

= Love in This Club =

" Love in This Club " is a song by American R & B singer Usher . Featuring rapper Young Jeezy , it was released on February 22 , 2008 as the lead single from Usher 's fifth studio album , Here I Stand . The song was written by Usher , Polow da Don , Young Jeezy , Darnell Dalton , Ryon Lovett , Lamar Taylor and Keith Thomas , and produced by da Don with a Las Vegas @-@ inspired synth @-@ driven beat . Its lyrics refer to seducing someone in a nightclub . The song was originally leaked by da Don prior to its release .

" Love in This Club " received mixed reviews from critics , who praised the song 's production , but criticized it for its slow tempo and lack of originality . The song topped the Billboard Hot 100 as well as the New Zealand Singles Chart , while appearing on multiple other record charts . The accompanying music video , which received a nomination at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards , features cameo appearances from several musicians . In the video , R & B singer Keri Hilson plays Usher 's love interest in a club . Usher performed the song at the 2008 BET Awards , as well as on several television programs . A remix of the song , titled " Love in This Club Part II " , features Beyoncé and Lil Wayne .

= = Background = =

Atlanta @-@ based music producer Polow da Don was inspired to create a beat during his weekend stay in Las Vegas for the MTV Video Music Awards . He said of the song , " If you listen to the beat , the synths and everything has a [Las] Vegas feel to it . Making love in the club , people in [Las] Vegas are kinda wild . " He also noted its Euro influences . When he finished working on the material , da Don felt it fit for Usher , hoping that it would keep female listeners interested in Usher 's music , as his popularity had declined among women since his marriage to stylist Tameka Foster in July 2007 . Da Don and Usher wrote the track with rapper Young Jeezy , Darnell Dalton , Ryon Lovett , Lamar Taylor and Keith Thomas , and it was recorded at Zac Recording , Atlanta and Hitland Studios , Alpharetta .

It was not originally planned for Young Jeezy to appear on the track . After hearing " Love in This Club " , he wanted to contribute to it . Da Don was skeptical , but recorded Young Jeezy 's verse . He played the new version to Usher who , enjoying the new version , allowed the verse to stay . Usher has since called Young Jeezy " one of the greatest rappers of our generation " . According to Alabama rapper Gucci Mane , it was initially intended that he feature on the track , rather than Young Jeezy .

= = Composition = =

" Love in This Club " is a mid @-@ tempo R & B slow jam , with a brass bassline , and shuddering synth @-@ driven beats that have been called " space age " and " sex @-@ drenched " by critics . It contains hip @-@ hop influences . Rap @-@ Up likened the song to Lil Jon 's song , " Lovers and Friends " , on which Usher appeared , while Fraser McAlpine of BBC Radio 1 wrote that it features vague similarities to " No Woman , No Cry " by Bob Marley . According to the sheet music published by Hal Leonard Corporation at Musicnotes.com , the song is written in common time with a tempo of 70 beats per minute and follows the chord progression of C major ? E minor ? A minor ? F major .

About.com 's Mark Edward Nero wrote that " on the song , Usher talks about a lust so immediate , so powerful , that it makes him want to get down [and have sex] right then and there " . The song 's chorus consists of the hook , " I wanna make love in this club " . Leah Greenblatt of Entertainment Weekly called the lyrics of the song " libidinous " .

= = Release and critical reception = =

Early in 2008 , several songs for Usher 's fifth studio album leaked into the Internet , including " Love in This Club " . Usher called the incident an " internal conspiracy " because it was unofficially

released beyond his awareness . This also happened to the lead single " Yeah ! " off his 2004 album Confessions , which was intentionally leaked by its producer , Lil Jon , in 2003 . Polow da Don later told that he had leaked " Love in This Club " , echoing Lil John 's actions . He felt the song would be a hit , but that " it was so much back @-@ and @-@ forth between Usher and his record label " and he was tired of waiting on " label politics " . The song was released for sale on February 22 , 2008 .

The production of " Love in This Club " was praised by the Los Angeles Times , as was Usher 's vocal effort . Andy Kellman of Allmusic and Jonathan Tjarks of Austin360.com noted the song as a standout from Here I Stand . Blender rated the song two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half out of five stars , calling it too safe and lethargic . Digital Spy 's Nick Levine enjoyed the song , but noted its lack of originality . Jim Farber from Daily News was not impressed , writing " ' Love in This Club ' doesn 't sound like a club anthem at all . It 's too slow and quiet , and ... its smeary synth hook sounds like a planed @-@ down version of a Justin Timberlake hit . "

Young Jeezy 's addition received clashing responses from reviewers . Billboard 's Sophie Baratta was not impressed with the verse , but called the song " a catchy tune " . Bill Lamb of About.com praised the rapper 's effort , but expected better from Usher after a four @-@ year break since Confessions , writing that he is " retread [ing] territory familiar to fans of Akon and T @-@ Pain " , awarding the song two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half out of five stars . BBC Radio 1 's Fraser McAlpine rated the song four stars out of five , but called Young Jeezy 's rap " growling " and " wheezy " .

This single ranked at number one on the " 10 Best Singles of 2008 " list by American magazine Entertainment Weekly , while Time 's Josh Tyrangiel placed it at number eight on its 2008 " Songs of Summer " list . MTV News listed the song as the fifth @-@ best R & B tune of the year , and it won the Ozone Award for Best Rap / R & B Collaboration . On " The 50 Sexiest Songs of All Time " , compiled by Billboard in 2010 , " Love in Thus Club " placed at number twenty @-@ seven .

= = Chart performance = =

" Love in This Club " debuted at number eighty @-@ three on the Billboard Hot 100 , on the issue dated March 1 , 2008 . The next week it moved to number fifty @-@ one , due to high airplay . The song continued to receive many spins , and in its third week it reached the top of the Hot 100 , gaining the ' Airplay Gainer ' honor the same week . Replacing " Low " by Flo Rida and T @-@ Pain , " Love in This Club " also sold 198 @,@ 000 downloads in that week . On April 5 , 2008 , the song was again named the ' Airplay Gainer ' , however it was shifted from the number @-@ one spot by Leona Lewis ' " Bleeding Love " , having spent three weeks atop the chart . It fell off on June 7 , having spent twelve weeks on the chart . On the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs , the song first appeared on February 23 , 2008 at number fifty @-@ one making it the highest debut of the week . On April 12 it replaced Keyshia Cole 's " I Remember " at number one . After four weeks " Love in This Club " was moved from the top spot by Lil Wayne 's " Lollipop " . The song also reached number four on the Pop 100 , and has been certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) . On the year @-@ end charts for 2008 , it was ranked number eight on the Hot 100 , number fifteen on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs and number thirteen on the Pop 100 . It was also ranked number eighty @-@ five on the 2000s ' Hot 100 list , and number ninety @-@ nine on the decade @-@ end Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs . As of August 1 , 2010 , " Love in This Club " has sold 2 @,@ 453 @,@ 000 units , according to Nielsen Soundscan .

Internationally , the song reached the top ten of numerous singles charts . It reached number six on the Canadian Hot 100 , number four on the UK Singles Chart , number eight on the Australian ARIA Singles Chart , number three on the Irish Singles Chart , and number five on the Japan Hot 100 , and was certified silver by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) and gold by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) . Having been certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of New Zealand , it also topped the New Zealand Singles Chart , replacing " No Air " by Jordin Sparks and Chris Brown on May 5 , 2008 . After one week it was removed by Brown 's " Forever " , and was certified platinum on June 1 , 2008 . The single also found chart success in Europe , reaching number three on the European Hot 100 Singles . In individual countries , " Love in

This Club " attained top @-@ ten places in Flanders , France , Germany , Norway , Slovakia , Sweden and Switzerland . It also appeared on the singles charts of Austria , Wallonia , Czech Republic , Denmark , Finland , Hungary , and the Netherlands . In 2008 , " Love in This Club " sold 5 @.@ 6 million digital downloads worldwide .

= = Music video = =

In February 2008 Usher said that the song 's music video would be shot " very soon " . Directed by the Brothers Strause , it features cameo appearances from Keri Hilson , Kanye West , Diddy , Nelly , Rick Ross and Robin Thicke . Hilson plays Usher 's love interest in the video . Usher 's then @-@ wife , Tameka Foster , worked as the stylist on the video set . It was alleged that Foster was upset with Hilson playing the love interest in the video , and , according to a person on the set , " Tameka dressed Keri very badly ? she looked like an extra . " However , Usher 's manager , Benny Medina , reported that " Keri could not have been happier with Tameka 's choices in the styling " .

The music video starts with Usher waking up inside an empty nightclub . He calls out to see if anyone is there and sees Hilson , whom he follows into a room full of people dancing as a disc jockey starts playing music . Usher chases Hilson around the club , who at times mysteriously vanishes . The two dance intimately throughout the video at the club 's bar , dance floor and lounge . Its choreography was likened to Janet Jackson 's " Rhythm Nation " routine . The video concludes with the club burning down and Usher waking up in a valley . The storyline is continued in the " Moving Mountains " clip . During the video Usher is shown using a Sony Ericsson W350i Walkman , as part of Usher 's endorsement of the company .

The music video premiered on MTV on April 7 , 2008 , and was the fourteenth @-@ most streamed video on MTV.com in 2008 , and was nominated as the Best Male Video at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards . However , it lost to Chris Brown 's " With You " video .

= = Live performances = =

Usher sang " Love in This Club " with Young Jeezy at reality television show The Hills ' third season finale on May 12 , and again , by himself , at the finale of the sixth season of Dancing with the Stars on May 20 , 2008 . On June 23 , 2008 , at the opening of the 2008 BET Awards , Usher performed the song . Usher also appeared on television shows The Tonight Show with Jay Leno , Jimmy Kimmel Live ! and Good Morning America , where he performed the song .

= = Remix = =

A remix , " Love in This Club Part II " , was released as the second single from Here I Stand in April 2008 . Featuring vocals from R & B singer Beyoncé and rapper Lil Wayne , the sequel samples The Stylistics ' " You Are Everything " , and has a slower tempo than the original . It appeared on the Billboard Hot 100 , the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs , the Canadian Hot 100 and the ARIA Singles Chart .

= = Track listings = =

= = Credits = =

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= = Cover versions = =

The track was covered live by Welsh band The Automatic and was released on the 2008 compilation Radio 1 's Live Lounge ? Volume 3 .

German group The Baseballs covered the song for their debut album Strike ! in 2009 .

The track was also covered by American pop punk band , The Summer Set , on their second EP , Meet Me on the Left Coast . It was released in 2008 and titled ' L.I.T.C ' .