the VH1 100 Greatest Artists of All Time lists . In 2010 , MTV Portugal ranked Eminem the seventh @-@ biggest icon in pop @-@ music history .

He is the bestselling artist from 2000 to 2010 on the US Nielsen SoundScan ; with estimated worldwide album sales of over 172 million , Eminem is one of the best @-@ selling musical artists in the world . The rapper has over six billion views of his music videos on his YouTube Vevo page . In 2010 Eminem's music generated 94 million streams (more than any other musical artist) , and in May 2014 Spotify called him the most @-@ streamed artist of all time . According to Billboard , two of Eminem's albums are among the top @-@ five bestselling albums from 2000 to 2010 . " Love the Way You Lie " (11 x platinum) and " Not Afraid " (10 x platinum) are certified diamond by the

RIAA , making him the first artist with two digital diamond @-@ certified songs in the US . In the UK , Eminem has sold over 12 @.@ 5 million records . As of June 2014 , Eminem is the second @-@ bestselling male artist of the Nielsen SoundScan era , the sixth @-@ bestselling artist in the United States and the bestselling hip @-@ hop artist , with sales of 45 @.@ 1 million albums and 42 million tracks (including 31 million digital single certifications) . Eminem has had ten number @-@ one albums on the Billboard 200 : seven solo (five original albums and two compilations) , two with D12 and one with Bad Meets Evil . The Eminem Show , The Marshall Mathers LP , and Encore were ranked the third- , seventh- and fortieth @-@ bestselling albums of the 2000 ? 2009 decade , respectively , by the magazine . The rapper has had 13 number @-@ one singles worldwide . Eminem has been credited of rising the careers of rap proteges such as , 50 Cent , Yelawolf , Stat Quo , Royce da 5 ' 9 " , Cashis , Obie Trice , Bobby Creekwater , and rap groups such as D12 and Slaughterhouse .

In August 2011 Eminem was called the King of Hip @-@ Hop by Rolling Stone , which analyzed album sales , R & B , hip @-@ hop and rap chart positions , YouTube views , social media , concert grosses , industry awards and critical ratings of solo rappers who released music from 2009 to the first half of 2011 . His second major @-@ label album , The Marshall Mathers LP , was the fastest @-@ selling solo album in US history and was ranked one of the greatest hip @-@ hop albums of all time by Rolling Stone , Time and XXL . Rolling Stone ranked it the seventh @-@ best album of the first decade of the 21st century . The album 's third single (" Stan ") is one of Eminem 's most critically acclaimed songs , with Pitchfork Media calling it " a cultural milestone " . In 2015 , rapper Joe Budden made a song called " Slaughtermouse " , a dedication to Eminem .

A number of hip @-@ hop and pop artists have cited Eminem as an influence , including Crooked I , Tech N9ne , Logic , Lil Wayne , Nicki Minaj , T.I. , B.o.B , Jhené Aiko , 50 Cent , Usher , Earl Sweatshirt , Ab @-@ Soul , Freddie Gibbs , Kendrick Lamar , Ed Sheeran , Lana Del Rey , Big Sean , J. Cole , Skylar Grey , Bubba Sparxxx , Asher Roth , Machine Gun Kelly , Yelawolf , Hopsin , Tyler , The Creator , Hollywood Undead , Chris Webby , Chance the Rapper Stalley , Royce da 5 ' 9 " , Joe Budden , Tony Yayo , and The Game . Rap pioneers David Banner , Wiz Khalifa , Talib Kweli , Kool G. Rap , Redman , Kuruft , Dr. Dre , N.O.R.E. , Rakim , Busta Rhymes and Jay Z have each called Eminem one of the greatest rappers of all time .

= = Discography = =

Infinite (1996)
The Slim Shady LP (1999)
The Marshall Mathers LP (2000)
The Eminem Show (2002)
Encore (2004)
Relapse (2009)
Recovery (2010)
The Marshall Mathers LP 2 (2013)

= = Filmography = =

= = Awards and nominations = =

He shared the 2002 Academy Award for Best Original Song for his song Lose Yourself , co @-@ written with Jeff Bass and Luis Resto . His Academy Award win made him the first rapper to receive this award .

The rapper has received fifteen Grammy Awards , has been praised for his " verbal energy " and lyrical quality and was ranked ninth on MTV 's Greatest MCs of All Time list . In 2003 , he was thirteenth on MTV 's 22 Greatest Voices in Music list and 82nd on Rolling Stone 's Immortals list . In 2008 Vibe Magazine readers named Eminem the Best Rapper Alive .

" The Real Slim Shady " (from his second Grammy @-@ winning album , The Marshall Mathers LP) criticizes the awards in its second verse , with Eminem believing at the time that negative opinion of his material would prevent him from ever winning one . The rapper received the Global Icon Award at the 2013 MTV Europe Music Awards in Amsterdam .

= = Tours = =

As a headliner

The Recovery Tour (2010 ? 2012)

The Rapture Tour (2014)

Other tours

Up in Smoke Tour (with Dr. Dre , Snoop Dogg , Ice Cube and others) (2000)

Anger Management Tour (with Limp Bizkit and Papa Roach) (2002 ? 2005)

The Home & Home Tour (with Jay Z) (2010)

The Monster Tour (with Rihanna) (2014)

= = Books = =

= = Business ventures = =