

= Number 1 to Infinity =

# 1 to Infinity is the sixth compilation album by American singer and songwriter Mariah Carey . It was released by Sony Music Entertainment on May 15 , 2015 . It features Carey 's eighteen U.S. number @-@ one singles on the Billboard Hot 100 . A new recording called " Infinity " was released as the only single on April 27 , 2015 . In January 2015 , the singer announced that she had signed a residency deal to perform at The Colosseum at the Caesars Palace hotel in Las Vegas in May and July 2015 , and would perform all of her number @-@ ones . As a result , she decided to re @-@ release her first compilation , # 1 's , from 1998 with an updated list of subsequent chart toppers . Carey promoted the album with her Mariah Carey # 1 's residency and with live performances at the Billboard Music Awards , Jimmy Kimmel Live ! and Live ! with Kelly and Michael .

= = Background = =

Following the release of Mariah Carey 's fourteenth studio album , Me . I Am Mariah ? The Elusive Chanteuse , in May 2014 , she parted ways with her record label Def Jam Recordings , her publicist Cindi Berger and her manager Jermaine Dupri . She signed a new record contract with L.A. Reid at Epic Records ( who co @-@ executively produced Carey 's tenth album The Emancipation of Mimi in 2005 ) , sought a new publicist with Chris Chambers of the Chamber Group and hired new managers Stella Bulochnikov and Brian Sher . Writers Shirley Halperin and Andrew Hampp of Billboard attributed Carey 's decision to seek new a new label and management to the low sales of Me . I Am Mariah ? The Elusive Chanteuse , which at a total of 117 @,@ 000 units since its release , is Carey 's lowest selling album in the United States . Carey secured a multi @-@ album record deal with Epic in January 2015 , a subsidiary of Sony Music Entertainment , meaning that # 1 to Infinity would be her first album since her seventh studio album Rainbow in 1999 to be released with Sony .

Following the release of Rainbow , Carey left Sony and signed an \$ 80 million , four @-@ album contract with EMI 's Virgin Records , wishing to sever all ties with Sony and its chairman , her former husband Tommy Mottola . Halperin and Hampp believe that following a prolonged period of absence from Sony and re @-@ signing with them is a positive situation for Carey : " Doug Morris , current chairman / CEO of Sony Music , brought Carey to Island Def Jam in 2003 when he was running Universal Music Group . Reid , then head of Island Def Jam , oversaw her Mimi @-@ powered 2005 comeback . Joey Arbagey , a collaborator of Carey 's during the making of the six @-@ times platinum [ The Emancipation of Mimi ] , is now executive vp A & R at Epic . " Furthermore , Carey released seven studio albums , a live EP and four compilation / greatest hits albums with Sony , which have sold a total of 43 @.@ 9 million units in the US combined . Although Halperin and Hampp note that " Carey 's legacy is undisputed , her recent stumbles have not gone unnoticed , " with regard to her divorce from Nick Cannon , the low sales of Me . I Am Mariah ? The Elusive Chanteuse and its failure to garner a top @-@ ten single on the Billboard Hot 100 and hiring and firing three managers : Dupri , Randy Jackson and Kevin Giles ( the last of whom Carey has kept as a consultant ) . As a result , several record labels were reluctant to offer Carey a contract . According to Billboard , many other critics felt that reuniting with Reid is Carey 's best chance of re @-@ establishing herself on the charts .

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In January 2015 , Carey announced that she would re @-@ release # 1 's ( 1998 ) with an updated version featuring her songs that had in the meantime reached number @-@ one : " Heartbreaker " featuring Jay @-@ Z ( 1999 ) , " Thank God I Found You " featuring Joe and 98 Degrees ( 2000 ) , " We Belong Together " ( 2005 ) , " Don 't Forget About Us " ( 2005 / 06 ) and " Touch My Body " ( 2008 ) . The North American track listing of # 1 to Infinity features Carey 's eighteen U.S. number @-@ one singles on the Billboard Hot 100 and one new recording called " Infinity " . Instead of including the original studio version of her third number @-@ one " Someday " ( 1991 ) , the live

recording from her MTV Unplugged EP ( 1992 ) features instead . Carey explains in the liner notes of # 1 to Infinity that she felt the studio version was overproduced . The Bad Boy Fantasy remix of her ninth number @-@ one " Fantasy " featuring Ol ' Dirty Bastard was included instead of the original solo version . Carey describes the remix as a " turning point " in her career .

" Someday " , " I Don 't Wanna Cry " and " Thank God I Found You " were omitted from the international track listing . They were replaced with Carey 's cover of Badfinger 's song " Without You " ( number @-@ one in New Zealand , the United Kingdom , and several European territories ) , her " Endless Love " duet with Luther Vandross ( number @-@ one in New Zealand ) and " Against All Odds " featuring Westlife ( number @-@ one in the United Kingdom ) . " Thank God I Found You " was also omitted from the Japanese track listing , and replaced with " All I Want for Christmas Is You " . For the album artwork , Carey launched a social media campaign on April 12 , 2015 , whereby fans had to share a link to her website in order to reveal the cover which was concealed by a curtain . Using the hashtag " RevealMariah " , the more shares the link received , the quicker the cover was revealed . Fans unlocked the final image a day later on April 13 .

= = Singles = =

" Infinity " was released as the only single from the album , and was the only new recording to be included on the track list . It is a mid @-@ tempo R & B song written by Carey , Eric Hudson , Priscilla Renea , Taylor Parks and Ilsey Juber . Lyrically , the song is about Carey freeing herself and emancipation , however many critics speculated that the lyrics were specifically about her separation from her second husband , Nick Cannon . In response , Carey said that the song was not a reflection of her personal life , but even if it was , she would not publicly confirm who it was written about . Critical response to the song was positive , with many critics praising Carey 's vocals and her comical songwriting , specifically with regard to the reference about Fritos . " Infinity " reached number 82 on the Billboard Hot 100 , becoming her forty @-@ seventh entry since her debut in 1990 .

= = Promotion = =

On January 15 , 2015 , Carey appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show to announce that she signed a contract to take up residency at The Colosseum at the Caesars Palace hotel in Las Vegas in May and July 2015 ; it is called Mariah Carey # 1 's . During the interview , Carey confirmed " I 'm going to do my first ever residency in Vegas at Caesars . " " This is a special event for me . And again , I have to hope that the fans will enjoy this cause I 'm gonna be performing , which was kind of inspired by my album # 1 's , and this is now the updated version with eighteen of them . Hopefully other people will enjoy this . I 've never done this before . " The confirmation of Carey 's residency came after Canadian singer Celine Dion announced that she had postponed dates of her residency at Caesars Palace to care for her husband , René Angélil , who is suffering from cancer . Aside from singing " Infinity " at her residency , Carey performed a medley of her 1990 debut single " Vision of Love " followed by " Infinity " at the Billboard Music Awards on May 17 , 2015 ; it was her first performance at the ceremony in seventeen years . Andrew Hampp for Billboard described the performance as " octave @-@ leaping " and one of the most memorable of the night . Other promotional appearances included Jimmy Kimmel Live ! and Live ! with Kelly and Michael . For the latter , Carey wore an Aurora @-@ inspired dress from the Disney film Sleeping Beauty and performed on Main Street , U.S.A. in Disney World .

= = Chart performance = =

# 1 to Infinity debuted at number 29 on the Billboard 200 chart on June 6 , 2015 . It became her twentieth album to make the chart . Her eponymous album had debuted at number 80 twenty @-@ five years prior in 1990 and later became her first of six number @-@ one albums in 1991 . # 1 to Infinity peaked at number 2 on the Top R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Albums chart and R & B Albums chart

, respectively . In the United Kingdom , the album debuted at number 8 on May 24 , 2015 , remaining on the chart for 5 weeks . On the UK R & B Albums Chart , the compilation reached number 1 . Similarly , the album peaked at number 18 on the Australian Albums Chart , but reached number 2 on the Urban Albums Chart .

= = Track listing = =

#### Notes

" I 'll Be There " featuring Trey Lorenz is a cover , originally performed by The Jackson 5

" Without You " is a cover , originally performed by Badfinger

" Endless Love " with Luther Vandross is a cover , originally performed by Lionel Richie and Diana Ross

" Against All Odds " with Westlife is a cover , originally performed by Phil Collins

#### Sample credits

" Fantasy " is the Bad Boy Fantasy version . It also contains a sample of the Tom Tom Club 's song

" Genius of Love " , written by Chris Frantz , Tina Weymouth , Adrian Belew and Steven Stanley

" Honey " contains samples of " Hey DJ " performed by the World 's Famous Supreme Team , written by Stephen Hague , and " The Body Rock " performed by the Treacherous Three , written by Bobby Robinson , Larry Price and Malcolm McLaren

" Heartbreaker " contains a sample of " Attack of the Name Game " performed by Stacy Lattisaw , written by Shirley Ellis and Lincoln Chase

" We Belong Together " contains samples of Bobby Womack 's " If You Think You 're Lonely Now " , written by Bobby Womack , Patrick Moten and Sandra Sully , and The Deele 's " Two Occasions " , written by Darnell Bristol and Kenneth Edmonds

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