

= Linkin Park =

Linkin Park is an American rock band from Agoura Hills , California . Formed in 1996 , the band rose to international fame with their debut album Hybrid Theory (2000) , which was certified diamond by the RIAA in 2005 and multi @-@ platinum in several other countries . Their following studio album Meteora continued the band 's success , topping the Billboard 200 album chart in 2003 , and was followed by extensive touring and charity work around the world . In 2003 , MTV2 named Linkin Park the sixth @-@ greatest band of the music video era and the third @-@ best of the new millennium . Billboard ranked Linkin Park No. 19 on the Best Artists of the Decade chart . In 2012 , the band was voted as the greatest artist of the 2000s in a Bracket Madness poll on VH1 . In 2014 , the band was declared as the Biggest Rock Band in the World Right Now by Kerrang ! .

Having adapted nu metal and rap metal to a radio @-@ friendly yet densely layered style in Hybrid Theory and Meteora , the band explored other genres in their next studio album , Minutes to Midnight (2007) . The album topped the Billboard charts and had the third @-@ best debut week of any album that year . The band continued to explore a wider variation of musical types in their fourth album , A Thousand Suns (2010) , layering their music with more electronic sounds and beats . Their fifth album , Living Things (2012) , combines musical elements from all of their previous records . Their sixth and most recent album , The Hunting Party (2014) , returned to a heavier rock sound . The band has collaborated with several other artists , most notably with rapper Jay Z in their mashup EP Collision Course , and many others on the remix albums Reanimation and Recharged . Linkin Park has sold over 68 million albums worldwide and has won two Grammy Awards .

= = History = =

= = = Early years (1996 ? 2000) = = =

Linkin Park was founded by three high school friends : Mike Shinoda , Rob Bourdon , and Brad Delson . The three attended Agoura High School in Agoura Hills , California , a suburb of Los Angeles . After graduating from high school , the three began to take their musical interests more seriously , recruiting Joe Hahn , Dave " Phoenix " Farrell , and Mark Wakefield to perform in their band , Xero . Though limited in resources , the band began recording and producing songs within Shinoda 's makeshift bedroom studio in 1996 , resulting in a four @-@ track demo tape , entitled Xero . Tensions and frustration within the band grew however after they failed to land a record deal . The lack of success and stalemate in progress prompted Wakefield , at that time the band 's vocalist , to leave the band in search of other projects . Farrell also left to tour with Tasty Snax , a Christian punk and Ska band .

After spending a considerable time searching for Wakefield 's replacement , Xero recruited Arizona vocalist , Chester Bennington , who was recommended by Jeff Blue , the vice president of Zomba Music in March 1999 . Bennington , formerly of a post @-@ grunge band by the name of Grey Daze , became a standout among applicants because of the dynamic in his singing style . The band then agreed on changing its name from Xero to Hybrid Theory ; the newborn vocal chemistry between Shinoda and Bennington helped revive the band , inciting them to work on new material . In 1999 the band released a self @-@ titled extended play , which they circulated across internet chat @-@ rooms and forums with the help of an online ' street team ' . The band 's renaissance culminated with a change in name ; from Hybrid Theory , the band once again changed its name , this time to Linkin Park , a play on and homage to Santa Monica 's Lincoln Park . The band initially wanted to utilize the name " Lincoln Park " , however they changed it to " Linkin " to acquire the internet domain " linkinpark.com " . However , despite these changes , the band still struggled to sign a record deal . After facing numerous rejections from several major record labels , Linkin Park turned to Jeff Blue for additional help . After failing to catch Warner Bros. Records on three previous reviews , Jeff Blue , now the vice president of Warner Bros. Records , helped the band sign a deal with the company in 1999 . The band released its breakthrough album , Hybrid Theory , the

following year .

= = = Hybrid Theory and Reanimation (2000 ? 02) = = =

Linkin Park released Hybrid Theory on October 24 , 2000 . The album , which represented half a decade 's worth of the band 's work , was edited by Don Gilmore . Hybrid Theory was a massive commercial success ; it sold more than 4 @. @ 8 million copies during its debut year , earning it the status of best @- @ selling album of 2001 , while singles such as " Crawling " and " One Step Closer " established themselves as staples among alternative rock radio play lists during the year . Additionally , other singles from the album were featured in films such as Dracula 2000 , Little Nicky , and Valentine . Hybrid Theory won a Grammy Award for Best Hard Rock Performance for the song " Crawling " and was nominated for two other Grammy Awards : Best New Artist and Best Rock Album . MTV awarded the band their Best Rock Video and Best Direction awards for " In the End " . Through the winning of the Grammy for Best Hard Rock Performance , Hybrid Theory 's overall success had catapulted the band into mainstream success .

During this time , Linkin Park received many invitations to perform on many high @- @ profile tours and concerts including Ozzfest , Family Values Tour , and KROQ Almost Acoustic Christmas . The band worked with Jessica Sklar to found their official fan club and street team , " Linkin Park Underground " , in November 2001 . Linkin Park also formed its own tour , Projekt Revolution , which featured other notable artists such as Cypress Hill , Adema , and Snoop Dogg . Within a year 's stretch , Linkin Park had performed at over 320 concerts . The experiences and performances of the precocious band were documented in its first DVD , Frat Party at the Pankake Festival , which debuted in November 2001 . Now reunited with former bassist Phoenix , the band began work on a remix album , dubbed Reanimation , which would include works from Hybrid Theory and non @- @ album tracks . Reanimation debuted on July 30 , 2002 , featuring the likes of Black Thought , Jonathan Davis , Aaron Lewis , and many others . Reanimation claimed the second spot on the Billboard 200 , and sold nearly 270 @, @ 000 copies during its debut week . Hybrid Theory is also in the RIAA 's Top 100 Albums .

= = = Meteora (2002 ? 04) = = =

Following the success of Hybrid Theory and Reanimation , Linkin Park spent a significant amount of time touring around the United States . The band members began to work on new material amidst its saturated schedule , spending a sliver of their free time in their tour bus ' studio . The band officially announced the production of a new studio album in December 2002 , revealing its new work was inspired by the rocky region of Meteora in Greece , where numerous monasteries have been built on top of the rocks . Meteora features a mixture of the band 's nu metal and rap metal style with newer innovative effects , including the induction of a shakuhachi (a Japanese flute made of bamboo) and other instruments . Linkin Park 's second album debuted on March 25 , 2003 and instantly earned worldwide recognition , going to No. 1 in the US and UK , and No. 2 in Australia .

Meteora sold more than 800 @, @ 000 copies during its first week , and it ranked as the best selling album on the Billboard charts at the time . The album 's singles , including " Somewhere I Belong " , " Breaking the Habit " , " Faint " , and " Numb " , received significant radio attention . By October 2003 , Meteora sold nearly three million copies . The album 's success allowed Linkin Park to form another Projekt Revolution , which featured other bands and artists including Mudvayne , Blindside , and Xzibit . Additionally , Metallica invited Linkin Park to play at the Summer Sanitarium Tour 2003 , which included well @- @ known acts such as Limp Bizkit , Mudvayne and Deftones . The band released an album and DVD , titled Live in Texas , which featured some audio and video tracks from the band 's performances in Texas during the tour . In early 2004 , Linkin Park started a world tour titled the Meteora World Tour . Supporting bands on the tour included Hoobastank , P.O.D. , Story of the Year and Pia .

Meteora earned the band multiple awards and honors . The band won the MTV awards for Best Rock Video for " Somewhere I Belong " and the Viewer 's Choice Award for " Breaking the Habit " .

Linkin Park also received significant recognition during the 2004 Radio Music Awards , winning the Artist of the Year and Song of the Year (" Numb ") awards . Although Meteora was not nearly as successful as Hybrid Theory , it was the third best selling album in the United States during 2003 . The band spent the first few months of 2004 touring around the world , first with the third Projekt Revolution tour , and later several European concerts . At the same time , the band 's relationship with Warner Bros. Records was deteriorating rapidly on account of several trust and financial issues . After months of feuding , the band finally negotiated a deal in December 2005 .

= = = Side projects (2004 ? 06) = = =

Following Meteora 's success , the band worked on many side projects . Bennington appeared on DJ Lethal 's " State of the Art " and other work with Dead by Sunrise , while Shinoda did work with Depeche Mode . In 2004 , the band began to work with Jay @-@ Z to produce another remix album , titled Collision Course . The album , which featured intermixed lyrics and background tracks from both artists ' previous albums , debuted in November 2004 . Shinoda also formed Fort Minor as a side project . With the aid of Jay @-@ Z , Fort Minor released its debut album , The Rising Tied , to critical acclaim .

Linkin Park also participated in numerous charitable events , most notably raised money to benefit victims of Hurricane Charley in 2004 and later Hurricane Katrina in 2005 . The band donated \$ 75 @,@ 000 to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation in March 2004 . They also helped relief efforts for the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami victims by staging several charity concerts and setting up an additional fund called Music for Relief . Most notably , however , the band participated at Live 8 , a series of charitable benefit concerts set up to raise global awareness . Alongside Jay @-@ Z , the band performed on Live 8 's stage in Philadelphia , Pennsylvania , to a global audience . The band would later be reunited with Jay @-@ Z at the Grammy Award Ceremony 2006 , during which they performed " Numb / Encore " , en route to winning a Grammy for Best Rap / Sung Collaboration . They were joined on stage by Paul McCartney who added verses from the song " Yesterday " . They would later go on to play at the 2006 Summer Sonic music festival , which was hosted by Metallica in Japan .

= = = Minutes to Midnight (2006 ? 08) = = =

Linkin Park returned to the recording studios in 2006 to work on new material . To produce the album , the band chose producer Rick Rubin . Despite initially stating the album would debut sometime in 2006 , the album was delayed until 2007 . The band had recorded thirty to fifty songs in August 2006 , when Shinoda stated the album was halfway completed . Bennington later added that the new album would stray away from its previous nu metal sound . Warner Bros. Records officially announced that the band 's third studio album , titled Minutes to Midnight , would be released on May 15 , 2007 in the United States . After spending fourteen months working on the album , the band members opted to further refine their album by removing five of the original seventeen tracks . The album 's title , a reference to the Doomsday Clock , foreshadowed the band 's new lyrical themes . Minutes to Midnight sold over 625 @,@ 000 copies in its first week , making it one of the most successful debut week albums in recent years . The album also took the top spot on the Billboard Charts .

The album 's first single , " What I 've Done " , was released on April 2 , and premiered on MTV and Fuse within the same week . The single was acclaimed by listeners , becoming the top @-@ ranked song on the Billboard 's Modern Rock Tracks and Mainstream Rock Tracks charts . The song is also used in soundtrack for the 2007 action film , Transformers . Mike Shinoda was also featured on the Styles of Beyond song " Second to None " , which was also included in the film . Later in the year , the band won the " Favorite Alternative Artist " in the American Music Awards . The band also saw success with the rest of the album 's singles , " Bleed It Out " , " Shadow of the Day " , " Given Up " , and " Leave Out All the Rest " , which were released throughout 2007 and early 2008 . The band also collaborated with Busta Rhymes on his single " We Made It " , which was released on April 29 .

Linkin Park embarked on a large world tour titled " Minutes to Midnight World Tour " . The band promoted the album 's release by forming their fourth Projekt Revolution tour in the United States which included many musical acts like My Chemical Romance , Taking Back Sunday , HIM , Placebo , and many others . They also played numerous shows in Europe , Asia , and Australia which included a performance at Live Earth Japan on July 7 , 2007 @. @ and headlining Download Festival in Donington Park , England and Edgefest in Downsview Park , Toronto , Canada . The band completed touring on its fourth Projekt Revolution tour before taking up an Arena tour around the United Kingdom , visiting Nottingham , Sheffield and Manchester , before finishing on a double night at the O2 arena in London . Bennington stated that Linkin Park plans to release a follow @- @ up album to Minutes to Midnight . However , he stated the band will first embark on a United States tour to gather inspiration for the album . Linkin Park embarked on another Projekt Revolution tour in 2008 . This was the first time a Projekt Revolution tour was held in Europe with three shows in Germany and one in the United Kingdom . A Projekt Revolution tour was also held in the United States which featured Chris Cornell , The Bravery , Ashes Divide , Street Drum Corps and many others . Linkin Park finished the tour with a final show in Texas . Mike Shinoda announced a live CD / DVD titled Road to Revolution : Live at Milton Keynes , which is a live video recording from the Projekt Revolution gig at the Milton Keynes Bowl on June 29 , 2008 , which was officially released on November 24 , 2008 .

= = = A Thousand Suns (2008 ? 11) = = =

In May 2009 , Linkin Park announced they were working on a fourth studio album , which was planned to be released in 2010 . Shinoda told IGN that the new album would be ' genre @- @ busting , ' while building off of elements in Minutes to Midnight . He also mentioned that the album would be more experimental and " hopefully more cutting @- @ edge . " Bennington also addressed the media to confirm that Rick Rubin would return to produce the new album . The band later revealed the album would be called A Thousand Suns . While working on the new album , Linkin Park worked with successful film composer Hans Zimmer to produce the score for Transformers : Revenge of the Fallen . The band released a single for the movie , titled " New Divide " . Joe Hahn created a music video for the song , which featured clips from the film . On June 22 , Linkin Park played a short set in Westwood Village after the premier of the movie . After completing work for Transformers : Revenge of the Fallen , the band returned to the studio to finalize their album .

On April 26 , the band released an app for the iPhone , iPod Touch , and iPad , a game called 8 @- @ Bit Rebellion ! It featured the band as playable characters , and a new song called " Blackbirds " which was unlockable by beating the game . The song was also later released as an iTunes bonus track on A Thousand Suns .

A Thousand Suns was released on September 14 . The album 's first single , " The Catalyst " , was released on August 2 . The band promoted their new album by launching a concert tour , which started in Los Angeles on September 7 . Linkin Park also relied on MySpace to promote their album , releasing two additional songs , " Waiting for the End " and " Blackout " on September 8 . Furthermore , a documentary about the album 's production , titled Meeting of A Thousand Suns , was available for streaming on the band 's MySpace page . On August 31 , 2010 , it was announced that the band would perform the single live for the first time at the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards on September 12 , 2010 . The venue of the debut live performance of the single was Griffith Observatory , an iconic location used in Hollywood movies . " Waiting for the End " was released as the second single of A Thousand Suns .

Linkin Park reached No.8 in Billboard Social 50 , a chart of the most active artists on the world 's leading social networking sites . In other Billboard Year @- @ End charts , the band reached No.92 in the " Top Artists " chart , as well as A Thousand Suns reaching No.53 in the Year @- @ End chart of the Billboard Top 200 albums and No.7 in the 2010 Year @- @ End Rock Albums , and " The Catalyst " reaching No.40 in the Year @- @ End Rock Songs chart .

The band was nominated for six Billboard Awards in 2011 for Top Duo or Group , Best Rock Album for A Thousand Suns , Top Rock Artist , Top Alternative Artist , Top Alternative Song for " Waiting

for the End " and Top Alternative Album for A Thousand Suns , but did not win any award . The band charted in numerous Billboard Year @-@ End charts in 2011 . The band was No.39 in the Top Artists Chart , No.84 in the Billboard 200 Artists chart , No.11 in the Social 50 Chart , No.6 in the Top Rock Artists Chart , No.9 in the Rock Songs Artists Chart , No.16 in the Rock Albums Chart , No.4 in the Hard Rock Albums Chart , and No.7 in the Alternative Songs Chart .

= = = Living Things and Recharged (2011 ? 13) = = =

In July 2011 , Bennington told Rolling Stone that Linkin Park aims to produce a new album every eighteen months , and that he would be shocked if a new album did not come out in 2012 . He later revealed in another interview in September 2011 that the band was still in the beginning phases of the next album , saying " We just kind of began . We like to keep the creative juices flowing , so we try to keep that going all the time ... we like the direction that we 're going in . " Later , on March 28 , 2012 , Shinoda confirmed that the band is filming a music video for " Burn It Down " . Joe Hahn directed the video . Shinoda spoke to Co.Create about the album 's art , saying that it will " blow them [the fans] away ... the average person is not going to be able to look at it and go , I understand that that 's completely new , like not just the image but the way they made the image is totally new . So there 's going to be that . "

On April 15 , 2012 , Shinoda announced that Living Things would be the title of Linkin Park 's fifth album . Shinoda stated that they chose the title Living Things because the album is more about people , personal interactions , and it is far more personal than their previous albums . The band promoted the album on the 2012 edition of the Honda Civic Tour , with co @-@ headliners Incubus . The band performed " Burn It Down " at 2012 Billboard Music Awards . On May 24 , the band released the music video for " Burn It Down " and debuted " Lies Greed Misery " , another song from Living Things , on BBC Radio 1 . " Powerless " , the twelfth and closing track of the album , was featured in the closing credits of the film Abraham Lincoln : Vampire Hunter .

Living Things sold over 220 @,@ 000 copies during its debut week , ranking No. 1 on the US Albums Charts . Linkin Park 's single , " Castle of Glass " , was nominated for ' Best Song in a Game ' at the 2012 Spike Video Game Awards . The band also performed at the award ceremony on December 7 , but lost the award to " Cities " by Beck . Linkin Park also played at the Soundwave music festival in Australia , where they shared the stage with Metallica , Paramore , Slayer and Sum 41 .

On August 10 , 2013 , the band collaborated with American musician Steve Aoki to record the song " A Light That Never Comes " for Linkin Park 's online puzzle @-@ action game LP Recharge (short for Linkin Park Recharge) , which was launched on Facebook and the official LP Recharge website on September 12 , 2013 . On the day of the game 's release , Linkin Park made a post on their Facebook explaining that the song used to promote the game would be included on a new remix album , entitled Recharged , which was released on October 29 , 2013 on CD , vinyl , and digital download . Similar to Reanimation , the album features remixes of ten of the songs from Living Things , with contributions from other artists , such as Ryu of Styles of Beyond , Pusha T , Datsik , KillSonik , Bun B , Money Mark , and Rick Rubin . The band also worked on the soundtrack for the film Mall , which was directed by Joe Hahn .

= = = The Hunting Party (2013 ? 15) = = =

In an interview with Fuse , Shinoda confirmed that Linkin Park had begun recording their sixth studio album in May 2013 . The band released the first single from their upcoming album , titled , " Guilty All the Same " on March 6 , 2014 through Shazam . The single was later released on the following day by Warner Bros. Records and debut at No. 28 on the US Billboard Rock Airplay charts before peaking at No. 1 on the Mainstream Rock charts in the following weeks . Shortly after the single 's release , the band revealed their sixth album would be titled The Hunting Party . The album was produced by Shinoda and Delson , who wanted to explore musical elements from Hybrid Theory and the band 's earlier material . Shinoda commented the album is a " 90s style of rock

record . " He elaborated , " It 's a Rock record . It 's loud and it 's Rock , but not in the sense of what you 've heard before , which is more like ' 90s Hardcore @-@ Punk @-@ Thrash . ' The album includes musical contributions from Rakim , Page Hamilton of Helmet , Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine , and Daron Malakian of System of a Down . The Hunting Party was released on June 13 , 2014 in most countries , and later released in the United States on June 17 .

Linkin Park performed at Download Festival on June 14 , 2014 , where they played their debut album , Hybrid Theory , in its entirety . Linkin Park headlined Rock am Ring and Rock im Park in 2014 , along with Metallica , Kings of Leon , and Iron Maiden . They also headlined with Iron Maiden again at the Greenfield Festival in July . On June 22 , Linkin Park made an unscheduled headline appearance at the Vans Warped Tour , where they played with members of Issues , The Devil Wears Prada , A Day To Remember , Yellowcard , Breathe Carolina , Finch , and Machine Gun Kelly . In January 2015 , the band embarked on a tour to promote the release of The Hunting Party , consisting of 17 concerts across the United States and Canada . The tour was canceled after only three concerts when Bennington injured his ankle . On May 9 , Linkin Park performed at the first edition of Rock in Rio USA , in direct support for Metallica .

On November 9 , 2014 MTV Europe named Linkin Park the " Best Rock " act of 2014 at their annual music awards ceremony . The band won the ' Best Rock Band ' and ' Best Live Act ' titles of 2014 on Loudwire 's Music Awards . Revolver ranked The Hunting Party as the fourth best album of 2014 .

Linkin Park collaborated with Steve Aoki on the song " Darker Than Blood " for Aoki 's album Neon Future II , which was released in May 2015 . The first preview of the song came during Aoki 's performance on February 28 , 2015 at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago , Illinois . The song was debuted on Twitch.tv on April 13 and released on April 14 .

In an interview with AltWire on May 4 , Shinoda reflected on The Hunting Party and commented on Linkin Park 's future , stating ; " I 'm really happy with the reaction from The Hunting Party , and I think we 're ready to move somewhere new on the next album , which will be coming [in 2016] " .

Blizzard Entertainment announced on October 20 that Linkin Park will be performing at the closing ceremony of Blizzcon 2015 , Blizzard 's video game convention .

= = = Seventh studio album (2015 ? present) = = =

On November 25 , 2015 , Linkin Park updated their Facebook cover photo with a link to their website stating that they have started work on a new album .

= = Charity = =

On January 19 , 2010 , Linkin Park released a new song titled " Not Alone " as part of a compilation from Music for Relief called Download to Donate for Haiti in support of the Haiti Earthquake crisis . On February 10 , 2010 , Linkin Park released the official music video for the song on their homepage . The single itself was released on October 21 , 2011 .

On January 11 , 2011 , an updated version of Download to Donate for Haiti was launched , called Download to Donate for Haiti V2.0 , with more songs to download . For the updated compilation , the band released Keaton Hashimoto 's remix of " The Catalyst " from the " Linkin Park featuring YOU " contest .

Shinoda designed two T @-@ shirts , in which the proceeds will go to Music for Relief to help the victims of the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami disasters . Music for Relief released Download to Donate : Tsunami Relief Japan , another compilation of songs , in which the proceeds will go to Save the Children . The band released the song titled as " Issho Ni " , meaning " we 're in this together " , on March 22 , 2011 via Download to Donate : Tsunami Relief Japan .

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan , Linkin Park played at Club Nokia during the " Music for Relief : Concert for the Philippines " in Los Angeles , California , and raised donations for victims . The show was broadcast on AXS TV on February 15 . Other artists during the show included The Offspring , Bad Religion , Heart , and The Filharmonic .

= = Musical style and influences = =

Linkin Park combines elements of rock music , hip hop and electronica , and have been categorized as alternative metal and rap rock by AllMusic . They are also tagged as rap rock by About.com. Despite also being characterized as nu metal , the band never considered themselves as such . Their MusicMight biography lists them as alternative rock , nu metal and rap metal . WatchMojo.com identifies them as alternative rock , electronic rock and industrial rock , while Billboard characterizes them as alternative metal and electronic rock .

Both Hybrid Theory and Meteora combine the alternative metal , nu metal , and rap rock sound with influences and elements from hip hop , alternative rock , and electronica , utilizing programming and synthesizers . William Ruhlmann from AllMusic regarded it as " a Johnny @-@ come @-@ lately to an already overdone musical style , " whereas Rolling Stone described their song " Breaking the Habit " as " risky , beautiful art " .

In Minutes to Midnight the band experimented with their established sound and drew influences from a wider and more varied range of genres and styles , a process Los Angeles Times compares to a stage in U2 's work . In it , only two of the songs feature rapping , and the majority of the album can be considered alternative rock . NME magazine 's Dan Silver criticized the band 's approach , calling it the " sound of a band trying and failing to forge a new identity " , and referring to the song " Hands Held High " , a song about terrorist attacks and war , as " far and away the funniest thing you will hear all year " .

The vocal interplay between Chester Bennington and Mike Shinoda plays as a major part within Linkin Park 's music , with Bennington being the lead vocalist and Shinoda as the rapping vocalist . On Linkin Park 's third album , Minutes to Midnight , Shinoda sings lead vocals on " In Between " , " Hands Held High " , and on the B @-@ side " No Roads Left " . On numerous songs from band 's fourth album , A Thousand Suns , such as the album 's four singles (" The Catalyst " , " Waiting for the End " , " Burning in the Skies " , " Iridescent ") , both Shinoda and Bennington sing . On most of the record 's tracks , the band notably used electronic drumbeats along with outro drumbeats . The album has been regarded as a turning point in the band 's musical career , having a stronger emphasis on electronica . James Montgomery , of MTV , compared the record to Radiohead 's Kid A , while Jordy Kasko of Review , Rinse , Repeat likened the album to both Kid A and Pink Floyd 's landmark album The Dark Side of the Moon . Shinoda stated that he and the other band members were deeply influenced by Chuck D and Public Enemy . He elaborated : " Public Enemy were very three @-@ dimensional with their records because although they seemed political , there was a whole lot of other stuff going on in there too . It made me think how three @-@ dimensional I wanted our record to be without imitating them of course , and show where we were at creatively " . One of the record 's political elements is its samples of notable speeches by American political figures .

Their fifth album , Living Things , is also an electronic @-@ heavy album , but includes other influences , resulting in a harder sound by comparison . The band returns to a heavier sound , compared to their last three albums , on The Hunting Party , being described as an alternative metal and hard rock album .

Linkin Park 's influences include Nine Inch Nails , Deftones , The Roots and Aphex Twin .

= = Legacy and influence = =

Linkin Park has sold more than 68 million records . The group 's first studio album Hybrid Theory is one of the best @-@ selling albums in the US (10 million copies shipped) and worldwide (27 million copies sold) . Billboard estimates that Linkin Park earned US \$ 5 million between May 2011 and May 2012 , making them the 40th @-@ highest @-@ paid musical artist .

In 2003 , MTV2 named Linkin Park the sixth @-@ greatest band of the music video era and the third @-@ best of the new millennium . Billboard ranked Linkin Park No. 19 on the Best Artists of the Decade chart . The band was recently voted as the greatest artist of the 2000s in a Bracket Madness poll on VH1 . In 2014 , the band was declared as the Biggest Rock Band in the World

Right Now by Kerrang . In 2015 " Kerrang ! " , gave " In the End " and " Final Masquerade " the top two positions on Kerrang ! ' s rock 100 list .

Linkin Park became the first rock band to achieve more than one billion YouTube hits . Linkin Park also became the fifteenth most liked page on Facebook , tenth most liked artist after Beyoncé and most liked group followed by Black Eyed Peas . Linkin Park 's " Numb " is the third and " In The End " is the sixth " timeless song " on " Spotify " . The two songs making Linkin Park the only artist to have two timeless songs in top ten .

Hybrid Theory by the group is listed in the book 1001 Albums You Must Hear Before You Die , It was also ranked at # 11 on Billboard 's Hot 200 Albums of the Decade . In addition the album was included in Best of 2001 by Record Collector , The top 150 Albums of the Generation by Rock Sound and 50 BEST ROCK ALBUMS OF THE 2000'S by Kerrang ! . The album Meteora was included in Top 200 Albums of the Decade by Billboard at # 36 . The album sold 20 million copies worldwide . The collaborated EP Collision Course with Jay @-@ Z , became the second ever EP to top the Billboard 200 , going on to sell over 300 @,@ 000 copies in its first week after Alice in Chains ' Jar of Flies in 1994 . The album Minutes to Midnight in the United States , the album had the biggest first week sales of 2007 at the time , with 625 @,@ 000 albums sold . In Canada , the album sold over 50 @,@ 000 copies in its first week and debuted at number one on the Canadian Albums Chart . Worldwide , the album shipped over 3 @.@ 3 million copies in its first four weeks of release .

Several rock and non @-@ rock artists have cited Linkin Park as an influence , including Of Mice & Men , Bishop Nehru , Misono , Evanescence , From Ashes to New , Josh Devine live drummer of One Direction , Bring Me the Horizon , Red , Girl on Fire , Manafest , Silentó , Tony Dougard , 3OH ! 3 , The Prom Kings , Kevin Rudolf , Tokio Hotel and Emery . Prince William stated the band as his all @-@ time favorite along with Coldplay .

= = Band members = =

= = = Timeline = = =

= = Discography = =

Hybrid Theory (2000)

Meteora (2003)

Minutes to Midnight (2007)

A Thousand Suns (2010)

Living Things (2012)

The Hunting Party (2014)

= = Concert tours = =

Headlining

Hybrid Theory World Tour (2001)

Projekt Revolution (2002 ? 2008 , 2011)

LP Underground Tour (2003)

Meteora World Tour (2004)

Minutes to Midnight World Tour (2007 ? 08)

International Tour (2009)

A Thousand Suns World Tour (2010 ? 11)

Living Things World Tour (2012 ? 13)

The Hunting Party Tour (2014 ? 15)

Co @-@ headlining

11th Annual Honda Civic Tour (2012)
Carnivores Tour (2014)

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