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**Micheal Ray Stevenson**[[1]](#cite_note-1) (born November 19, 1989), known by his stage name **Tyga** (a [backronym](/wiki/Backronym) for **T**hank **Y**ou **G**od **A**lways),[[2]](#cite_note-2) is an American rapper. In 2011, Tyga signed a recording contract with [Young Money Entertainment](/wiki/Young_Money_Entertainment), [Cash Money Records](/wiki/Cash_Money_Records) and [Republic Records](/wiki/Republic_Records) (formerly Universal Republic Records). His major label debut [*Careless World: Rise of the Last King*](/wiki/Careless_World:_Rise_of_the_Last_King), includes the singles "[Rack City](/wiki/Rack_City)", "[Faded](/wiki/Faded_(Tyga_song))" featuring fellow Young Money artist [Lil Wayne](/wiki/Lil_Wayne), "[Far Away](/wiki/Far_Away_(Tyga_song))" featuring [Chris Richardson](/wiki/Chris_Richardson), "[Still Got It](/wiki/Still_Got_It)" featuring [Drake](/wiki/Drake_(rapper)), and "[Make It Nasty](/wiki/Make_It_Nasty)". He released his third album [*Hotel California*](/wiki/Hotel_California_(Tyga_album)), on April 9, 2013, and includes the singles "[Dope](/wiki/Dope_(Tyga_song))" featuring [Rick Ross](/wiki/Rick_Ross), "[For The Road](/wiki/For_the_Road)" featuring [Chris Brown](/wiki/Chris_Brown), and "[Show You](/wiki/Show_You)" featuring [Future](/wiki/Future_(rapper)). His fourth studio album [*The Gold Album: 18th Dynasty*](/wiki/The_Gold_Album:_18th_Dynasty), was released June 23, 2015, after several delays.

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## Early life[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

Micheal Ray Stevenson was born in [Compton, California](/wiki/Compton,_California), on November 19, 1989,<ref name=allmusic>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> and raised there until he "was about 11, 12" before moving to [Gardena, California](/wiki/Gardena,_California).[[3]](#cite_note-3) He is of [Vietnamese](/wiki/Vietnamese_people) and [Jamaican](/wiki/Jamaican_people) descent.[[4]](#cite_note-4) He grew up listening to [Fabolous](/wiki/Fabolous), [Lil Wayne](/wiki/Lil_Wayne), [Cam'ron](/wiki/Cam'ron) and [Eminem](/wiki/Eminem) among others.[[5]](#cite_note-5) On December 3, 2012, debate arose concerning Tyga's upbringing. Tyga claimed to have been brought up in the low [socioeconomic](/wiki/Socioeconomic) area of Compton, but in leaked footage from the unaired television show *Bustas* he claimed he grew up in a "well-to-do" home in [the Valley](/wiki/San_Fernando_Valley), where his parents drove a [Range Rover](/wiki/Range_Rover). He also claimed that he attained his nickname from his mother calling him [Tiger Woods](/wiki/Tiger_Woods).[[6]](#cite_note-6) There has been speculation that his claims on the show were satirical and not to be taken seriously. Tyga responded to the video's leak on Twitter: "When u 14 an ambitious u don't give a fuk about anything. Scripted tv isn't that what we all live for.Hahahaha"[Template:Sic](/wiki/Template:Sic)[[7]](#cite_note-7)

## Career[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

### 2007–10: ''No Introduction'' and mixtapes[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

[left|thumb|150px|Tyga in 2010](/wiki/File:TygaTyga.jpg) *No Introduction,* released on [Decaydance Records](/wiki/Decaydance_Records) on June 10, 2008, was Tyga's first independent album.<ref name=ProHipHop>(April 7, 2008). [Tyga: No Introduction Album Cover Art](http://www.prohiphop.com/2008/04/tyga-no-introdu.html) *ProHipHop*. Accessed May 9, 2008.</ref> One of the songs from this album, "Diamond Life", was used in the video games [*Need for Speed: Undercover*](/wiki/Need_for_Speed:_Undercover) and [*Madden NFL 2009*](/wiki/Madden_NFL_2009), as well as in the 2009 movie [*Fighting*](/wiki/Fighting_(2009_film)).

Tyga released many mixtapes. His 2007 debut mixtape, *Young On Probation*, garnered him enough attention to sign a record deal with [Young Money Entertainment](/wiki/Young_Money_Entertainment). He created *Fan of a Fan* with [Chris Brown](/wiki/Chris_Brown_(American_entertainer)) and producers DJ Ill Will and DJ Rockstar. It features other artists such as [Bow Wow](/wiki/Bow_Wow_(rapper)), [Lil Wayne](/wiki/Lil_Wayne), and [Kevin McCall](/wiki/Kevin_McCall) featured in several tracks. Four tracks ("Holla at Me", "G Shit", "[No Bullshit](/wiki/No_Bullshit)" and "[Deuces](/wiki/Deuces_(song))") are also accompanied by music videos. The track "Deuces" was released as the debut single of the mixtape and reached #14 on the [*Billboard* Hot 100](/wiki/Billboard_Hot_100) and number 1 on the *Billboard* [Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs](/wiki/Hot_R&B/Hip-Hop_Songs) by August 26, 2010. The track has also been nominated for [Best Rap/Sung Collaboration](/wiki/Best_Rap/Sung_Collaboration) at the [53rd Grammy Awards](/wiki/53rd_Grammy_Awards).[[8]](#cite_note-8)[[9]](#cite_note-9) The track, among others, was on the tracklist of Chris Brown's fourth studio album, [*F.A.M.E.*](/wiki/F.A.M.E._(album)). Tyga also told MTV in an interview that the mixtape's production took just short of a week.[[10]](#cite_note-10)

### 2011–12: ''Careless World: Rise of the Last King''[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

*Careless World: Rise of the Last King* was his second studio album. The album was released on February 21, 2012 on Young Money Entertainment, [Cash Money Records](/wiki/Cash_Money_Records), and [Universal Republic Records](/wiki/Universal_Republic_Records). *Careless World: Rise of the Last King* is a move to the rapping style he featured in the collaboration album [*We Are Young Money*](/wiki/We_Are_Young_Money) rather me than the poppy dance element shown on [*No Introduction*](/wiki/No_Introduction).[[11]](#cite_note-11) Tyga stated that the album shows he has grown up but still relates to the kids. Tyga released a new mixtape #BitchImTheShit in preparation for the album.

The first official single, "[Far Away](/wiki/Far_Away_(Tyga_Song))", was released on May 17, 2011 and peaked at 86 on the Billboard Hot 100. The second official single, "[Still Got It](/wiki/Still_Got_It)", was released on October 4, 2011 and peaked at 89 on the Billboard Hot 100. The third official single, "[Rack City](/wiki/Rack_City)", was released on December 6, 2011. It was originally listed on Tyga's *Well Done 2* mixtape, and was added to the album after it gained commercial success. It debuted at number 94 on the Billboard Hot 100, and has peaked at number 8 since then. The fourth official single, "[Faded](/wiki/Faded_(Tyga_song))", was released on January 13, 2012. It peaked on the [Hot 100](/wiki/Hot_100) at #33.

Tyga's sixth single, "[Do My Dance](/wiki/Do_My_Dance)" which features [2 Chainz](/wiki/2_Chainz) was released on October 2, 2012 and peaked at #79 on the Billboard Hot 100. He has released various mixtapes such as well-acclaimed *#BitchImTheShit* and [*Well Done 3*](/wiki/Well_Done_3).

That year Tyga also [produced](/wiki/Film_producer) and co-[directed](/wiki/Film_director) (with Justice Young) a multi-[AVN award](/wiki/AVN_award)-nominated crossover [adult film](/wiki/Adult_film), *Rack City: The XXX Movie*, which starred [Skin Diamond](/wiki/Skin_Diamond), [Jada Fire](/wiki/Jada_Fire), Ice La Fox, [Sophie Dee](/wiki/Sophie_Dee), [Lexington Steele](/wiki/Lexington_Steele), [Kristina Rose](/wiki/Kristina_Rose), London Keyes and [Daisy Marie](/wiki/Daisy_Marie).<ref name=biavn/>[[12]](#cite_note-12) He also signed the soundtrack, which includes the hits "Rack City" and "Faded" together with several original songs, and he appeared in the film in a non-sex role.<ref name=biavn>Steve Javors, "Adult Who's Who: Tyga's Tail", [*AVN Magazine*](/wiki/AVN_(magazine)), Vol. 28/No. 9, Issue 357, September 2012, pp.38-40.</ref>[[13]](#cite_note-13)[[14]](#cite_note-14)[[15]](#cite_note-15)[[16]](#cite_note-16)[[17]](#cite_note-17)[[18]](#cite_note-18)

### 2012–13: ''Hotel California''[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

Tyga's third studio album, [*Hotel California*](/wiki/Hotel_California_(Tyga_album)), was released on April 9, 2013. The first single, "[Dope](/wiki/Dope_(Tyga_song))", was released on December 25. The song has a notable feature from rapper [Rick Ross](/wiki/Rick_Ross).[[19]](#cite_note-19) Before the single dropped Tyga released a nine-track mixtape under the name 187.[[20]](#cite_note-20) *187* the mixtape was released on November 30, 2012. It features remixes to songs such as [2 Chainz's](/wiki/2_Chainz) "[I'm Different](/wiki/I'm_Different_(2_Chainz_song))", [Meek Mill's](/wiki/Meek_Mill) "[Young & Gettin' It](/wiki/Young_&_Gettin'_It)" and [GOOD Music's](/wiki/GOOD_Music) "[Clique](/wiki/Clique_(song))", among others and new material.[[21]](#cite_note-21) Tyga will also release a second Fan of a Fan mixtape with singer [Chris Brown](/wiki/Chris_Brown_(American_entertainer)).[[19]](#cite_note-19) On episode three of Tyga's tour vlog Tyga confirmed four features on the upcoming album, including [Rick Ross](/wiki/Rick_Ross), [Nicki Minaj](/wiki/Nicki_Minaj), [Chris Brown](/wiki/Chris_Brown_(American_entertainer)), and [Wiz Khalifa](/wiki/Wiz_Khalifa).[[22]](#cite_note-22) Tyga performed at Harvard University's Yardfest in the Spring of 2013, despite opposition from critics who've signed a petition seeking to keep him away over what they call his "violently [misogynistic](/wiki/Misogynistic) lyrics."[[23]](#cite_note-23) At this time, Tyga collaborated with singer [Sabi](/wiki/Sabi_(singer)) on her song "Cali Love".[[24]](#cite_note-24) *Hotel California* was released on April 9, 2013. The album featured guest appearances from Lil Wayne, Chris Brown, Rick Ross, 2 Chainz, [Game](/wiki/Game_(rapper)), Wiz Khalifa, [Future](/wiki/Future_(rapper)) and [Jadakiss](/wiki/Jadakiss). Along with [production](/wiki/Record_production) by [Cool & Dre](/wiki/Cool_&_Dre), [David D.A. Doman](/wiki/David_D.A._Doman), [DJ Mustard](/wiki/DJ_Mustard), [Detail](/wiki/Detail_(musician)), Mars of [1500 or Nothin'](/wiki/1500_or_Nothin'), [The Olympicks](/wiki/The_Olympicks), and [SAP](/wiki/SAP_(producer)) among others. The album was supported by three official singles — "[Dope](/wiki/Dope_(Tyga_song))" which features Rick Ross, "[For the Road](/wiki/For_the_Road)" featuring Chris Brown, and "[Show You](/wiki/Show_You)" featuring Future, along with the promotional single "[Molly](/wiki/Molly_(Tyga_song))". The album was met with generally mixed reviews from [music critics](/wiki/Music_criticism).[[25]](#cite_note-25) It also was less successful than his debut album commercially, debuting at number seven on the U.S. [*Billboard* 200](/wiki/Billboard_200) with first-week sales of 54,000 copies in the United States.[[26]](#cite_note-26)

### 2013–present: ''The Gold Album: 18th Dynasty''[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) On August 27, 2013, Tyga released a new single with DJ Mustard, "Throw It Up". It was also revealed that he was working on two new mixtapes, *Black Thought 3* and *Well Done 4*, as well as *The Gold Album*.[[27]](#cite_note-27) On October 21, 2013, Tyga premiered "[Wait for a Minute](/wiki/Wait_for_a_Minute)" featuring [Justin Bieber](/wiki/Justin_Bieber). It was released to [iTunes](/wiki/ITunes_Music_Store) the following day.[[28]](#cite_note-28) He then confirmed that an album would be released in early 2014. He also explained that the album would, be more "way less commercial." He also said "I felt like *Hotel California* was more commercial and I made more radio-type records. This album is straight rap."[[29]](#cite_note-29)Then on April 9, 2014 Tyga released a song called "[Hookah](/wiki/Hookah_(song))" which features the rapper [Young Thug](/wiki/Young_Thug).[[30]](#cite_note-30) On May 1, 2014 Tyga made a tweet referring to [Kanye West](/wiki/Kanye_West), [Mike Dean](/wiki/Mike_Dean_(record_producer)), and his own producer Jess Jackson with a hash-tag The Gold Album. Kanye West is serving as the executive producer for the album, which is due for release on November 18, 2014.[[31]](#cite_note-31)[[32]](#cite_note-32) Tyga was also featured on [Chris Brown's](/wiki/Chris_Brown) single "[Loyal](/wiki/Loyal_(Chris_Brown_song))", he was featured on the video version, the song since then peaked at number nine on the US Billboard Hot 100.[[33]](#cite_note-33) On May 28, 2014, Tyga released a new song entitled "*Real Deal*" via [SoundCloud](/wiki/SoundCloud).[[34]](#cite_note-34) "Real Deal" was later released on [iTunes](/wiki/ITunes) on August 1, 2014.[[35]](#cite_note-35) On September 12, 2014 Tyga Announced via his [instagram](/wiki/Instagram) that his new single titled "[40 Mill](/wiki/40_Mill_(song))" which will be produced by [Kanye West](/wiki/Kanye_West), [Mike Dean](/wiki/Mike_Dean_(record_producer)), Dupri and his own producer [Jess Jackson](/wiki/Jess_Jackson_(record_producer)), artwork, The release date was not revealed though.[[36]](#cite_note-36) The album was set to have features from [Justin Bieber](/wiki/Justin_Bieber), [Young Thug](/wiki/Young_Thug), [Kanye West](/wiki/Kanye_West), [Chris Brown](/wiki/Chris_Brown), and [Drake](/wiki/Drake_(rapper)). Tyga released the [Kanye West](/wiki/Kanye_West) produced [40 Mill](/wiki/40_Mill_(song)) on October 14, 2014; the media gave it positive feedback.

On December 4, 2014, Tyga made a tweet declaring his fourth album, [*The Gold Album: 18th Dynasty*](/wiki/The_Gold_Album:_18th_Dynasty) would be released independently due to not being on good terms with label [Cash Money Records](/wiki/Cash_Money_Records).[[37]](#cite_note-37) On June 23, 2015, Tyga released *The Gold Album* on [Spotify](/wiki/Spotify) then on iTunes three days later.[[38]](#cite_note-38)[[39]](#cite_note-39) His reality show [*Kingin' with Tyga*](/wiki/Kingin'_with_Tyga) premiered on July 24, 2015, on [MTV2](/wiki/MTV2).[[40]](#cite_note-40)

## Controversy[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

On October 21, 2014, Tyga lashed out on his record label Young Money Entertainment, reporting that his album was completed, but that his music was being "held hostage" by the label, who would not allow him to release it, and stated that he was considering leaking the album.[[41]](#cite_note-41) Tyga criticized Drake and [Nicki Minaj](/wiki/Nicki_Minaj) in an October 2014 interview, calling Drake "fake", saying:

"I tend to distance myself from them. I'm tryna go independent. I don't really get along with Drake. I don't really get along with Nicki," Tyga told Vibe in a story that published last week. "I don't like Drake as a person. He's just fake to me. I think his music is good, but we're all different people. We were forced together and it was kinda' like we were forcing relationships together."[[42]](#cite_note-42)

### Robbery[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

In June 2008, Tyga was robbed of his jewelry by unknown assailants. A pair of diamond chains would end up in the hands of local rapper [40 Glocc](/wiki/40_Glocc), who showed them off in an online video.[[43]](#cite_note-43)[[44]](#cite_note-44) Tyga would eventually admit to the robbery, but said 40 Glocc wasn't behind it. "Some niggas seen me and ran up on me with a little burner... I guess 40 Glocc's peoples robbed the peoples that got me, and then hopped on YouTube, talking about they robbed me."[[45]](#cite_note-45)

### Leaked photo[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

In 2015, a nude photo of Tyga was leaked online. The photo was alledgely sent to transsexual pornographic actress [Mia Isabella](/wiki/Mia_Isabella).[[46]](#cite_note-46)

## Personal life[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

Tyga met [Blac Chyna](/wiki/Blac_Chyna) on October 5, 2011, at The F.A.M.E Tour After Party with Chris Brown at [King of Diamonds](/wiki/King_of_Diamonds) in Miami.[[47]](#cite_note-47)[[48]](#cite_note-48) Blac Chyna became Tyga's leading lady in his "[Rack City](/wiki/Rack_City)" music video.[[49]](#cite_note-49) They became an official couple on November 9, 2011 and posed for the cover of *Urban Ink* magazine in March 2012.[[50]](#cite_note-50) On October 16, 2012, their son, King Cairo Stevenson was born;[[51]](#cite_note-51) and Tyga purchased a $6.5 million mansion in [Calabasas, California](/wiki/Calabasas,_California) for his new family.[[52]](#cite_note-52) Both parents sport tattoos of their son's name.[[53]](#cite_note-53) In December 2012, Blac Chyna confirmed that she and Tyga were engaged.[[54]](#cite_note-54) The couple later split in 2014.[[55]](#cite_note-55) After months of speculation, Tyga finally confirmed his relationship with reality star [Kylie Jenner](/wiki/Kylie_Jenner). However, this relationship sparked controversy in the tabloids, because of the age difference, and they were reportedly dating since Jenner was 16. The legal age of consent in the state of California is 18.[[56]](#cite_note-56)[[57]](#cite_note-57) They first seen holding hands in [Mexico](/wiki/Mexico) a couples day after her 18th birthday.[[58]](#cite_note-58)