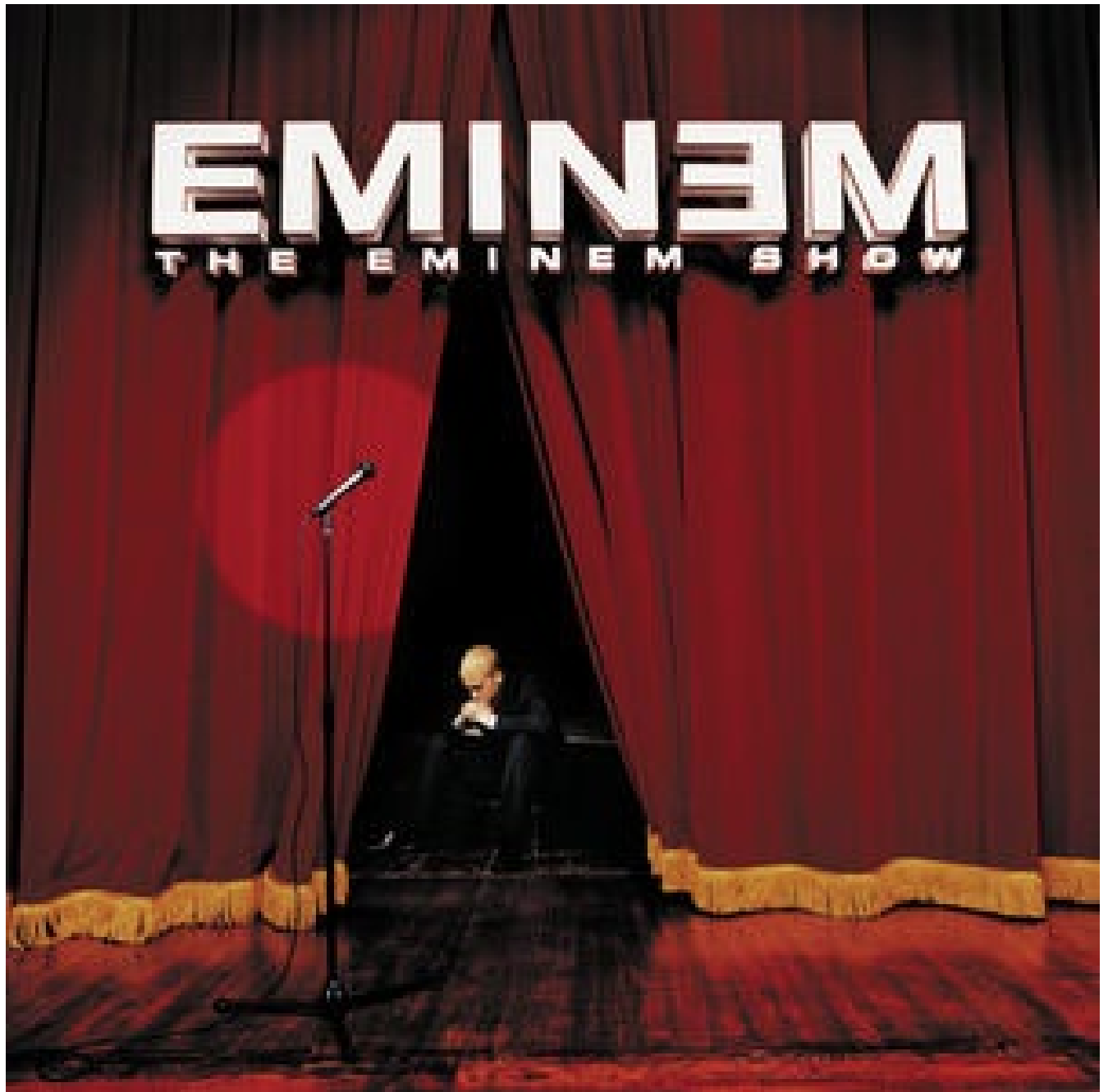# The Eminem Show

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General information:

Eminem's real name is Marschall Bruce Mathers III: He was born on October 17, 1972 in St. Joseph, Missouri in the US. He is 52 years old today. His parents are Deborah R. Nelson Mathers and Marshall Bruce Mathers jr. He has three siblings and three daughters. His artist name was made from putting the initials of his first and last name together (M&M) and spelling it out as Eminem. In his songs he also created an alter ego called slim shady.

Upbringing:

Eminem was raised by his mother, as his father left, when he was still a young child. His mother often moved, which led to him having to change schools multiple times a year. In multiple songs he also describes his mother as a drug addict and blames her for his struggles with addiction later on in life. He also got Bullied in school and dropped out at 17. He was later discovered by Dr. Dre and released his first album, called "The slim shady LP" in 1999, which was immediately a success.

General info on the album:

The Eminem show is Eminem's fourth studio. Album and was released on May 26, 2002. It's total time is one hour, 17 minutes and 32 seconds. It was recorded from 2001 to 2002 and is in the genre of hip-hop. The lapels of the album, were Shady records, Aftermath and Interscope. Songs from the album that were released as singles are Without Me, Cleanin' Out My Closet, Superman, Sing for the Moment and Business.

Success of the album:

The Eminem Show debuted at number one on the billboard 200and stood there for six non-consecutive weeks. It also topped the UK Album charts for five consecutive weeks. Copies of it were sold over 1.3 million times in its second week in the US. The album was the best-selling album of 2002 in the US and the world. The Eminem Show was certified 12 times platinum by the Recording industry association of America (RIAA). The worldwide sales of the album are 27 million copies, which makes it one of the best-selling albums of all time and the second best-selling album of the 21-century. All of this makes it The Eminem Show Eminem's most commercially successful album.
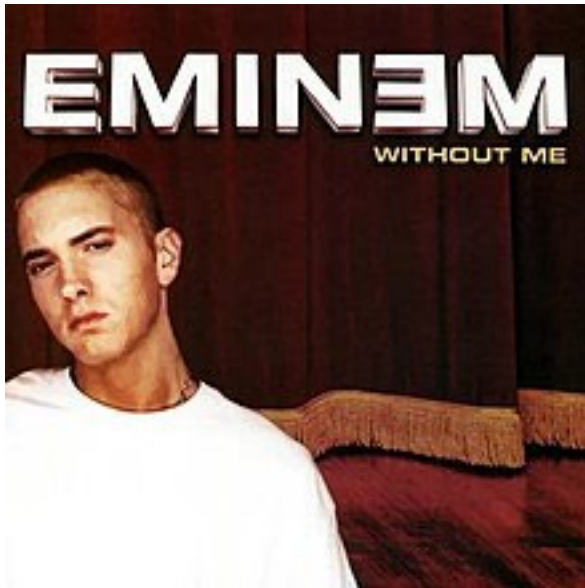
Songs:

Without Me 7/10: Without Me is Eminem's most streamed song on the album . The music video of without me also received MTV Video Music Awards for Video of the Year, Best Male Video, Best Rap Video and Best Direction. The Video also won Best Short Form Music Video at the Grammy Awards of 2003. I really like this song, but I wouldn't classify it as one of my favorites anymore, as I used to listen to it a lot, when I was younger and by now kind of grew out of it.
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVkUvmDQ3HY

Cover of the single of without me:

Superman 7/10: This song features guest vocals of Dina Rae. Superman peaked at number 15 on the Billboard Hot 100. It also received 2 Platinum certifications by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). I really enjoy this song, but, as with "Without Me", wouldn't rate it as one of my favorites either, for similar reasons.
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lPlePBCS6Ic

Cleaning Out My Closet 10/10: In this song, Eminem talks about his childhood and how his dad leaving him, when he was a toddler, and his mothers drug abuse, affected him. He also accuses his mother of having Munchhausen by proxy syndrome, which is a mental illness, where mothers? Will inflict pain on their children, in order to get more attention. He also claims, that this was the reason for him struggling with drugs and addiction later in his life. He later apologized to his mother for this song in another song called "Headlights". I still really like this song, as it gives one a bigger insight of the rappers childhood.
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQ9_TKayu9s

Sing For The Moment 9.8/10 : This Song has a length of 5:40 minutes (album version). It samples "Dream On" by Aerosmith. It also reached number 14 on the US Billboard Hot 100 Singles Chart. I definitely love this song. And think he used the sample of "Dream On" really well, since the sample works great together with his rap part.
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4hAVemuQXY

Hailie's Song 9/10: Hailie's Song is a song Eminem wrote about his first and also only biological daughter. In the song he writes about how much she means to him. I really love this song, because it illustrates Eminem's relationship with his daughter and his desire to treat her better, than his parents treated him.
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tD5oQQ-CQ4E

Till I Collapse 9.5/10: In this song Eminem talks about how he will continue with rapping, until he can't anymore and gives anything to it. This song is also the most streamed song on Spotify that wasn't released as a single. This song is one of the albums best songs in my opinion and I find it really motivating and listen to it when I need motivation even, as it always reminds me to continue doing what I love.
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pi3_Zs-oRUo

My Dads Gone Crazy 7.5/10: On this track, Hailie, Eminem's daughter is featured, by singing "I think my dads gone crazy". Hailie was six at the time of recording this song and was entered in the Guinness book of records as the youngest performer to be credited on the R&B charts. I don't listen to this song as much, but still think of it as fun to listen to.
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcm8jQBQ6kg

White America 8/10:
In White America, Eminem addresses the allegations of influencing young, white Americans to criminal behavior and violence. In the song, "Eric" and "Erica" represent the white youth of the U.S. This song was certified with platinum in Australia and the United States. I don't listen to this song as much, but still think of it as a good song.
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZIzD0ZfTFg

Eminem now: Eminem is still producing music and has recently released an album called The Death of Slim Shady (Coup De Grace). He also just released a single called Houdini. I am excited to see, what this rapper will give us in the future, while still holding on to his past tracks.