

= Drake (musician) =

Aubrey Drake Graham (born October 24 , 1986) is a Canadian rapper , singer , songwriter , record producer , and actor . Drake initially gained recognition as an actor on the teen drama series *Degrassi : The Next Generation* in the early 2000s . Intent on pursuing a solo career as a rapper , he departed the series in 2007 following the release of his debut mixtape *Room for Improvement* . He would go on to release two further independent projects , before signing to American rapper Lil Wayne 's *Young Money Entertainment* in June 2009 .

Drake would release his debut studio album , *Thank Me Later* , in 2010 to commercial success . *Thank Me Later* would debut at number one on the U.S. *Billboard* 200 and was soon certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) . His next two releases , 2011 's *Take Care* and 2013 's *Nothing Was the Same* , were worldwide successes , with each being certified platinum in U.S. sales , and the former earning him his first Grammy Award for Best Rap Album . They were followed by two mixtapes , with the trap influenced *If You're Reading This It's Too Late* , and a collaboration with Future for *What a Time to Be Alive* , in 2015 . Each mixtape saw widespread commercial success , with the former being certified double platinum in the U.S. , as well as to rave critical reception . Drake would release his fourth album , *Views* , in 2016 , breaking numerous chart records in the process . *Views* sat atop the *Billboard* 200 for ten nonconsecutive weeks , becoming the first album by a solo male to remain at number one the longest in over 10 years . It also saw Drake leading the *Billboard* Hot 100 and the *Billboard* 200 simultaneously for eight weeks , breaking the previous record of seven held by both Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston . It also achieved double platinum status in the U.S. , and earned over 1 million album @-@ equivalent units in the first week of its release .

Alongside his Grammy Award win , Drake has won three Juno Awards and six BET Awards . He also occupies the highest number of singles to reach number one on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . He has the most number ones on the Hot Rap Songs , Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Airplay and Rhythmic Charts .

Drake had developed into other ventures , including his OVO Sound record label with Noah " 40 " Shebib , in early 2012 . Drake also acts as a producer , producing under the pseudonym of Champagne Papi . Using the the " OVO " moniker , Drake has also marketed a clothing line , as well as having his own channel on Beats 1 . He is also currently acting as the global ambassador for NBA franchise , the Toronto Raptors .

= = Early life = =

Aubrey Drake Graham was born on October 24 , 1986 , in Toronto , Ontario . His father , Dennis Graham , is an African American and a practicing Catholic Christian from Memphis , Tennessee , and worked as a drummer , performing alongside country musician Jerry Lee Lewis . Through his father , bass guitarist Larry Graham and songwriter Teenie Hodges are his paternal uncles . Drake 's mother , Sandi Graham (née Sher) is a white Jewish Canadian , and worked as an educator of English and as a florist . Drake 's parents divorced when he was five years old . After the divorce , he and his mother remained in Toronto , whilst his father chose to return to Memphis in order to find a way to supplement himself financially . As a child , he witnessed his father 's arrest whilst visiting him in Memphis .

Drake was raised in two polarizing Toronto neighbourhoods ; he lived on Weston Road in the city 's working @-@ class west end , until the sixth grade . In his youth , he played minor hockey with the Weston Red Wings . Drake would then move to the city 's affluent suburb Forest Hill , in 2000 . When asked about the move to Forest Hill , Drake replied , " [We had] a half of a house we could live in . The other people had the top half , we had the bottom half . I lived in the basement , my mom lived on the first floor . It was not big , it was not luxurious . It was what we could afford . "

He attended the Forest Hill Collegiate Institute , where he demonstrated an affinity for the arts , first acting whilst an active student at the school . He later attended Vaughan Road Academy in the city 's multicultural Oakwood ? Vaughan neighborhood . Due to the economic status associated with the

neighborhood , Drake described the school as " not by any means the easiest school to go to . [It 's tough] . " Upon realizing that his busy class schedule was detrimental to his burgeoning acting career , Drake dropped out of school . He would then graduate in October 2012 .

= = Career = =

= = = 2001 ? 05 : Degrassi : The Next Generation = = =

At 15 , Drake met an acting agent , the father of a high school friend . The agent found Drake a role on Canadian teen drama Degrassi : The Next Generation . Drake portrayed Jimmy Brooks , a basketball star who became physically disabled after he was shot by a classmate . When asked about his early acting career , Drake replied , " My mother was very sick . We were very poor , like broke . The only money I had coming in was off of Canadian TV . " He would continue his acting career on the show until 2007 , returning for sporadic appearances until his character graduated from Degrassi . Overall , Drake appeared in a total of 145 episodes .

= = = 2006 ? 09 : Mixtapes and So Far Gone = = =

After becoming musically inspired by Jay Z and Clipse , Drake self @-@ released his debut mixtape , Room for Improvement , in 2006 . The mixtape featured Trey Songz and Lupe Fiasco , and included vast production from Canadian producers Boi @-@ 1da , and Frank Dukes . When asked about the mixtape , Drake described the project as " pretty straightforward , radio friendly , [and] not much content to it . " The mixtape was released for sale only , and confirmed to have sold over 6 @,@ 000 copies . In 2007 , he released his second mixtape , Comeback Season . Released from his recently founded October 's Very Own label , it spawned the single " Replacement Girl " , featuring Trey Songz . The song made Drake become the first ever unsigned Canadian rapper to have his music video featured on BET , with " Replacement Girl " being featured as the " New Joint of the Day " on April 30 , 2007 . The song also saw Drake sample " Man of the Year " by Brisco , Flo Rida and Lil Wayne , retaining Lil Wayne 's verse , and adjoined his own to the song 's earlier half . This caused Jas Prince to gift Lil Wayne the song , which prompted the rapper to invite Drake to Houston in order to join his Tha Carter III tour . Throughout the duration of the tour , Drake and Lil Wayne recorded multiple songs together , including " Ransom " , the original version of " I Want This Forever " , and a remix to " Brand New " . Despite the collaborations between the duo , Drake was yet to be signed by Young Money Entertainment .

In 2009 , Drake released his third mixtape , So Far Gone . It was made available for free download on his blog website , and was set to feature Lil Wayne , Bun B , Omarion , Lloyd and Trey Songz . It received over 2 @,@ 000 downloads in the first 2 hours of release , finding mainstream commercial success due to " Best I Ever Had " and " Successful " , both reaching Gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) . This prompted the release of an EP , featuring only four songs from the original mixtape , as well as the addition of " I 'm Goin ' In " and " Fear " . It debuted at number six on the Billboard 200 , and won the Rap Recording of the Year at the 2010 Juno Awards .

Due to the success of the mixtape , Drake was the subject of a bidding war from various labels , often reported as " one of the biggest bidding wars ever " . Despite this , it was confirmed that on June 29 , 2009 , Drake had secured a recording contract with Young Money Entertainment . This was confirmed following the planned lawsuit from Drake and Young Money against an unauthorized album entitled The Girls Love Drake , which was released on iTunes under dubious means .

Whilst participating on the America 's Most Wanted Tour in July 2009 , Drake fell on stage while performing " Best I Ever Had " in Camden , New Jersey . Drake was confirmed to have torn his anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during the performance , and underwent surgery on September 8 , 2009 .

== 2010 ? 11 : Thank Me Later ==

Drake planned to release his debut album , Thank Me Later , in late 2008 , but the album 's release date was postponed , first to March 2010 , then May 25 , 2010 . Young Money and Universal Motown had then released a statement that the album had been pushed back three weeks , for a June 15 , 2010 , release .

On March 9 , 2010 , Drake released the debut single " Over " , peaking at number fourteen on the Billboard Hot 100 , as well as topping the Rap Songs chart . It also received a nomination for Best Rap Solo Performance at the 53rd Grammy Awards . His second single , " Find Your Love " , became an even bigger success ; peaking at number five on the Hot 100 , and was certified Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) . The music video for the single was shot in Kingston , Jamaica , and was criticized by Jamaica 's minister of tourism , Edmund Bartlett . Bartlett condemned the portrayal of the island in the video , saying , " care has to be taken by all , including our creative artists , in [showcasing] images of our destination and people . Gun culture , while not unique to Jamaica , is not enhancing [the island 's image] . " The third single and fourth singles , " Miss Me " and " Fancy " respectively , attained moderate commercial success , however , the latter garnered Drake his second nomination at the 53rd Grammy Awards , for Best Rap Performance by a Duo or Group .

Thank Me Later was released on June 15 , 2010 , debuting at number one on the Billboard 200 with sales of over 447 @, @ 000 copies in its first week . Upon the album 's release , 25 @, @ 000 fans gathered at New York City 's South Street Seaport for a free concert , hosted by Drake and Hanson . A near @-@ riot ensued after police cancelled the show due to overflowing crowds . The album became the top selling debut album for any artist in 2010 , and features Jay Z , Kanye West , and Lil Wayne .

It was soon announced that Drake would have a prominent role in military science fiction video game , Gears of War 3 . He was scheduled to play the part of Jace Stratton , but scheduling conflicts with his upcoming Away from Home Tour prevented Drake from accepting the role . He began the tour on September 20 , 2010 in Miami , Florida , performing at 78 shows at four different legs . It concluded in Las Vegas in November 2010 . Due to the success of the Away From Home Tour , Drake hosted the first OVO Festival in 2010 . It would soon become a regular event during the summer , with the Molson Amphitheatre in Toronto playing host to the festival on its annual cycle . Drake also had a eco @-@ friendly college tour to support the album , beginning with Eastern Illinois University in Charleston , Illinois . It concluded in Plymouth , New Hampshire on May 8 , 2010 . He also performed at The Bamboozle along with Kesha .

== 2011 ? 12 : Take Care ==

Beginning his second effort in the fall of 2010 , Drake would announce his intentions to allow for Noah " 40 " Shebib to handle most of the production and record a more cohesive sound than on Thank Me Later , which featured disparate production duties by Shebib and others . In November 2010 , Drake revealed the title of his next studio album will be Take Care . In comparison to his debut album , Drake revealed to Y.C Radio 1 that Thank Me Later was a rushed album , stating , " I didn ' t get to take the time that I wanted to on that record . I rushed a lot of the songs and sonically I didn ' t get to sit with the record and say , ' I should change this verse . ' " Once it was done , it was done . That ' s why my new album is called Take Care , because I get to take my time this go @-@ round . " Drake sought to expand on the low @-@ tempo , sensuous , and dark sonic aesthetic of Thank Me Later . Primarily a hip hop album , Drake attempted to incorporate R & B and pop to create a languid , grandiose sound .

In January 2011 , Drake was in negotiations to join Eva Green and Susan Sarandon as a member of the cast in Nicholas Jarecki 's Arbitrage , before ultimately deciding against starring in the movie , to focus on the album . " Dreams Money Can Buy " and " Marvin's Room " were released on Drake 's October 's Very Own Blog , on May 20 and June 9 , respectively . Acting as promotional singles for Take Care , the former was eventually unincorporated on the album 's final track listing , whilst " Marvin's

Room " gained Gold certification by the RIAA , as well as peaking at number 21 on the Billboard Hot 100 , and reaching the top 10 of the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart , coupled with extensive play on on contemporary urban radio . Drake would soon release the song 's music on June 28 .

" Headlines " was released on August 9 , acting as the lead single for Take Care . It was met with positive critical and commercial response , reaching number thirteen on the Hot 100 , as well as becoming his tenth single to reach the summit of the Billboard Hot Rap Songs , making Drake the artist with the highest amount of number one singles on the chart , with 12 . It was eventually certified Platinum in both the United States and Canada . The music video for the single was released on October 2 , and foresaw Drake performing the song during the second intermission of the 59th National Hockey League All @-@ Star Game in January 2012 . " Make Me Proud " was released as the album 's second single , on October 16 . It was the final single to be released prior to the launch of the album , and debuted at number 97 on the Billboard Hot 100 . The song reached number nine the following week , tying the record for the largest jump on the Billboard Hot 100 for a male artist , with 88 . " Make Me Proud " soon became Drake 's fourth consecutive single to receive Platinum certification by the RIAA .

Take Care was released on November 15 , 2011 , and received near @-@ universal praise from music critics . John McDonnell of NME dubbed it " an affecting masterpiece " and commended its " delicate , mellifluous sound and unashamedly candid , emotive lyrics . " Pitchfork Media 's Ryan Dombal found Drake 's " technical abilities " to be improved and stated , " Just as his thematic concerns have become richer , so has the music backing them up . " Andy Hutchins of The Village Voice called it " a carefully crafted bundle of contradictory sentiments from a conflicted rapper who explores his own neuroses in as compelling a manner as anyone not named Kanye West . " Chicago Tribune writer Greg Kot complimented the depth of Drake 's " moral psychodramas " and stated , " the best of it affirms that Drake is shaping a pop persona with staying power . " It was also certified quadruple platinum by the RIAA in 2016 , with sales for the album marking 2 @.@ 6 million in the US , as well as winning the Grammy Award for Best Rap Album .

The album 's third and fourth singles , " The Motto " and Take Care " , were released on November 29 , and February 21 , 2012 respectively . Each song was subject to commercial success , whilst also having large societal impacts , with " The Motto " credited for popularizing the phrase " YOLO " in the United States . The music video for " Take Care " saw widespread acclaim , with MTV stating , " None of his contemporaries ? not even the ever @-@ obtuse Kanye [West] - make videos like this , mostly because no one else can get away with it . " The video received four nominations at the 2012 MTV Video Music Awards , for Best Male Video , Best Art Direction , Best Cinematography , and Video of the Year . " HYFR " was the final single to be released from the album , and became certified Gold . It had won the MTV Video Music Award for Best Hip @-@ Hop Video in 2012 . Drake was soon ranked at number two on MTV 's Hottest MCs in the Game list in 2011 .

In promotion of his second album , Drake embarked on the worldwide Club Paradise Tour . It became became the most successful hip @-@ hop tour of 2012 , grossing over \$ 42 @,@ 000 @,@ 000 . Drake would soon star in Ice Age : Continental Drift , providing the voice for Ethan .

= = = 2012 ? 16 : Nothing Was the Same and commercial mixtapes = = =

During the European leg of the Club Paradise Tour , Drake spoke in an interview stating that he had begun working on his third studio album . Revealing his intentions to remain with 40 as the album 's executive producer , Drake spoke fondly about Jamie xx , hoping to expand the British producer 's influence over his next album . Drake had also revealed that the album would stylistically differ from Take Care , departing from the ambient production and despondent lyrics prevalent in the album .

In January 2013 , Drake announced that he would release the first single off of his third album at the conclusion of the 55th Grammy Awards . Despite an initial delay , it was released in the wake of his win for the Grammy Award for Best Rap Album at the event , and it foresaw Drake announcing Nothing Was the Same as the title of his third album . The album 's second single " Hold On , We 're Going Home " was released in August 2013 , becoming the most successful single off the album ,

peaking at number @-@ one the Billboard Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . Drake felt inspired by Miami Vice during the song 's composition , incorporating the dramatic elements seen in the show into the song 's music video . Drake would appeared on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon , performing the album 's third single , " Too Much " , alongside featured artist , Sampha .

Nothing Was the Same was released on September 24 , 2013 , debuting at number one on US Billboard 200 , with 658 @,@ 000 copies sold in its first week of release . The album was also commercially successful worldwide , debuting atop the charts in Canada , Denmark , Australia and the United Kingdom . The album also enjoyed generally favorable reviews by contemporary music critics , commending the musical shift in terms of the tone and subject matter , comparing it to the distinct change showcased in 808s & Heartbreak . The album was also reported to have sold over 1 @,@ 720 @,@ 000 copies in the United States , and was further promoted by the " Would You like a Tour ? " throughout late 2013 , to early 2014 . It became one of the most successful tours of the year , grossing an estimated \$ 46 @,@ 000 @,@ 000 . Drake returned to acting in January 2014 , hosting Saturday Night Live , as well as serving as the musical guest . His versatility , acting ability and comedic timing were all praised by critics , describing it as what " kept him afloat during the tough and murky SNL waters " . Drake also performed in Dubai , being one of the only artists ever to perform in the city .

On February 12 , 2015 , Drake released If You 're Reading This It 's Too Late onto iTunes , with no prior announcement . Despite debate on whether it is an album or a mixtape , its commercial stance quantifies it as his fourth retail project with Cash Money Records . If You 're Reading This It 's Too Late sold over 1 million units in 2015 , making Drake the first artist with a platinum project in 2015 , as well as his fourth overall . Drake proceeded If You 're Reading This Its Too Late with a collaborative mixtape with rapper , Future .

It debuted at number one on the Billboard 200 , making Drake the first hip hop artist to have two albums reach number one since 2004 . It was later certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) , for combined sales , streaming and track @-@ sales equivalent of over 1 million units . This prompted The Fader publication to feature Drake as the cover star for their 100th issue .

= = = 2016 : Views = = =

Drake announced in January 2016 that his fourth studio album would be launched during the spring , releasing the promotional single " Summer Sixteen " later that month . The album was originally titled Views from the 6 , but would later be shortened to Views . " Summer Sixteen " debuted at number six on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 , and proved controversial , with Drake comparing his standing in hip hop to more tenured artists . This move divided many contemporary music critics , describing his self @-@ comparison as " goodly brash " or " conventionally disrespectful . " It was also interpreted as a diss track towards Tory Lanez , who was unhappy at Drake popularizing the term " The 6 " , when referencing Toronto . Drake would also crash a Bat Mitzvah in New York on February 20 , performing at the event .

Drake soon released the album 's lead singles , " Pop Style " and " One Dance " , on April 5 . Both debuted within the top 40 of the Billboard Hot 100 , however , the latter proved more commercially successful , with " One Dance " becoming Drake 's first number @-@ one single in Canada , and on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 , as a leading artist . The single also peaked at number one in Australia , France , Germany , Ireland , the Netherlands , New Zealand and became Drake 's first number one single as a lead artist in the United Kingdom . The single also charted in many other countries such as Sweden , Spain , Norway and Slovakia . During an episode for OVO Sound Radio , Drake confirmed the album 's release date of April 29 , through a tweet and various promotional videos .

Views was previewed in London , before its premiere on Beats 1 a day prior . It was released as an Apple Music and iTunes exclusive on April 29 , before being made available to various other platforms later that week . Views would become Drake 's most commercially successful album , sitting atop the Billboard 200 for ten nonconsecutive weeks , as well as simultaneously leading the Billboard Hot 100 and the Billboard 200 for eight weeks . It also achieved double platinum status in

the U.S. , and earned over 1 million album @-@ equivalent units in the first week of its release , as well as gaining over half @-@ billion overall streams of the album . Despite its success , critical opinion towards the album remained much divided , drawing criticism for being overlong and lacking in a cohesive theme , whilst also claiming Drake was not challenging himself artistically , as opposed to his contemporaries .

Drake would return to host Saturday Night Live on May 14 , serving as the show 's musical guest . This foresaw Drake being named as a member of the Forbes Five , which ranks the wealthiest artists in hip hop . Drake placed fifth , following Birdman , Jay Z , Dr. Dre , and Diddy respectively . Drake and Future would soon announce the Summer Sixteen Tour , in support for their collective mixtape , and respective studio albums . This marks Drake 's third co @-@ headlining tour , which is expected to begin in Austin , Texas on July 20 , and conclude in Newark , New Jersey on October 16 . Additional cities such as Edmonton , Vancouver , Detroit and Des Moines were added to tour and announced on June 10 . On July 23 , Drake would announce that he is working on a new mixtape , scheduled to be released in early 2017 , and was later preconized as the headline act for the 2016 iHeartRadio Music Festival .

= = Musical style = =

= = = Influences and rapping technique = = =

Drake has cited several hip hop artists as influencing his rapping style , including Kanye West , Jay Z and Lil Wayne . Drake has also attributed various R & B artists as influential to his own incorporation of the genre into his own music , including Mary J. Blige , Aaliyah and Erykah Badu .

Drake is known for his egotistical lyrics , technical ability , and integration of personal backstory especially his relationships with women . His vocal abilities have been critically acclaimed for an audible contrast between typical hip @-@ hop beats and melody , with sometimes abrasive rapping coupled with softer accents , delivered on technical lyricism . His songs often include audible changes in lyrical pronunciation in parallel with his upbringing in Toronto , and connections with Caribbean and Middle Eastern countries which include such phrases as " ting " , " touching road " , " talkin ? boasy " and " gwanin ? wassy " . Most of his songs contain R & B and Canadian hip hop elements , and he combines rapping with singing . He credits his father with the introduction of singing into his rap mixtapes , which have become a staple in his musical repertoire . His incorporation of melody into technically complex lyrics was supported by Lil Wayne , and has subsequently been a critically acclaimed component to Drake 's singles and albums . His rapping ability has been noted as " polarizing " , and has contributed to him being named one of the most divisive rappers of his generation by multiple critics and media publications .

The lyrical content that Drake is most known for is considered to be emotional or boastful . However , Drake is often revered for incorporating " degrading " themes of money , drug use , and women into newer , idealized contexts . He does this through his augmentation of the typical meaning of phrases in which he combines an objective and subjective perspective into one vocal delivery . His songs often maintain tension between " pause and pace , tone timbre , and volume and vocal fermata . " Drake is credited with innovating what has been referred to as " hyper @-@ reality rap " which is characterized by its focus on themes of celebrity as being distinct from the " real world . "

= = Controversies = =

= = = Public image and fashion = = =

Drake is credited for popularizing the phrase " YOLO " in the United States , with his single , " The Motto " stating : " You only live once : that 's the motto , nigga , YOLO . " The term has been widely adopted by the general public used to advocate for a carpe diem lifestyle , it has been used to name

restaurants , albums , and countless other popular culture institutions . Drake began referring to his hometown of Toronto as " The Six " in early 2015 , and has subsequently popularized the term to reference to town . Also , due to subject matters depicted within his songs , which commonly revolve around relationships with varying figures , Drake 's lyrics have been widely used on social media to as captions to photos , often to reference emotions or personal situations . June 10 was declared " Drake Day " in Houston , Texas . Drake garnered an endorsement deal with Sprite , following his admission to drinking purple drank , a concoction synonymous with the region . The drink contains Sprite as a key ingredient . Drake has also ventured into developing his own alcoholic beverage , titled " Virginia Black Whiskey " . In 2016 , Drake spoke on the shooting of Alton Sterling , publishing an open letter expressing his concern for the safety of ethnic minorities against police brutality , in the United States .

The music video for " Hotline Bling " went viral , due to Drake 's eccentric choices in dancing . The video has been remixed , memed , and was heavily commented on due to Drake 's unconventional nature on the song , causing it gain popularity on YouTube , spawning several parodies on the website . Drake has also been critiqued for his expensive , product placement heavy attire , exemplified the video for " Hotline Bling " . Drake modeled a \$ 1 @, @ 500 Moncler Puffer Jacket , a \$ 400 Acne Studios turtleneck , and a pair of limited edition Timberland 6 " Classic Boots . This foresaw collaborations between OVO and Canada Goose , in which various items of clothing were produced . Drake had also released his own collection of Air Jordans , dubbed the " Air Jordan OVO 's " . His style and dress sense has described him as " [one of] the most stylish men alive " by GQ magazine .

= = = Feuds and legal issues = = =

In 2012 , singer Ericka Lee filed a lawsuit against Drake for the usage of her voice on " Marvin's Room " . Claiming to have provided the female vocals , Lee also alleged she was owed songwriting credits and royalties . Despite Drake 's legal team countering by claiming that Lee simply requested a credit in the liner notes of the album , the matter was resolved in February 2013 , with both parties agreeing to an out @-@ of @-@ court settlement . In 2014 , Drake was sued for \$ 300 @, @ 000 for sampling " Jimmy Smith Rap " , a 1982 single by jazz musician , Jimmy Smith . The suit was filed by Smith 's estate , claiming Drake never asked for permission when sampling it for the intro on Pound Cake / Paris Morton Music 2 . Despite the initial suit , it is unclear whether it has been resolved .

Drake and Chris Brown were allegedly involved in a physical altercation in June 2012 , when Drake and his entourage threw glass bottles at Brown in a SoHo nightclub in Manhattan , New York City . Chris Brown tweeted about the incident and released a record criticizing Drake weeks later . Despite no response from Drake , he and Brown both appeared in a comedic skit for the 2014 ESPY Awards , and rehearsed the skit together prior to the televised airing , virtually ending the dispute . Drake also caused a nightclub in Oklahoma City , Oklahoma to close down , due to his usage of marijuana and other illegal drugs being prevalent at the club .

In December 2014 , Drake was involved in another altercation , being punched by Diddy outside the LIV nightclub in Miami , Florida . The altercation was reported to be over Drake 's usage of the instrumental for " 0 to 100 / The Catch Up " , allegedly produced by Boi @-@ 1da for Diddy , before Drake appropriated the track for his own use . Drake was later rushed to the ER after aggravating an old injury during the dispute . Drake was also involved in a feud with Tyga , stemming from Tyga 's negative comments towards him during an interview with Vibe . Drake would later respond on " 6 God " and " 6PM In New York " , which has been interpreted as directly involved in Tyga 's abrupt removal from Young Money Entertainment .

Also in 2014 , it emerged that Drake was sued by rapper Rappin ' 4 @-@ Tay , claiming Drake misused his lyrics on when collaborating with YG on the song " Who Do You Love ? " . He sought \$ 100 @, @ 000 for mistreatment and artistic theft , which Drake paid to the California @-@ based rapper later that year . Further controversy arose in July 2015 , when it was alleged by Meek Mill that Drake had used ghostwriters during recording sessions for " R.I.C.O. " , one of the lead singles off of Mill 's second studio album . This proceeded further allegations that Drake did not help in

promotion of the album , due to Mill discovering the ghostwriter , widely believed to be Quentin Miller . Despite Miller collaborating with Drake and receiving past credits , Mill assured that Miller had written Drake 's verse for " R.I.C.O. " . Soon after , Funkmaster Flex aired reference tracks in support of Mill 's claims , notably for " R.I.C.O. " , " 10 Bands " , and " Know Yourself " . This prompted Drake to respond with two diss tracks , entitled Charged Up and Back to Back , in the space of four days . Mill would later respond with " Wanna Know " , before removing it from SoundCloud weeks later . Despite subliminal disses from either artist , the feud has not been officially reignited .

Drake has purported to have been in reported feuds with DMX , Ludacris , Kendrick Lamar , Jay Z , Common and Pusha T.

= = Business career = =

= = = OVO Sound = = =

During the composition of Nothing Was the Same , Drake started his own record label in late 2012 with producer , Noah " 40 " Shebib . Drake sought for an avenue to release his own music , as well helping in the nurturing of other artists , whilst 40 yearned to start a label to form a distinct production sound , prompting the two to team up to form OVO Sound . The name is an abbreviation derived from the October 's Very Own moniker Drake used to publish his earlier projects . The label is currently distributed by Warner Bros. Records .

Drake , 40 and PartyNextDoor were the label 's inaugural artists . The label houses artists including Drake , PartyNextDoor , Majid Jordan , OB O 'Brien , Roy Woods and dvn , and producers including Boi @-@ 1da , T @-@ Minus , Mike Zombie , Nineteen85 , and Future the Prince . OVO Sound has released six albums , with two certified platinum or higher by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) .

= = = Toronto Raptors = = =

On September 30 , 2013 , Drake was announced as the new " global ambassador " for the Toronto Raptors , thereby joining the executive committee of the NBA franchise , in conjunction with the announcement of the 2016 NBA All @-@ Star Game being awarded to the Air Canada Centre in Toronto . This would also be the setting where Drake was given The Key to the City . In the role , it was announced that Drake would help to promote and serve as a host of festivities , beginning with the All @-@ Star Game . He would also provide consulting services to rebrand the team , helping to redesign its image and clothing line in commemoration of the franchise 's 20th anniversary . When attending the press conference hosted by Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment CEO , Tim Leiweke , to formally announce Drake 's hiring by the franchise , Drake stated , " obviously , I won 't be able to be in the building every day but I am extremely dedicated to it . I do take it very seriously as a new job and a new chapter in my life . "

= = Discography = =

Studio albums

Thank Me Later (2010)

Take Care (2011)

Nothing Was the Same (2013)

Views (2016)

Commercial mixtapes

If You 're Reading This It 's Too Late (2015)

What a Time to Be Alive (with Future) (2015)

= = Accolades = =

Drake 's first four solo studio albums , all of which have gone platinum , have received numerous awards and generally positive reviews . Views , his fourth solo album , became his fourth consecutive number one album in the U.S. As of 2016 , Drake has won 1 Grammy Award from 27 nominations , and has also won 2 MTV Video Music Awards .

Drake has been ranked by Complex at number one on their " Best Rapper Alive Every Year Since 1979 " list , awarding Drake the accolade in 2011 , 2012 , and 2015 . The Pitchfork online music publication ranked Nothing Was the Same as the one of the best album of the decade " so far " ? between 2010 and 2014 ? at number 41 .

= = Tours = =

Headlining

Away from Home Tour (2010)

Club Paradise Tour (2012)

Would You like a Tour ? (2013 ? 14)

Jungle Tour (2015 ; six date promotional tour)

Co @-@ headlining

America 's Most Wanted Tour (with Young Money) (2009)

Drake vs. Lil Wayne (with Lil Wayne) (2014)

Summer Sixteen Tour (with Future) (2016)

= = Filmography = =

= = = Film = = =

= = = Television = = =