

= So Excited =

" So Excited " is a song recorded by American singer @-@ songwriter Janet Jackson featuring guest vocals from rapper Khia . It was released in August 2006 on Virgin Records as the second single from Jackson 's ninth studio album , 20 Y.O . . The song was written by Jackson , Jermaine Dupri , James Phillips , Johntá Austin , James Harris III , Terry Lewis and Khia Chambers , with Herbie Hancock , Michael Beinhorn and Bill Laswell also receiving songwriting credits for sampling Hancock 's 1983 song " Rockit " . Production for " So Excited " was handled by Dupri , LRoc , Jam , Lewis and Jackson . " So Excited " is musically a hip hop and dance song which lyrically expresses submission from a woman to her lover .

It received mixed reviews from music critics , with some considering the song the highlight from 20 Y.O. while others found it disappointing . " So Excited " performed poorly on the US Billboard Hot 100 , reaching number 90 , but managed to become Jackson 's seventeenth number @-@ one dance hit in the country . It also was successful in Europe , reaching the top ten and the top thirty in selected regions . The music video for the song was directed by Joseph Kahn . It depicts Jackson 's clothes disappearing through a complex dance routine . After the rapper was given a diminished role in the music video , she criticized Jackson online . Jackson performed the song on Today , the 2006 Billboard Music Awards , and the 2008 Rock Witchu Tour .

= = Background and composition = =

In 2005 , Jackson started working on her ninth studio album , 20 Y.O. , with her then partner , record producer Jermaine Dupri , who was commissioned as the executive producer . The discussion between the producers turned to how Jackson was feeling at the time her third studio album Control (1986) was recorded . " I started asking questions like , ' What was the feeling of life when you were 20 ? ' I was so intrigued with what was going on in her life then that I just thought her album should be called that " , Dupri commented . Jackson wanted to maintain a R & B sound from her most recent albums , but with an emphasis on dance music .

" So Excited " was written by Jackson , Jermaine Dupri , James Phillips , Johntá Austin , James Harris III , Terry Lewis and Khia Chambers , and was produced by Dupri , LRoc , Jam , Lewis and Jackson . The song is a hip hop and dance track which samples the drum break and turntable scratches from Herbie Hancock 's 1983 song " Rockit " , with Hancock , Michael Beinhorn and Bill Laswell also receiving writing credits . In " So Excited " , Jackson promises submission for her lover , singing , " I 'll open my spot for you / Anytime you want me to " .

= = Critical reception = =

" So Excited " received mixed reviews from music critics . Thomas Inskeep from Stylus Magazine criticized 20 Y.O. , but enjoyed the track , calling it a " sticky ear @-@ candy " song . He further commented that the " sexed @-@ up " number carries a " throwaway contribution from Khia to , if not ultimate satisfaction , [gives the listener] at least a half @-@ decent orgasm " . Miles Marshall Lewis from The Village Voice was also positive , saying that Dupri " girds ' So Excited ' with ' Rockit ' scratches , coaching guest @-@ rapper Khia to sound like Da Brat on the naughty hook . Serviceable enough , it 's surprisingly the highlight " of the album . Spence D. from IGN felt that " So Excited " was like a " glorious slice of radio ready ' 80s churban soul " wrapped up and delivered for a current audience .

Glenn Gamboa , writer for Newsday , commented that " So Excited " was a " good indicator of what to expect from the current incarnation of Jackson . It 's streetwise , lighthearted and easily digestible " . Sasha Frere @-@ Jones , writer from The New Yorker was enthusiastic with the song , calling it a " loud dance tune that is reminiscent of the songs on Control " , although she criticized some lyrics . For Don Baiocchi from Blogcritics , the song was not " the flawless dance floor anthem " her fans were hoping for . Chuck Taylor from Billboard called it disappointing , and felt it was bland and lacked innovation . Similarly , Evan Serpick , writing for Rolling Stone , stated , " Almost all of the

tunes here (particularly ' So Excited ') try to replicate Jackson 's early work , with diminishing returns " .

= = Chart performance = =

" So Excited " debuted at its peak of number 90 on the Billboard Hot 100 , on the issue dated October 5 , 2006 . It debuted on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs at number 75 , eventually peaking at number 34 , becoming her 39th top forty single on the chart . Nevertheless , on the Hot Dance Club Play chart , " So Excited " became Jackson 's 22nd consecutive top ten single and her 17th number @-@ one hit on the chart . It was well received in Europe . The song debuted at its peak of number 14 in Belgium 's Flanders region . In Wallonia , it reached number five . In Finland , " So Excited " debuted at its peak of number nine , remaining in the chart for two issues . In Italy , it reached number 28 , while peaking at number 13 in Spain .

= = Music video = =

The accompanying music video for " So Excited " was directed by Joseph Kahn , with choreography done by Gil Duldulao ; it premiered on September 13 , 2006 on BET 's Access Granted . A group called X1FX handled VFX visual effects for the video . In the video , Jackson 's clothes disappear through a complex dance routine with her female dancers . Also , occasional skeleton people appear in a X @-@ ray effect , and on the 2 minute mark , Jackson is seen inside a yellow sports car eating a strawberry . The video received positive reviews from critics , who considered it a departure from the video for her previous single , but some scenes were criticized . They were also surprised with Jackson naked in the video , after her Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show controversy in 2004 .

After Khia was given a diminished role in the music video , she went to her MySpace account to say she was not pleased with her scenes being displayed in a TV during the music video , and criticized Jackson . Despite that , Khia said years later that the situation was calmed down , and wrote a song with Jackson in mind . However , she did not regret the feedback she gave the singer , stating , " I don 't say anything that I don 't mean . I meant every word that I said . People mix the truth with hate , but no I didn 't appreciate her putting me on the television . A lot of people blew that out of proportion like , ' Oh my god , Khia 's hating on Janet , ' but she called me and we were okay . It 's just me voicing the situation to my fans " .

= = Live performances = =

On September 9 , 2006 , Jackson went to France to perform " So Excited " at NRJ 's Back to School concert , along with past single " Nasty " . While on The Oprah Winfrey Show , she was interviewed and performed both tracks again , with this being the first time a performance of " So Excited " was broadcast on television . The show aired on September 25 . On December 4 , 2006 , Jackson opened the 2006 Billboard Music Awards with a medley of past song " The Pleasure Principle " and " So Excited " , with " Control " serving as an introduction to the number . She was accompanied by white , black and red @-@ clad dancers . The song was included on the setlist for the Rock Witchu Tour in 2008 and the Unbreakable World Tour . She was dressed in a gold and black glam hip hop @-@ inspired track suit , and one gold glove .

= = Track listings = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Janet Jackson ? vocals , songwriter , producer

Jermaine Dupri ? songwriter , producer , mixing , additional vocals

James Phillips ? songwriter , producer
Johnta Austin ? songwriter
James Harris III ? songwriter , producer , additional music
Terry Lewis ? songwriter , producer , additional music
Khia Chambers ? vocals , songwriter
Herbie Hancock ? songwriter
Michael Beinhorn ? songwriter
Bill Laswell ? songwriter
Phil Tan ? mixing
Ian Cross ? recording at Flyte Tyme Studios , Santa Barbara , California
John Horesco IV ? engineering at Flyte Tyme Studios , Santa Barbara , California
Josh Houghkirk ? engineer , mixing assistant
Credits adapted from 20 Y.O. album liner notes .

= = Charts = =