

= Sweat (Ciara song) =

" Sweat " is a song recorded by American recording artist Ciara for her self @-@ titled fifth album Ciara (2013) , originally titled One Woman Army . Featuring guest vocals from rapper 2 Chainz , " Sweat " is Ciara 's debut release under Epic Records after publicly asking to leave previous label Jive Records . The label failed to support Ciara creatively and financially on previous albums , Fantasy Ride (2009) and Basic Instinct (2010) , contributing to poor performance of both albums . Ciara 's contract with Epic Records reunited the singer with her mentor L.A. Reid , who is credited as originally signing the singer to his LaFace Records label during the beginning of her career in 2004 , as well as having a hand in producing her debut album , Goodies (2004) .

Initially touted as the lead single from Ciara , " Sweat " received mixed reviews from music critics , with some describing the song as a heavy club song , while others referred to the song as boring . " Sweat " was likened to previous urban singles " Goodies " (2004) and " Like a Boy " (2006) . It was serviced to rhythmic radio stations on June 18 , 2012 ; however , its planned digital release for June 19 , 2012 was cancelled . Epic Records subsequently noted the song as a promotional single when it charted at number eighty @-@ six on the US Billboard Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . The song was replaced by a ballad called " Sorry " as the lead single from Ciara but what when that underperformed too , both songs were scrapped from the album and replaced with an R & B midtempo song called " Body Party " , subsequently touted as the album 's new lead single .

= = Background and release = =

Ciara 's previous two albums , Fantasy Ride (2009) and Basic Instinct (2010) , both underperformed commercially compared to the singer 's first two albums ; Ciara : The Evolution (2006) debuted at number one , while her debut album , Goodies (2004) , debuted at number three . Following a heavy period of legal issues and unauthorized leaking of songs from the Fantasy Ride recording sessions , Ciara recorded Basic Instinct in strict confidentiality . Ciara reflected on the album 's progress at the time , stating that she wasn 't interested in first week sales or performance . However , Gerrick Kennedy from the Los Angeles Times attributed Basic Instinct 's lack of success to multiple pushbacks and the leaking of material from the album 's recording sessions . Eventually , Ciara broke her silence revealing that Jive Records had not financially supported her with Fantasy Ride and Basic Instinct . Ciara was left to pay for promotion herself , which included funding the music video and radio release of her last single " Gimmie Dat " . She publicly asked to be released from Jive on February 14 , 2011 .

On July 12 , 2011 , it was reported that she had reunited with L.A. Reid by signing with his record label Epic Records . Reid had previously signed Ciara to LaFace Records at the start of her career and was a factor in the commercial success of her debut album , Goodies (2004) . Billboard magazine went on to confirm her move to Epic in September 2011 . On May 30 , 2012 during promotional appearances for That 's My Boy , a film Ciara stars in , the singer announced she had a new single on the way called " Sweat " . Just five days later on June 4 , 2012 , " Sweat " premiered online , the bass @-@ heavy record features upcoming rapper 2 Chainz and was unveiled as the lead single from Ciara 's fifth album Ciara (2013) . The record was serviced to rhythmic radio stations on June 18 , 2012 and was scheduled for release as a digital download on June 19 , 2012 . However , the digital release did not happen as planned , and when charting Billboard listed the song as a promotional single . On August 13 , 2012 , Ciara revealed through a handwritten letter that a song called " Sorry " would be released as the album 's lead single .

= = Composition and reception = =

" Sweat " is an uptempo " bass @-@ heavy " club song which features rapper 2 Chainz . Serving as Ciara 's debut release with Epic Records , " Sweat " was described by MTV News as a throwback to " Ciara 's old roots , " particularly drawing comparisons to " Like a Boy . " It was written by Ciara , 2 Chainz , William Wesson , Patrizio Pigliapoco , Christopher Trujillo , K. Townsend , and S. Randolph

. The song was described as " bass @-@ heavy banger " by Rap @-@ Up . Becky Bain from Idolator , however , was disappointed with " Sweat , " describing the song as " not very exciting . " In her review , Bain said , " Ciara 's vocals go nowhere , the beat doesn 't pick up or drop off or twist or turn unexpectedly , and the repetitive lyrics are your generic sexy @-@ dancefloor bon mots . "

= = Chart performance = =

" Sweat " made its chart debut by entering the US Billboard Bubbling Under R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart on June 23 , 2012 . The chart is an addendum to the main Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart and consists of twenty @-@ five chart positions for songs that have not received enough airplay or single sales to appear in the top 100 of the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . A week later , " Sweat " moved up to number 93 on the main R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . In its third week , it went on peak at number eighty @-@ six .

= = Release history = =