

= Revolver ( song ) =

" Revolver " is a song by American recording artist Madonna from her third greatest hits compilation , Celebration ( 2009 ) . It was released on December 14 , 2009 by Warner Bros. Records and marked her final single release with the label , which had been her record company since 1982 . The song features American rapper Lil Wayne and was written by Madonna , Carlos Battey , Steven Battey , Dwayne Carter , Justin Franks and Brandon Kitchen . It was produced by Madonna and DJ Frank E.

The single release included remixes by David Guetta and Afrojack , which won the Grammy Award for Best Remixed Recording , Non @-@ Classical category at the 53rd Grammy Awards . This version also appears on the deluxe version of Guetta 's album One More Love ( 2010 ) . The single also included mixes by Paul van Dyk , Tracy Young and included remixes of " Celebration " by Akon and Felguk . The original album version does not appear on any formats of the release and some versions are credited as " Madonna vs. David Guetta " .

An electropop song , " Revolver " features Madonna singing the whole song , with a guest appearance by Wayne near the end . The lyrics talk about juxtaposing love with weaponry . Contemporary critics gave a mixed review of the song . Some praised the chorus line " My love ? s a revolver " while others felt that it was underwhelming and not on par with Madonna 's previous songs . The single charted in the lower regions of the official charts of Belgium , Canada , Finland and the United Kingdom while reaching number four on the Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs chart of United States . The song was performed on The MDNA Tour in 2012 , where Madonna wielded a Kalashnikov rifle onstage . The use of weapons in front of the audience generated controversy , after the 2012 Aurora shooting .

= = Background = =

On March 2009 , Madonna 's representative Liz Rosenberg confirmed that Madonna was planning to release a greatest hits album by fall 2009 . She also added that Madonna had plans to go to the studio and record new material for the album . The next day , Madonna 's manager , Guy Oseary , asked fans on his Twitter for input regarding the track listing of the greatest hits album . It was later confirmed that she wrote three new tracks for the album , with Paul Oakenfold being confirmed as producer for two of the new songs . Warner Bros. Records reported the title of the greatest hits to be Celebration through Madonna 's official website . They also reported that the final song on the collection was to be " Revolver " , a collaboration with Lil Wayne and whose demo version was already present in the net . It was present alongside the title track . Before the album was released on September 29 , 2009 , the original version of " Revolver " was released on the internet ; the track had previously appeared in May as a demo recording . In December 2009 , NME confirmed " Revolver " as the second single from Celebration . The song was released digitally in the United Kingdom on December 14 , 2009 by Warner Bros. Records along with a digital maxi single release worldwide on December 29 , 2009 , featuring remixes by David Guetta and Afrojack , Paul van Dyk and Tracy Young .

= = Recording and composition = =

" Revolver " was written by Madonna , Carlos Battey , Steven Battey , Lil Wayne , Justin Franks and Brandon Kitchen , and produced by Madonna and DJ Frank E. In an interview with Hiphopupdate.com , Frank E recalled that he had gone to the recording session two hours before his scheduled meeting with Madonna to set up and give the audio files to the recording engineer , and he said that the ensuing wait was incredibly nerve @-@ racking for him . After Madonna arrived , they recorded her vocals and the song was finished the next day . Reminiscing about the session , he said : " I will never forget the feeling of leaving that session after vocal producing Madonna , and thinking to myself , ' It can ? t it really get any harder than this . ' I 've taken that mentality into every other session I 've been in , and it 's helped me make the session and song more of a success .

Unfortunately , the mix sounded like crap and the song flopped , but hey , you win some and you lose some . "

The audio mixing was done by Demacio Castellon while the Pro Tools editing was arranged by Ron Taylor from Warner Bros. Records . The chorus of the song has Madonna singing the line " My love 's a revolver , my sex is a killer , do you wanna die happy ? " Wayne has a verse towards the end of the song , and sings the lines with reference to ammunitions , and Auto @-@ Tune is used in his vocals . According to Houston Chronicle , the song is electropop in its composition style . The song is set in the time signature of common time , with a moderate tempo of 120 beats per minute . As per the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Alfred Publishing Co . , Inc . , the song is composed in the key of B ? minor , with Madonna 's voice spanning from the tonal nodes of A ? 3 to E ? 5 . " Revolver " follows in the basic sequence of B ? m ? D ? ? A ? ? B ? m ? D ? ? A ? as its chord progression .

= = Critical reception = =

Shaheem Reid from MTV called the song a " sugary ditty " and said that " Guest @-@ verse sniper Weezy F. Baby ( Lil Wayne ) comes in later and gives himself loads of big @-@ ups when it comes to the women . " After the original version of " Revolver " leaked onto the net , Daniel Kreps from Rolling Stone commented that " this cleaned @-@ up version with its sirenesque synths is more befitting of the Queen of Pop . " He also called it the most violent love song ever . Rob Sheffield from the same magazine said that " [ Madonna 's ] hitmaking genius is unmatched and ? with the new Eurocheese blast ' Celebration ' and the Lil Wayne duet ' Revolver ' ? undiminished . "

Joseph Brannigan Lynch from Entertainment Weekly was disappointed with the track and called it underwhelming . He added : " Anyone hoping this collaboration with Wayne would mean a new direction for [ Madonna ] will be disappointed . ' Revolver ' is pretty standard Top 40 background listening ? more of the same electro R & B she played around with on Hard Candy . [ ... ] It ? s not bad by any stretch , but it certainly won ? t end up on the next greatest @-@ hits collection she releases ten years from now . " However , he praised the chorus line calling it Madonna 's " unnerving knack for writing charmingly frivolous lyrics . " While reviewing the album , Leah Greenblatt of Entertainment Weekly called the song " glitched @-@ out dance @-@ floor stomper " and called the chorus a " lyrical come @-@ on " .

Joey Guerra of Houston Chronicle said that the track was " more filler than truly fascinating . " Douglas Wolk from Pitchfork Media commented that the presence of " Revolver " on the Celebration compilation disc was pale compared to Madonna 's previous sex @-@ themed songs like " Justify My Love " and " Erotica " ( 1992 ) . Eric Henderson from Slant Magazine called the song a clumsy collaboration . Sarah Crompton from The Daily Telegraph said that " Revolver " shows off Lil Wayne 's skills as a singer better than Madonna 's . The One Love Club mix of the song , by David Guetta , won a Grammy in the Best Remixed Recording , Non @-@ Classical category of the 53rd Grammy Awards .

= = Chart performance = =

The song charted on the Canadian Hot 100 for one week at position 95 on the issue dated October 17 , 2009 , but fell off the chart the next week . On the Billboard issue dated January 16 , 2010 , the song made a re @-@ entry on the chart at a higher position of 47 , and was the highest debut of the chart . It made a top @-@ 20 debut on the official chart of Finland , at position nineteen and moved to 18 after two weeks . In the United Kingdom , the song was initially positioned at number 188 , but after a few weeks it jumped up to a position 130 on the UK Singles Chart . The One Love remix of " Revolver " , featuring David Guetta , debuted on the Belgian Singles Chart at Flanders region at position 37 . After a few weeks , the song reached number 26 on the Flanders chart and 25 on the Wallonia chart . The song debuted at number 41 on Billboard 's Hot Dance Club Songs chart on the issue dated January 16 , 2010 as the highest debut of that week , and reached a peak of four , staying for two weeks at the same position . In Italy , the song debuted at number 16 on the singles

chart and was certified gold by the Federation of the Italian Music Industry ( FIMI ) for shipment of 15 @, @ 000 copies of the single . The song also charted in Ireland , at position 41 . In Spain the song reached 39 on the chart , for one week only . In the Czech Republic , " Revolver " debuted at number 66 , and reached a peak of number 22 after seven weeks . In Italy , the song reached a peak of 16 .

= = Live performance and controversy = =

Madonna performed " Revolver " as the second song on The MDNA Tour in 2012 . She performed it while holding a Kalashnikov rifle , a common weapon among many rebels , while one of her dancers held an Israeli Uzi submachine gun . Madonna and four dancers then participated in a faux fight and pretended to shoot their weapons and fire bullets . During the performance Lil Wayne appeared on the backdrop screens to perform his verse . It was noted that during the performance Madonna resembled a gunfighter in the style of Kill Bill . During her concert in Phoenix , Madonna pointed her rifle to their fans , while in Miami , she faked murdering her masked dancers . According to Jane Stevenson from Jam ! , " [ Madonna ] really got our attention as she and her dancers wielded guns " . The wardrobe for the performance consisted of a black outfit fitted with an ample cleavage , gloves of the same color and heeled boots . After the tour was finished , the singer stated she would auction all the outfits she wore on tour to help Hurricane Sandy victims .

The use of fake weapons generated controversy . After the concert in Colorado , Madonna was criticised over the use of fake weapons , since the public was sensitized by the 2012 Aurora shooting , which occurred at the premiere of The Dark Knight Rises . Peter Burns , a radio broadcaster in the region , told The Hollywood Reporter that " You could see people kinda looking at each other . I heard the word ' Colorado ' , you know , ' Aurora ' , ' shooting ' . You could hear people talking about it , and it was little bit unsettling . I saw two or three people get up and grab their stuff and actually leave their seats " . Ray Mark Rinaldi from Reverb website said that Madonna was " dancing with guns and shooting up bad guys during ' Revolver ' . It was a bloody scene , particularly tasteless in Colorado these days , but all cartoon ; if folks got upset , they were supposed to " . Daniel Brokman from The Phoenix said : " Madonna took the capacity crowd into a dark place that few were expecting minutes earlier from this queen of ' 80s pop music " . In a review of the concert , Ross Raihala from Twin Cities mentioned that there was " darkness hung over much of the first half of the show " because of the performances of " Revolver " and " Gang Bang " .

Meanwhile , Madonna commented on a letter published in Billboard : " I do not condone violence or the use of guns . Rather they are symbols of wanting to appear strong and wanting to find a way to stop feelings that I find hurtful or damaging . In my case , it 's wanting to stop the lies and hypocrisy of the church , the intolerance of many narrow minded cultures and societies I have experienced throughout my life and in some cases the pain I have felt from having my heart broken . "

= = Track listing and formats = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of the Celebration CD and " Revolver " Remixes Maxi @-@ Single .

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =

= = Release history = =

