

FACT SHEET

Popular music artists from 2000

Coldplay

Coldplay are from the UK and formed in 1996. They became one of the most successful bands of the late 1990s and 2000s. Led by Chris Martin, the band had hits with 'Yellow', 'A Rush Of Blood To The Head', 'Viva La Vida', 'Clocks', 'Violet Hill' and 'Lost'. Massive international success has seen some commentators describe them as the Fourth British Invasion.

Beyoncé

Successful since the 1990s as a member of Destiny's Child, Beyoncé sings a mix of gospel, rhythm & blues and hip hop. Since embarking on a solo career, she has enjoyed success with albums such as *Dangerously In Love*, *B'Day*, *I Am ... Sasha Fierce* and *Beyoncé*. She has starred in successful films and remains one of the highest selling artists of the new millennium.

The Strokes

New York rock band The Strokes play a mix of classic rock featuring simple melodies and catchy riffs and rhythms. Their hits include 'Hard To Explain/New York City Cops', 'This Is It', 'Someday', 'You Talk Way Too Much', 'Juicebox' and 'You Only Live Once'. The band was influenced by 1970s pre-punk band Velvet Underground.

Amy Winehouse

Fragile, rebellious and self-destructive, Amy Winehouse sang an eclectic mix of jazz, soul, pop, reggae and rhythm & blues. She enjoyed success with 'Rehab', 'You Know I'm No Good' and 'Valerie' and was described by George Michael as the best female vocalist he had ever heard. She died at 27 of an overdose in 2011.

Missy Elliott

An eclectic artist, Missy Elliott began her career as a back-up rap singer and then as part of the group Sista, before going solo in 1996. Her hits include 'I Want You Back', 'Get Ur Freak Out', 'One Minute Man', and 'Work It'.

U2

U2 formed in 1976 and have enjoyed continued international success since the early 1980s with songs such as 'Sunday Bloody Sunday', 'Pride', 'Mysterious Ways' and 'Vertigo'. Still performing, the band has now moved from stadium concerts to smaller more intimate venues, and in 2004 teamed up with iTunes for innovative promotion of their music. Their stand on human rights issues has seen lead singer Bono awarded with a Nobel Peace Prize.