

= Rock Your Body =

" Rock Your Body " is a song recorded by American singer @-@ songwriter Justin Timberlake for his debut studio album , Justified ( 2002 ) . It was written by Timberlake along with The Neptunes ( consisting of Chad Hugo and Pharrell Williams ) , who also produced the track . The song was released on April 7 , 2003 by Jive Records as the third single from Justified . The track is an uptempo , disco groove , soul infused song containing influences from Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder . The female section of the track is sung by Vanessa Marquez . Originally intended to be featured on Jackson 's tenth studio album Invincible ( 2001 ) , the latter rejected the song along with several other tracks , which were instead given to Timberlake for his debut album .

" Rock Your Body " topped the Australian Singles Chart . It peaked at number two on the UK Singles Chart , the third single from Justified to do so , following " Like I Love You " and " Cry Me a River " . It charted at number three on the Danish Singles Chart , number four on the New Zealand Singles Chart and Irish Singles Chart , and number five on the US Billboard Hot 100 . It was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) and the Recording Industry Association of New Zealand ( RIANZ ) for shipments of 500 @,@ 000 and 7 @,@ 500 copies , respectively . The song received generally positive reviews , with music critics noting it as a stand @-@ out track , while complimenting its musical elements .

The accompanying music video for " Rock Your Body " , which was directed by Francis Lawrence , features Timberlake with several back @-@ up dancers performing choreography within a multi @-@ color lighted cube . Timberlake performed the song live several times , including the highly controversial performance at the Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show , where while performing with R & B singer Janet Jackson , Timberlake ripped off part of Jackson 's costume , momentarily exposing her right breast on live television .

= = Writing and recording = =

" Rock Your Body " was written and produced by Hugo and Williams , and bought by Timberlake for a writing credit . It was recorded at Master Sound Recording Studios and Windmark Recording , both located in Virginia Beach with Andrew Coleman serving as a recording engineer . It was mixed by Serban Ghenea at Windmark Recording , with Daniel Botancourt and Tim Roberts aiding as additional engineers . John Hanes provided additional pro tools engineering . All the instrumentation was delivered by Hugo and Williams , with vocal arrangements handled by the latter and Timberlake . Vanessa Marquez provided additional vocals , which were recorded by Eddie Delena at the Record Plant located in Los Angeles . " Rock Your Body " was initially given to Michael Jackson for his tenth and final studio album Invincible ( 2001 ) , along with several other songs by The Neptunes . The singer did not want any of the tracks , and so all the material was passed onto Timberlake for his debut album , Justified .

= = Composition and reception = =

" Rock Your Body " has a running duration of four minutes and twenty @-@ seven seconds . The uptempo R & B , disco groove , soul infused song contains influences from both Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder . The song incorporates tinny , " keyboard @-@ set @-@ to @-@ emulate @-@ clavichord " synthesizers of The Neptunes ' late 90s productions , overlaid with " keys and a propulsive drum vamp " . Timberlake makes use of his falsetto range , and Vanessa Marquez sings the female section . Alex Needham of NME noted the track to contain characteristics from material within Jackson 's debut solo album Off the Wall ( 1979 ) .

According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , " Rock Your Body " is written in the key of E minor and has a tempo of 104 beats per minute . It follows the chord progression of F / G @-@ G / A @-@ Em , with Justin Timberlake 's vocal range spanning from the low note of B3 to the high note of D6 . Andy Kellman of AllMusic noted " Rock Your Body " as a stand @-@ out from Justified , as did Jane Stevenson of Jam ! , who interpreted

its Jackson influence . Giving *Justified* a negative review , Caroline Sullivan of *The Guardian* noted " *Rock Your Body* " as " predictable " . *Complex* 's Tannis Spenser listed the song as the fifth best Justin Timberlake song , praising its " near perfect sing along chorus " and Timberlake 's vocals .

Pitchfork Media listed the song at 23 on their list of the best singles of 2003 , with editor Dominique Leone writing " *Rock Your Body* " is " an approximation of Off the Wall @-@ era MJ as I 've ever heard . The pleading falsetto is right on time , immediately preceded by tough talk about grabbing your girl ( and a " couple more " ) -- the drama ! "

= = Chart performance = =

On the week of March 22 , 2003 , " *Rock Your Body* " debuted on the US *Billboard* Hot 100 at number 61 , earning the Hot Shot Debut honor . The following week , the song entered the top 40 at number 37 , and in its third week , reached number 28 . In its fourth week , the song charted at number 20 on the Hot 100 , and in its fifth week , rose further to number 13 . Within its sixth week , it moved up two positions to number eleven , and reached number ten the following week . " *Rock Your Body* " eventually reached its peak at number five , where it remained for one week . The song remained on the Hot 100 for 22 weeks before dropping out . The song topped the US *Mainstream Top 40* chart , where it remained for one week . It was less successful on the US *Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs* chart , where it peaked at number 45 . On February 5 , 2005 , the song was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America ( *RIAA* ) , for shipments of 500 @, @ 000 copies .

Internationally , the song was met with a similar response . " *Rock Your Body* " debuted on the Australian *Singles Chart* at number one . It dropped to number three the following week , where it remained in the top ten for six weeks ; it stayed on the chart for eleven weeks before dropping out . The song was certified platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association ( *ARIA* ) , denoting shipments of 70 @, @ 000 copies . On the UK *Singles Chart* , " *Rock Your Body* " became Timberlake 's third consecutive number two hit , following " *Like I Love You* " and " *Cry Me a River* " . On the New Zealand *Singles Chart* , " *Rock Your Body* " achieved its peak on the week of June 22 , 2003 , its second week on the chart at number four . The song remained on the chart for twenty weeks , and was certified Gold by the Recording Industry Association of New Zealand ( *RIANZ* ) , for shipments of 7 @, @ 500 copies .

It charted within the top five on the Danish *Singles Chart* and Irish *Singles Chart* , peaking at number three and four , respectively . It peaked at number six on Belgian *Singles Chart* ( *Flanders* ) , Finnish *Singles Chart* and Dutch *Singles Chart* . " *Rock Your Body* " was less successful in other territories . It charted within the top twenty on the Belgian *Singles Chart* ( *Wallonia* ) , French *Singles Chart* , Swedish *Singles Charts* and Norwegian *Singles Chart* . It charted outside the top twenty on the German *Singles Chart* , Swiss *Singles Chart* and Austrian *Singles Chart* ; the latter chart is the song 's lowest charting territory , where it peaked at number 56 .

= = Music video = =

The music video was directed by Francis Lawrence . The video opens within a black cube with an array of different colored lights with several people dancing . The video inter @-@ cuts to Justin Timberlake singing to the song . Timberlake then floats to the floor from an opening in the cubic 's ceiling , performing choreography with his supporting dancers and singing to the track 's first verse . Throughout the video , it inter @-@ cuts to Timberlake dancing by himself , with the sections sometimes featuring the camera panning around Timberlake 's face . Entering the second verse , Timberlake is in the cube on his own , manipulating the motion of the cube with his hands , with his legs following the moving platform . Timberlake then returns performing choreography again with his dancers . Following the second chorus , Timberlake is dancing with a female ( Staci Flood ) , who lip syncs Vanessa Marquez 's section . A break @-@ down of the song , where Timberlake is beatboxing , shows him dancing by himself . The breakdown then ends , with the video continuing with Timberlake and his back @-@ up dancers . The closing beat boxing section of the track

features the camera panning around several duplicates of Timberlake beatboxing and talking in sync to the song 's lyrics . The video ends with the final Timberlake duplicate pointing and running towards the opposite direction .

= = Live performances = =

Justin Timberlake performed " Rock Your Body " during his Justified World Tour and the Christina Aguilera conjoint tour Justified & Stripped Tour , both in support of his debut album Justified . Timberlake performed the song live on the sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live in October 2003 , where he served as host and musical guest . On February 1 , 2004 , Timberlake performed the song with pop singer Janet Jackson during her performance at the Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show . At the moment he sang the lyric " I 'll have you naked by the end of this song , " the singer ripped off part of Jackson 's outfit , momentarily exposing her right breast on live television . Timberlake distanced himself from the controversy while Jackson faced much criticism and backlash . He later commented that " America 's harsher on women ... [ and ] unfairly harsh on ethnic people . " Timberlake performed the song at the Hollywood Palladium , following his performance at the 55th Annual Grammy Awards on February 10 , 2013 . He performed " Rock Your Body " in a medley with other of his songs at the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards . In 2016 , the singer performed the song along with " Can 't Stop the Feeling ! " during the interval act of the Eurovision Song Contest 2016 grand finale .

" Rock Your Body " was featured on The Justified World Tour ( 2003 / 04 ) , Justified and Stripped Tour ( 2003 ) , FutureSex / LoveShow ( 2007 ) , Legends of the Summer ( 2013 ) and The 20 / 20 Experience World Tour ( 2013 / 14 ) .

= = Track listing = =

= = Personnel = =

Credits adapted from Allmusic .

David Betancourt ? assistant engineer

Andrew Coleman ? engineer

Eddie DeLena ? vocal engineer

Serban Ghenea ? mixing

Ian Green ? engineer , programming

Chaz Harpe ? mastering

Chad Hugo ? instrumentation , producer

Eelke Kalberg ? producer

Sander Kleinenberg ? producer , remixing

S. Molijn ? producer

Paul Oakenfold ? remixing

Herb Powers ? mastering

Tim Roberts ? assistant engineer

Justin Timberlake ? primary artist , vocal arrangement , vocals

Pharrell Williams ? instrumentation , producer , vocal arrangement , vocals

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =

= = Release history = =

= = Cover versions and appearances in other media = =

Shawn Lee 's Ping Pong Orchestra performed an instrumental cover of the song on their album , Hits the Hits ! .

The song was regularly covered live by the experimental rock band Tub Ring , and was recorded as a B @-@ side to their 2007 album , The Great Filter .

The song was briefly featured in the ninth season of South Park episode " Marjorine " .

The song appears in the 2007 video game Dance Dance Revolution SuperNova 2 .