

= My Love : Essential Collection =

My Love : Essential Collection is a greatest hits album by Canadian recording artist Celine Dion . It was released by Columbia Records on October 24 , 2008 as the follow up to her previous English @-@ language compilation , All the Way ... A Decade of Song (1999) . Before releasing My Love : Essential Collection , Dion had already sold over 200 million albums worldwide . In the album 's liner notes , she dedicated this collection of songs , recorded between 1990 and 2008 , to her fans who supported her throughout the years . My Love : Essential Collection was released as a single disc , consisting of Dion 's most successful singles , including : " My Heart Will Go On " , " Because You Loved Me " and " The Power of Love " . The two @-@ disc edition , entitled My Love : Ultimate Essential Collection has been further expanded to include rare songs that have not previously appeared on her albums . Both editions include one new track , " There Comes a Time " . The album wasn 't released in Japan because Sony Music Entertainment decided to issue different compilation there , Complete Best .

My Love : Essential Collection received a positive response . It topped the albums charts in the Netherlands , Belgium and Ireland , as well as the compilation album chart in France . My Love : Essential Collection debuted at number two in Canada , number five in the United Kingdom and number eight in the United States , and was certified double @-@ Platinum in Canada and Ireland , Platinum in Belgium and Gold in Mexico , Finland , New Zealand and Hungary . The first single from the album , " My Love " , was a semi @-@ autobiographic song written for Dion by Linda Perry , originally available on Taking Chances (2007) . In France , " I 'm Alive " (Remix) was released as a promotional single instead . In July 2011 , My Love : Ultimate Essential Collection was re @-@ issued with the same track listings as part of Sony 's The Essential line .

= = Background = =

Dion took the stage for her final performance of A New Day ... on December 15 , 2007 . The Las Vegas show that had been viewed by nearly three million spectators at 717 performances since its premier in March 2003 had come to an end . On February 14 , 2008 , she embarked on her first worldwide concert tour in over nine years . Dion performed her biggest hits along with songs from her new album , Taking Chances . The Taking Chances World Tour played to sold @-@ out stadiums and arenas throughout 2008 . By its completion , at the end of February 2009 , it had crossed five continents , twenty @-@ three countries , and ninety @-@ three cities , en route to playing for an audience of over three million people . On August 27 , 2008 , Dion 's official website announced that a new greatest hits album would be released in October 2008 . On September 5 , 2008 , it was revealed that the album will be available in two formats : a one @-@ disc edition called My Love : Essential Collection as well as a two @-@ disc edition called My Love : Ultimate Essential Collection , with the track listing posted on September 11 , 2008 . " My Love " , originally from Taking Chances , was confirmed as the first single in an official press release on September 22 , 2008 . My Love : Essential Collection features a live version of the song , which premiered on September 17 , 2008 and the live music video was released seven days later . The lyrics to the only new track on the album , " There Comes a Time " were posted on October 7 , 2008 on Dion 's official website and an excerpt of the song was posted on October 23 , 2008 .

The artwork for My Love : Essential Collection features a close @-@ up shot of Dion , wearing a white blouse with a black camera hanging from her neck . The cover 's background is blurred white and purple imagery , with the singer 's name and the album title written in white letters . The photography was done by Denise Truscello , and shot in a studio in Los Angeles in 2007 . Dion was very grateful working with Truscello , and described their professional experience positively : " Out of all the people I 've worked with , she 's the absolute best . I 've worked with her for six years , and she 's always kind to everybody . Super , super kind . "

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My Love : Essential Collection features seventeen songs on the US version and eighteen songs on the European version of the album . The US version includes the Billboard Hot 100 number one singles : " The Power of Love " , " Because You Loved Me " , " My Heart Will Go On " and " I 'm Your Angel " , and the European version contains the UK number one single , " Think Twice . "

The two @-@ disc edition , entitled My Love : Ultimate Essential Collection was released simultaneously . It is a twenty @-@ seven song set on the US version and thirty @-@ six song set on the European version . My Love : Ultimate Essential Collection released in the United States contains three rare songs not released on a Dion record : " (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman " (from Tapestry Revisited : A Tribute to Carole King) , " Dance with My Father " (from So Amazing : An All @-@ Star Tribute to Luther Vandross) , and " I Knew I Loved You " (from We All Love Ennio Morricone) . The European version also includes singles successful in Europe .

In July 2011 , the album was re @-@ issued as part of The Essential series , featuring either the US or European track listing (depending on the country of release) . A limited edition , titled The Essential 3 @. @ 0 , was released exclusively in the United States on August 29 , 2011 . It was expanded with a bonus third CD with seven tracks , including alternate versions of " Think Twice " and " Only One Road . "

= = Promotion = =

The performance of " My Love " was aired for the very first time on television on August 31 , 2008 , during the 43rd annual MDA Labor Day Telethon . On October 28 , 2008 , an episode of The Oprah Winfrey Show was dedicated to Dion , as well as several inspirational journeys of parents and their young children , who suffered from many diseases . Dion was featured throughout the special titled , Miracle Children with Celine Dion due to the personal struggles and difficulties she was facing at the time with childbirth . Towards the end of the special , she performed a live rendition of " My Love . " The following day , Dion was forced to reschedule her concert of October 30 in Minneapolis , as well many others in November 2008 , citing illness as the cause for the postponements . On December 1 , 2008 , she performed " My Love " on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno . On December 13 , 2008 , her official website posted a behind @-@ the @-@ scenes clip of Dion in the recording sessions for the song , " There Comes a Time . " The Taking Chances World Tour ended on February 26 and on March 1 , 2009 , Dion gave her last public performance on Star Académie in Canada , singing a medley of her popular French and English @-@ language songs alongside the contestants . Following the performance , Dion began her temporary retirement from the music industry , in order to focus time on her family and conceiving another child . Aside from the several televised appearances , " My Love " was performed throughout Dion 's Taking Chances World Tour , beginning with her concert in Seoul on March 18 , 2008 . " My Love " was included later on the Taking Chances World Tour : The Concert , released on DVD and CD in April 2010 .

= = Singles = =

My Love : Essential Collection was released while Dion was on her Taking Chances World Tour . During her concert in Stockholm , Sweden on June 7 , 2008 , Dion recorded a live version of " My Love , " which was confirmed to be the first single from the compilation . The song premiered on the radio on September 22 , 2008 and a digital single was released the next day , accompanied by a live music video . Chuck Taylor , senior editor of Billboard , said that " My Love " was an inspired choice from the album and complimented Linda Perry 's composition and Dion 's delivery of the song , calling it highly emotive ballad about ache and uncertainty . After " My Love " debuted on the US Adult Contemporary chart , Dion became the artist with the most adult contemporary hits in the 2000s , with " My Love " being her sixteenth entry of the decade . The song peaked at number fifteen . The next single , " I 'm Alive " was remixed by Laurent Wolf and released in October 2008 to radio to promote the album in France , instead of " My Love . " In January 2009 , new remixes of " I 'm Alive " by Maurice Joshua were sent to the US clubs . They reached number thirty @-@ five on the Hot Dance Club Songs chart . " I 'm Alive " was originally released as a single from A New Day

Has Come in 2002 and peaked at number seven in France and number six on the US Adult Contemporary chart .

= = Critical reception = =

Stephen Thomas Erlewine , senior editor of AllMusic , called My Love : Essential Collection an overcompensation for how All the Way ... A Decade of Song (1999) , concentrated on newer recordings at the expense of hits . According to him , My Love : Essential Collection " fits the bill well " for those listeners who are looking for an overview of Celine Dion 's two decades as an international superstar , as it has all her big adult contemporary hits . Erlewine also noted that although Dion has had more hits in the ten years since All the Way ... A Decade of Song , apart from her cover of Roy Orbison 's " I Drove All Night , " almost none of her new @-@ millennium hits are as memorable as her singles from the ' 90s .

= = Commercial reception = =

My Love : Essential Collection debuted at number eight on the US Billboard 200 , becoming Dion 's eleventh top ten album on the chart , with first week sales of 57 @,@ 000 copies . On the Canadian Albums Chart , My Love : Essential Collection debuted at number two , with sales of 17 @,@ 700 copies , and the following week , the album dropped to number three , selling another 11 @,@ 000 copies . By its third week on the chart , My Love : Essential Collection sank another three spots to number six , and by January 2009 , was certified double @-@ Platinum by CRIA , denoting shipments of 160 @,@ 000 copies . In the United Kingdom , the album debuted at number five , selling 42 @,@ 411 copies and was certified three @-@ times Platinum for sales of over 900 @,@ 000 units . In Ireland , it peaked at number one and was certified double @-@ Platinum in 2008 . My Love : Essential Collection proved to be very popular in these two countries , as it re @-@ entered the charts in 2009 , 2010 , 2011 , 2012 , 2013 , 2014 , 2015 and 2016 . It debuted at number one in France and the Netherlands , occupying the top for two weeks in both countries . My Love : Essential Collection also topped the chart in Belgium Flanders and peaked inside the top ten in many European countries , reaching number six on the European Top 100 Albums . The album also peaked inside top ten in New Zealand and Mexico , and was also certified Platinum in Belgium , Gold in Mexico , Finland , New Zealand and Hungary . Worldwide , it became the forty @-@ second best selling album of 2008 , according to the IFPI .

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North American version

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Credits taken from AllMusic .

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