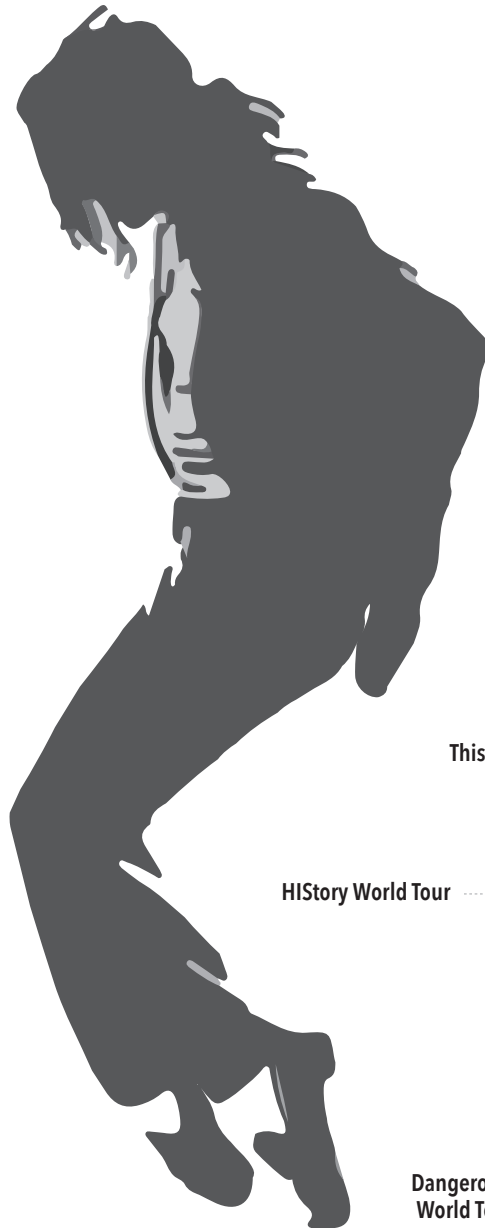


A THRILLING INFLUENCE



Although his life was cut short, Michael Jackson experienced great success in his musical career and made those precious years matter. He sold 750 million albums worldwide, won 13 Grammy Awards and 26 American Music Awards, and made 48 albums that charted on Billboard. It is no secret that Michael Jackson has inspired countless artists over time, but there are a couple of his successors who *mirror* him more intentionally than others. Usher, Chris Brown, and Justin Timberlake are three of the most commonly compared artists to Michael Jackson because of their remarkable dance moves and musical style. Here's how these admirers match up.

"I WOULDN'T BE WHO I AM TODAY WITHOUT MICHAEL JACKSON."

Usher

"MICHAEL JACKSON IS THE REASON WHY I DO MUSIC AND WHY I AM AN ENTERTAINER."

Chris Brown

"TO CREATE THE THINGS THAT HE CREATED WITH HIS MUSIC, IT'S REALLY UNTOUCHABLE."

Justin Timberlake

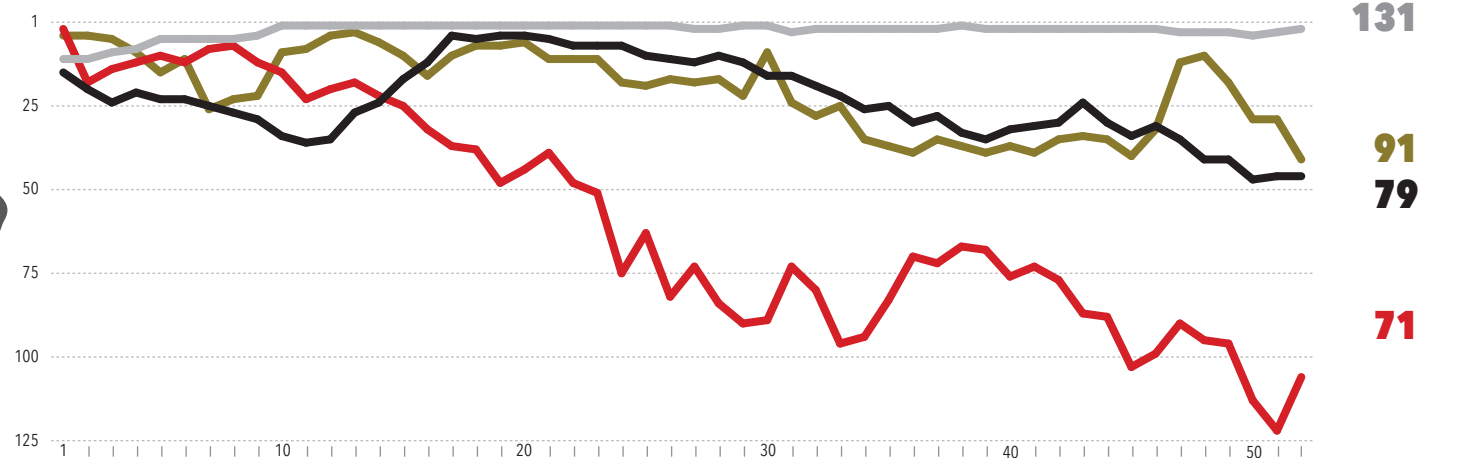
Weekly Top Album Ranking in U.S. Billboard 200* (1st year of release)

KEY: Thriller (M. Jackson, 1984)

My Way (Usher, 1997)

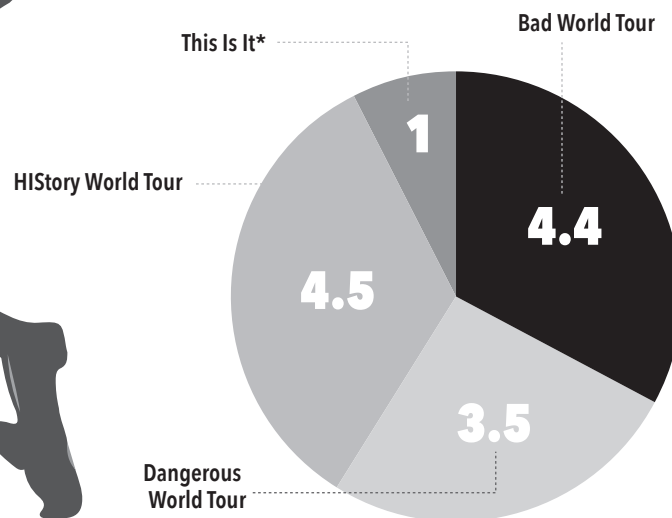
Chris Brown (C. Brown, 2005)

FutureSex/ LoveSounds (J. Timberlake, 2006)



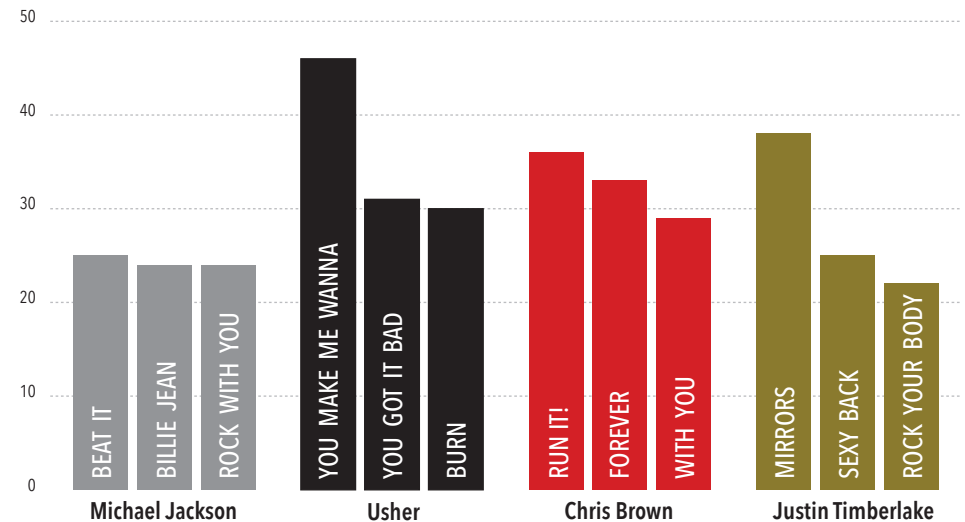
* Data above represented for each artist's album (compilations not considered) that remained on the Billboard 200 chart for the longest consecutive amount of time. Billboard 200 rankings are determined by sales data.

MJ Tour Tickets Sold (In millions)



* Michael passed away before this tour started

Singles Ranked for Most Consecutive Weeks (Billboard 100)



Sources: Academic Rights Press: Music Industry Data, Statistics Brain

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