

= My Kind of Christmas =

My Kind of Christmas is the third studio album and first Christmas album by American singer Christina Aguilera . It was released on October 24 , 2000 , by RCA Records . The album was recorded from late @-@ 1999 to late @-@ 2000 , while Aguilera was touring to promote her first two studio albums : Christina Aguilera (1999) and Mi Reflejo (2000) . My Kind of Christmas contains cover versions of Christmas standards , such as " Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas " and " Angels We Have Heard on High " , as well as several original recordings , which incorporate dance @-@ pop elements . The album was produced by Ron Fair , The Matrix , Robbie Buchanan , Barry Harris and Chris Cox .

My Kind of Christmas received generally mixed to negative reviews from music critics , who criticized its musical style , as well as Aguilera 's vocal delivery . The album peaked at number 28 on the U.S. Billboard 200 and was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) , having sold 1 @, @ 015 @, @ 000 copies there . Aguilera appeared on several television shows , such as The Early Show and The David Letterman Show , to promote the album , and also performed a special concert for ABC , which was released on DVD in June 2001 , as My Reflection .

= = Background and composition = =

Aguilera achieved her early success following the release of the two first studio albums , Christina Aguilera in 1999 and Mi Reflejo in mid @-@ 2000 , both of which were certified multi @-@ platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) . My Kind of Christmas was recorded from late @-@ 1999 to mid @-@ 2000 , when Aguilera was touring to support her two debut recordings . Originally , Aguilera 's idol Etta James was planned to be included as a featured performer on the track " Merry Christmas , Baby " . However the idea was later canceled , and Dr. John was chosen as her replacement afterwards . It is a Christmas and dance @-@ pop album , which contains mainly cover versions of Christmas standards and several new tracks , including " Christmas Time " , " This Year " and " Xtina 's Xmas " . " Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas " and " Merry Christmas , Baby " are the two " soulful " ballads from the album , backed by a 70 @-@ piece orchestra . " Christmas Time " and a cover of Celine Dion 's " These Are the Special Times " , meanwhile , are the two " painful " tracks . " Christmas Time " and " This Year " are the two " hip hop influenced " pop tracks . " The Christmas Song (Holiday Remix) " was remade as a dance @-@ styled number , which is set to " a kicking dance beat " . " The Christmas Song (Chestnut Roasting on an Open Fire) " released as a single in late @-@ 1999 was included in the album .

= = Promotion = =

The album was released on October 24 , 2000 , by RCA Records as Aguilera 's third studio album in the United States , following her two first albums Christina Aguilera (1999) and Mi Reflejo (2000) . It was released as two formats : CD and cassette . In order to promote the album , Aguilera promoted the album on a number of shows , including The Rosie O 'Donnell Show , The Early Show , and David Letterman Show . On December 10 , 2000 , Aguilera performed " The Christmas Song " , " Genie in a Bottle " and " What a Girl Wants " during a concert at Franklin High in Milwaukee , being watched by 1 @, @ 300 students . She also performed during an ABC special concert later in December ; the set list included songs from her three first studio albums , including a song from My Kind of Christmas , " Have Yourself A Little Merry Christmas " . There , she performed the track with Brian McKnight . The concert was filmed and released as a DVD entitled My Reflection (2001) .

= = Reception = =

The album garnered mixed to negative reviews from music critics , some of them criticized her vocals . AllMusic editor Stephen Thomas Erlewine wrote that " none of the new songs are knockouts

" but " it does suggest that she may not be a mere one @-@ album wonder " . Chris Willman from Entertainment Weekly thought that " Aguilera oversings so wildly that there wouldn 't have been enough oxygen in the booth to sustain another life form " . Jaan Uhelszki from Rolling Stone criticized the album as being " chilly , forced and overdone " , while The Atlanta Journal @-@ Constitution was not impressed toward Aguilera 's vocal ability on the album , giving it a mixed review .

My Kind of Christmas debuted at number 38 on the Billboard 200 , and later climbed to number 28 , its peak . It eventually peaked atop the Billboard Holiday Albums . Due to its chart success , the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) certified the album platinum , having sold more than 1 @,@ 015 @,@ 000 copies in the country . " The Christmas Song " became Aguilera 's third top @-@ twenty hit on the Billboard Hot 100 , peaking at number 18 on the chart . It also charted at number 22 in Canada . By the end of 2000 , My Kind of Christmas was the second best selling holiday album of the year , making Aguilera one of the four female artists to have the second best selling holiday album of a calendar year , among Amy Grant (1992) , Mariah Carey (1994) , and Jackie Evancho (2010) . In November 2013 , the album entered the International Albums chart in South Korea at number 37 .

= = Track listing = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of My Kind of Christmas .

Recording places

Recorded at Royaltone Studios ; Ocean Way Nashville and Signet Sound Studios

Personnel

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =