

= Bad Boys (Alexandra Burke song) =

" Bad Boys " is a song by British recording artist Alexandra Burke . The song is her second single after winning the fifth series of The X Factor , and the lead single from her debut album , Overcome . The song features American rapper Flo Rida . It was written by Mark Fowler , Laura Senior , Flo Rida , Melvin K. Watson Jr , Larry Summerville Jr . , busbee , Lauren Evans , Alex James , and was produced by The Phantom Boyz . It was first released for digital download on 12 October 2009 . The song is an uptempo electrohop song , lyrically about becoming attracted to dangerous men .

" Bad Boys " received positive reviews from critics , commending its production and composition as well as Burke 's vocals . The song topped the charts in the United Kingdom and Ireland , the top ten of Sweden , the Netherlands , Hungary , Norway , Slovakia , the Czech Republic and Belgium (Wallonia) and the top twenty of several other countries . The song 's accompanying music video takes place in an alleyway and a warehouse , and follows Burke 's adventure when her convertible breaks down . The song has been performed a number of times , including on the sixth series of The X Factor .

= = Background and composition = =

Burke premiered the song on 25 August 2009 , on The Chris Moyles Show . Before its release , The Sun had leaked lyrics from the song online . In an interview with Popjustice when asked about the song , Burke said , " I 've got a passion against liars , but I do like myself a bad boy . All young girls my age go for them , we just don 't like to admit it , because we always go for them " . The song is described as having a " stomping electro @-@ R & B tune " . The intro has been described as " a demented elasticated siren effect bouncing from speaker to speaker " , which has been called a hybrid of Girls Aloud 's " Biology " , and Britney Spears ' " Womanizer " , but with a more " euphoric disco feel " . According to Popjustice , the song is lyrically about " fancying dangerous men " . Flo Rida appears in the intro and during the middle eight .

= = Critical reception = =

The song received mostly positive reviews commending Burke 's vocals and the mainstream R & B / pop feel and production of the song . Matthew Chisling of Allmusic called the track " the most brilliant , perfect mainstream pop single of 2009 " , commending the song 's synthesized beat and larger @-@ than @-@ life chorus , and Flo Rida 's rap , stating that it made Burke " the prime UK import for the North American market " . Popjustice called the song " brilliant " and " phenomenal " , commending the song 's " Womanizer " -like intro and the chorus 's strong melodic topline . The review praised Burke 's vocals , calling them " Whitneyish in parts " and compared them to Donna Summer . Although the review noted the song was not built for Burke 's extreme vocals , it said , " that there 's something quite exciting about an incredible singer being forced to follow a very strong and melodic topline instead of going all over the show . " Bill Lamb of About.com also said the song was reminiscent of Donna Summer , and said , " Big international success seems a real possibility as Burke steps into the battle for R & B @-@ pop diva crown . " Nick Levine of Digital Spy said the song complimented Burke 's " sass and all @-@ around performance skill " rather than a ballad would , and called the song " fun " , pulling off a " minor pop miracle- turning a cameo by Flo Rida into a good thing " . Alexis Petridis of The Guardian noted although some may see the single as " generic " , and " currently pop 's factory @-@ default setting " , he ascertained the song was " a superior example of the type , furnished with an effortlessly unshakeable chorus " . Although Harry Guerin of RTÉ noted the production and formula of the music was a flaw of the album , he noted that that technique worked in " Bad Boys " . Simon Price of The Independent was more critical of the song , calling it a " pale imitation " of Britney Spears ' " Womanizer " .

= = Chart performance = =

" Bad Boys " debuted at number one on the UK Singles Chart , replacing Chipmunk 's " Oopsy Daisy " , and becoming Burke 's second consecutive chart @-@ topper , selling over 187 @,@ 000 copies in its first week , a total of 860 @,@ 000 copies to date . The song also debuted on the Irish Singles Chart at number one . The song fell off the top spot in the second week , ceding the throne to Cheryl Cole 's " Fight for This Love " . It was certified platinum in the United Kingdom , and spent 25 consecutive weeks in the top seventy @-@ five on the UK Singles Chart . The song also charted within the top ten of Sweden , the Netherlands , Hungary , Norway , Slovakia , the Czech Republic and Belgium (Wallonia) . It charted within the top twenty of Finland , Belgium (Flanders) , and Germany , twenty @-@ two in Austria , and thirty @-@ nine in Denmark . While the track failed to chart in Australia on the Singles Chart , it peaked at # 11 on the Physical Singles Chart In the UK , ' Bad Boys ' is the 18th biggest download of all time .

= = Music video = =

The video was filmed from 31 August to 1 September 2009 in various locations in Los Angeles , directed by Bryan Barber . The clip starts with Alexandra dressed in a one @-@ piece black leather suit , as her car has broken down in a bad part of town . It then cuts to Flo Rida who sings the opening lines of the song . Next , Burke performs various dance moves in deserted streets while being followed by several men . The video then shows Alexandra entering a bar in a mirrored silver dress , which has been compared to Janet Jackson around the janet. era , where she is mobbed by more of these men . She then performs more dance routines , before a fight ensues between the men in the bar over Alexandra and Flo Rida performs his part in the song . During his rap , there are scenes where Alexandra backflips off a bar table , and pushes two men powerfully over a bar and through a door . The video then shows Alexandra dancing with more men in a deserted parking lot .

David Whitehouse of Wonderland Magazine declared the " Bad Boys " video as " the birth of a pop star " . After commenting that America generates better , glossier pop than the British , such as the " holy trinity of 21st century pop music " , Christina Aguilera , Britney Spears , and Justin Timberlake , Whitehouse said that the video looked and sounded American , " dripping " with " dollar signs and expensive lenses " . The review commending Burke 's look in the video calling her , " the gutsier , sassier alternative to the anaemic , high school warbling of , say , Kelly Clarkson or the pre @-@ pubescent offal piped into our children by Miley Cyrus . " Whitehouse stated , " It has pomposity , big dance routines , cars built like tanks , moody street hunks (also built like tanks) , stunts , jewellery and a rapper , Flo Rida , who in honesty , could have been anyone " . He went on to say , " If we want to make a megastar , let the Americans do it for us . They make megastars . If Alexandra Burke is going to be the pop star we want her to be , she ? s going the right way about it " .

= = Live performances and promotion = =

Burke performed Bad Boys on the sixth series of The X Factor ' s first week results show on 11 October 2009 . Flo Rida joined Burke on stage . She then performed the on GMTV on 13 October 2009 at London 's G @-@ A @-@ Y and at Wembley Arena on 17 October 2009 . She also performed it on Ireland 's Childline concert in Dublin . Burke also performed the song , as well as others from her while presenting the launch of the Viva Network in the UK and Ireland . She returned for the finale of the sixth series of The X Factor , where she and past runner @-@ up JLS performed a melody of the song and their hit , " Everybody in Love " . Burke also performed the song at The O2 Arena in London for the Jingle Bell Ball , while also appearing on Cheryl Cole 's Night In to perform the solo version . " Bad Boys " was also the background music in Dancing On Ice during the first week when introducing the male celebrities . In week seven of the fifth season of Dancing on Ice , actress Emily Atack danced to the song and achieved her highest score at the time in the show . In the UK , Burke also performed it on Ant and Dec 's Push The Button on 13 March 2010 , and is set to perform it on T4 on the Beach on 4 July 2010 . Burke also performed the song while promoting Overcome on her European Promo Tour . She performed " Bad Boys " live on the 20th Concert in Poland , on Queensday in the Netherlands at the Radio 538 Museumplein , and on

the Dutch The X Factor .

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