

= Get Up (Ciara song) =

" Get Up " is a song by American recording artist Ciara . Released on July 25 , 2006 , the song serves as the first single from the original soundtrack to the film Step Up (2006) , as well as the lead single for her second album , Ciara : The Evolution . It features American rapper Chamillionaire . The song was written by the singer and rapper with her mentor Jazze Pha , who produced the song . The song is a hip @-@ hop number , accompanied by R & B and dance music sounds , while integrating a mild crunk beat . The song received generally positive reviews from music critics , who compared it to her previous work , namely " 1 , 2 Step . "

The single received generally positive reviews from music critics with most of them praising the production of the song and the songs genre ; the song was noted for containing " minimalist crunk grind which helped her debut sell three million copies " . Additionally , the song was noted for being one of the highlights of the album being called " catchy , blipping track . " " Get Up " peaked in the top ten in the New Zealand and the United States , becoming her seventh top ten hit . It was later certified gold in the United States by the Recording Industry Association of America .

The song 's accompanying music video , which takes place in a club surrounded by a cityscape , makes use of several visual effects including CGI animation and Unilux strobes . Ciara performed the song a number of times , including at the 2006 Macy 's Thanksgiving Day Parade , and on the second season of So You Think You Can Dance .

= = Background and composition = =

In an interview with MTV News , Ciara confirmed that she wrote and produced the song with mentor and previous collaborator Jazze Pha , and would be included on the soundtrack to the film , Step Up , starring Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan . The song was sent for urban airplay on June 26 , 2006 , and mainstream airplay on August 21 . It was released for digital download and vinyl single on July 25 , 2006 . The song was released as a CD single in several international markets on September 11 , 2006 .

" Get Up , " described to be in a moderate hip @-@ hop groove , is a R & B song with a length of three minutes and seventeen seconds , with inclinations toward dance @-@ pop . Set in common time , it is written in the key of C minor . Ciara 's vocals span from the low note of E ² to C5 . It carries a minimalist crunk beat , accompanied by Ciara 's signature " shimmering vocals . " Baz Dresinger of Blender noted similarities between the song and " 1 , 2 Step . " Dorian Lynskey of The Guardian said the song " winks " at Kraftwerk 's " Tour de France . "

= = Critical reception = =

Andy Kellman of Allmusic and Bill Lamb of About.com noted the song as one of the top tracks on Ciara : The Evolution . Jody Rosen of Entertainment Weekly called the song a " catchy , blipping track . " Dan Gennoe of Yahoo ! Music UK said that songs such as " Get Up , " " That 's Right , " and " Like A Boy " " revive the minimalist crunk grind which helped her debut sell three million copies . " Tammy La Gorce , an editorial reviewer for Amazon.com said that the " Chamillionaire @-@ pumped " song was " a play @-@ it @-@ loud club number , full of hip @-@ hop heat . " Although he said the song lacked " emotional impact " and that it " cries out for bass , " Matt Cibula of PopMatters said the track was " bidding far to be the big dance hit from this album , " calling Chamillionaire 's rap " nifty . "

= = Chart performance = =

After garnering strong airplay , prior to its release , " Get Up " entered the Billboard Hot 100 at ninety @-@ three . After it was released for digital download , it debuted at number three on the Hot Digital Songs chart , and reached its peak of number seven on the Hot 100 . Later , it also peaked at number seven on the Hot 100 Airplay , and at thirteen on the Pop 100 . The song became Ciara 's

fourth top ten hit on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . " Get Up " was later certified Gold in the United States by the Recording Industry Association of America , denoting shipments of 500 @,@ 000 copies . On the New Zealand Singles Chart , the song entered at number nine and peaked at number five the following week . The week of October 8 , 2006 , " Get Up " opened at number seventeen on the Swiss Singles Chart , where it peaked . The song 's success in Europe resulted in its peak of eighty @-@ six on the European Hot 100 . On the Austrian Singles Chart , it debuted at number seventy @-@ two , later peaking at number fifty @-@ nine during the week of October 20 , 2006 . " Get Up " peaked at number twenty @-@ nine on the German Singles Chart , spending seven weeks on the chart . The song managed to reach number 187 on the UK Singles Chart .

= = Music video = =

The music video for the song was filmed on June 30 , 2006 in Los Angeles , California , directed by Joseph Kahn . It features several special effects , which include the effects of macro lenses on real bodies , intermediate CGI bodies , and 2 @-@ D wipes and morphs .

= = = Synopsis = = =

The video follows Ciara as she goes clubbing . The clip begins with the singer waking up at midnight , in a black , reflective apartment , as she is dressed in black and proceeds to leave through the building 's fire escape . When she arrives outside , the windows of the building brighten and fade , and the moon , stars , and lamp posts create a strobe effect . White reflectors on the street sweep around Ciara and she is surrounded by dancers , many of whom are from the film , as they ascend a dark staircase and enter the club . When everyone arrives on the roof , Ciara meets up with Chamillionaire for his verse , and thereafter Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan , the stars of Step Up , make appearances in dance sequences . The lights of the cityscape begin to pulse to the music , and rain falls on the crowd . Unilux strobes are used to highlight the rain .

The video ends with the camera pulling out of the sequence , with the flashing lights on the cityscape making up the flashing lights of Ciara 's alarm clock from the beginning of the video . Henry Adaso of About.com gave the video three and a half out of five stars , stating that even though the song was a summer hit , when up against the recently released " Déjà Vu " video , Adaso said , " While Ciara gives Beyoncé a run for her money , the dance moves are unoriginal . "

= = Live performances = =

The singer performed the song on several occasions . She performed the song on the second season finale of So You Think You Can Dance . She later appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show to perform the song on December 5 , 2006 , as well as the 2006 Macy 's Thanksgiving Day Parade , the 2006 St. Lucia Jazz Festival , and MTV Goes Gold : New Year 's Eve 2007 .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Ciara Harris ? vocals , writer
Hakeem Seriki ? vocals , writer
Phalon Alexander ? writer , producer
Lesli Brathwaite ? mixing
Cedric Williams ? keyboard
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= = Formats and track listings = =

= = Charts and certifications = =