

= Hot Tottie =

" Hot Tottie " is a song by recording artist Usher . It was written by Usher , Ester Dean , Jay @-@ Z and Polow da Don , with the latter producing it . The song features guest vocals from rapper Jay @-@ Z and background vocals by Ester Dean . It is the second single in the United States and Canada from his EP , Versus , which is an extension of his sixth studio album , Raymond v. Raymond . The song was sent to rhythmic and urban airplay on August 9 , 2010 . " Hot Tottie " samples Big Tymers 's " Big Ballin ' " off their 1998 album How You Luv That Vol . 2 .

" Hot Tottie " is an R & B song with hip hop tones , accompanied by strobing , electronic beats . It received positive reviews , with many critics noting it as a standout from the EP . It peaked at number twenty @-@ one on the US Billboard Hot 100 , and was a top ten hit on the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . Usher performed the song on The Early Show and on his OMG Tour .

= = Background and composition = =

The song was leaked onto the internet during late July 2010 along with the track " DJ Got Us Fallin ' in Love " . It was originally reported to feature R & B singer Ciara . However , when the official mix of the song appeared online , Ester Dean , who sung vocals on the demo of the track , was singing the female vocal interludes . The song was released from Versus as the EP 's urban single , whereas the latter track was released as the mainstream single . " Hot Tottie " is an R & B song that includes hip hop , which is over " strobing , electronic beats " with Usher 's vocals Auto @-@ Tuned in parts . In an interview with MTV News at his World Leadership Awards in Atlanta , Usher called the song , which was already receiving rotation on radio due to a leak , " incredible " , and confirmed that the song would be on his upcoming release of Versus . On August 31 , 2010 a remix of the song , which features Lil ' Kim , was released online . Usher performed the song on an untelevised portion of his appearance on The Early Show on September 3 , 2010 , and is performing it on his OMG Tour . The original version of " Hot Tottie " with Ciara was leaked on July 15 , 2011 , with Jay @-@ Z 's verse omitted .

= = Critical reception = =

Coining the track as " sleazed @-@ up , " Andy Kellman of Allmusic noted the track as a standout from Versus . Sarah Rodman of the Boston Globe called " Hot Tottie " the essential track on the EP , and said that Jay @-@ Z " bumps up the fun factor " on the " burbling " track . Mark Edward Nero of About.com gave the song a positive review , saying that it was " a rock @-@ solid tour de force featuring Usher vocalizing how smooth he is . " Nero also commended Jay @-@ Z 's verse but said the only negative to the song was Ester Dean 's vocals which were similar to those of Rihanna . Mikael Wood of Entertainment Weekly stated that the song is " nasty in all the right ways " , Jeff Weiss of the Los Angeles Times says that Usher remains on the " R & B ? s A @-@ list " with tracks like the song , calling it " as intoxicating as its namesake " .

= = Chart performance = =

Based on airplay only , the song debuted on the Billboard Hot 100 at number 100 . In its second week it rose to number eighty @-@ eight . In its third week , due to the release of Versus , the song 's sales elevated to number twenty @-@ five after selling 52 @,@ 000 digital downloads , and collected greatest gainer recognitions . It later peaked at number twenty @-@ one on the chart , while reaching number seventeen on the Hot 100 Airplay and twenty @-@ one on the Hot Digital Songs chart . The song reached number nine on the US R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart , and number twenty @-@ seven on the US Pop Songs chart . Internationally , " Hot Tottie " peaked at number sixty @-@ two on the Canadian Hot 100 . Although it was not released officially as a single in the UK , the song reached number 104 on the UK Singles Chart and number twenty @-@ seven on the UK R & B Chart due to sales after the release of Versus only .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording locations

Vocal recording ? Studio at the Palms , Paradise , Nevada

Mixing ? No Excuses Studio , Santa Monica , California

Personnel

Songwriting ? Usher Raymond IV , Ester Dean , Shawn Corey Carter , Polow da Don

Production ? Polow da Don

Recording ? Jeremy " Jay " Stevenson

Mixing ? Jeremy " Jay " Stevenson

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Versus .

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =