

= Angels with Dirty Faces (Sugababes song) =

" Angels with Dirty Faces " is a song by English girl group Sugababes from their second studio album of the same name . It was written by the Sugababes in collaboration with the Xenomania members Brian Higgins , Bob Bradley , Tim Powell and Matthew Del Gray . Higgins , Bradley , Powell and Gifford Noel produced the song . An uptempo pop and R & B record with dance influences , it was released on 11 November 2002 as a double A @-@ side with " Stronger " , as the album 's third single . The song received generally favourable reviews from critics , who praised its composition and highlighted it as one of the album 's better tracks .

Upon release as a double A @-@ side , the song peaked at number seven on the UK Singles Chart and inside the top forty on the Australian and New Zealand charts . " Angels with Dirty Faces " was heavily promoted through Cartoon Network 's animated television series The Powerpuff Girls . Merchandise was created to promote the release of the series ' 2002 film of the same name , while Cartoon Network Studios produced the song 's music video , a reworking of the episode " Nano of the North " from the series ' fourth season . The Sugababes performed the song at London 's Scala Theatre , and Liverpool 's Royal Court Theatre and King 's Dock .

= = Development and composition = =

" Angels with Dirty Faces " is the title track of the Sugababes ' second studio album . The group began working on the album soon after the departure of original member Siobhán Donaghy , who was replaced by former Atomic Kitten member Heidi Range in September 2001 . Within seven months , they composed forty tracks for the album , ten of which made the final cut . " Angels with Dirty Faces " was written by the Sugababes in collaboration with members of the British songwriting and production team Xenomania , including Brian Higgins , Bob Bradley , Tim Powell and Matthew Del Gray . Higgins , Bradley , Powell and Gifford Noel produced the song .

" Angels with Dirty Faces " is an uptempo fusion of pop and R & B. It is backed by a dance beat and contains elements of hip hop . According to the digital sheet music published by EMI Music Publishing , the song was composed in common time at a tempo of 110 beats per minute . " Angels with Dirty Faces " features a girl power theme , and according to the Sugababes , is about being naughty . Phil Udell from Hot Press magazine compared the song to American girl group Destiny Child 's music , specifically their 2001 single " Bootylicious " .

= = Release and reception = =

" Angels with Dirty Faces " was released as the album 's third single as part of a double A @-@ side with " Stronger " . The double A @-@ side was made available as a CD single , cassette tape and 12 @-@ inch single on 11 November 2002 . An Audio Drive remix of the song appears on the 12 @-@ inch and CD releases , the latter of which features the music video . According to Julie Macaskill of Daily Record , the version which appears on the single release is " grittier " compared to the album version .

= = = Critical response = = =

The song received generally positive reviews from critics . NME critic Barry Nicholson suggested it was the better track from the double A @-@ side and commended its " sleek garage sexiness " . He additionally praised the song as smooth and tantalising . A critic from the Daily Mirror described " Angels with Dirty Faces " , as well as the album track " Virgin Sexy " , as " alive with wry palpitations " . Julie Macaskill of Daily Record commended the song 's pop and R & B mixture , which she noted as " proof that there is nothing sweeter than the Sugababes " . Phil Udell from Hot Press admitted that although it is reminiscent of Destiny 's Child 's music , the song " lacks the American 's sense of style " . The Village Voice 's Jess Harvell criticised " Angels with Dirty Faces " as " generic in the post @-@ swingbeat sense " .

== Commercial performance ==

" Angels with Dirty Faces " appeared on singles charts as part of its double A @-@ side release with " Stronger " . In the 23 November 2002 issue of the UK Singles Chart , the single debuted and peaked at number seven , granting the band their third consecutive top ten hit from the album . It appeared in the chart for thirteen weeks , and by April 2010 , sold 125 @, @ 000 copies in the UK , placing it twelfth on the group 's best @-@ selling songs list . The double A @-@ side peaked at number thirty @-@ four on the Australian Singles Chart , where it charted for nine weeks . On the New Zealand Singles Chart , it debuted on 23 February 2003 at number forty @-@ three and peaked at number twenty @-@ four sixteen weeks later . The single spent a total of eighteen weeks on the chart , and gave the Sugababes their third consecutive top forty hit in the country .

== Promotion ==

== Products ==

The Sugababes ' record label , Universal Island , heavily promoted " Angels with Dirty Faces " through Cartoon Network 's animated television series The Powerpuff Girls , and its 2002 film of the same name . 250 @, @ 000 posters which feature the Sugababes and the Powerpuff Girls were distributed throughout cinemas , while an additional 500 @, @ 000 posters were delivered to stores of the supermarket chain Asda . In total , Universal Island obtained the equivalent of an estimated £ 1 @. @ 5 million worth of media coverage . The label 's stint with the series resulted in an animated music video for the song , produced by Cartoon Network Studios . It was played before all screenings of the film during its cinema release as a support feature . The video was also included on the PlayStation 2 video game The Powerpuff Girls : Relish Rampage . The Sugababes ' cartoon characters from the video were featured on the desktops of custom computers that were promoted by the group .

The video channels " Nano of the North " , an episode from the fourth season of The Powerpuff Girls , in which each Sugababes member portrays a Powerpuff Girl . The video opens with a clip of Professor Utonium driving in his car . Meanwhile , a dark cloud hovers over Townsville and it soon begins to rain and dissolves the town . When Professor Utonium arrives home , The Powerpuff Girls are shown watching the Sugababes on television , although the clip is interrupted with a News Flash that reads " Robot Rain Terrorises Townsville " . Professor Utonium manages to retrieve the Sugababes and infuses them with Chemical X. He shrinks them to a microscopic size , places them in a glass jar and drives off in the car with them . He exits the car but trips over , causing the jar to drop and break . The Sugababes , playing the roles of The Powerpuff Girls , fight off the Nanobots with their superpowers . However , a gigantic Nanobot soon appears , and subsequently defeats the Sugababes through superior strength . Professor Utonium witnesses the incident and crushes the Nanobot with his foot . The rain subsequently stops and the sun appears , in which the people of the town start to celebrate . When the Sugababes were questioned about their reaction to the video and its animation , group member Keisha Buchanan responded : " It was so funny seeing us like that and the Powerpuff Girls cartoon itself . The video so much resembled our personalities with these three characters so it was very funny to watch actually . "

== Live performances ==

The Sugababes performed " Angels with Dirty Faces " at the Scala Theatre in London on 11 November 2002 . The Guardian 's Betty Clarke described the group 's vocals during the performance as " clean and pristine " , and noted the presence of change in the group 's sound and image . The band performed it at the Royal Court Theatre , Liverpool on 27 March 2003 as the first show of their UK tour . It was the opening song of the show , which contained a crowd of one

thousand people . " Angels with Dirty Faces " was also the first song they performed during their eighty @-@ minute set on 11 July 2003 at the King 's Dock , Port of Liverpool , as part of the Liverpool Summer Pops music festival .

= = Track listings and formats = =

= = Charts = =