

Linkin Park

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About the band



- Linkin Park is an American rock band from Agoura Hills, California. Formed in 1996, the band rose to international fame with their debut album, Hybrid Theory, which was certified Diamond by the RIAA in 2005 and multi-platinum in several other countries

Early years (1996–1999)

- The founding of Linkin Park began with three high school friends; Mike Shinoda, Rob Bourdon, and Brad Delson. After graduating from high school, the three began to take their musical interests more seriously, recruiting Joe Hahn, Dave "Phoenix" Farrell, and Mark Wakefield to perform in their band, Xero. Though limited in resources, the band began recording and producing songs within Shinoda's makeshift bedroom studio in 1996. After spending a considerable time searching for Wakefield's replacement, Xero recruited Arizona vocalist, Chester Bennington, who was recommended by Jeff Blue, the vice president of Zomba Music in March 1999.



Hybrid Theory (2000–2002)

- Linkin Park released Hybrid Theory on October 24, 2000. The album, which represented half a decade's worth of the band's work, was edited by Don Gilmore. *Hybrid Theory* was a massive commercial success; it sold more than 4.8 million copies during its debut year, earning it the status of best-selling album of 2001, while singles such as "Crawling" and "One Step Closer" established themselves as staples among alternative rock radio play lists during the year



Meteora (2002–2004)

- Following the success of Hybrid Theory and Reanimation, Linkin Park spent a significant amount of time touring around the United States. The band members began to work on new material amidst its saturated schedule, spending a sliver of their free time in their tour bus' studio. Linkin Park's second album debuted on March 25, 2003 and instantly earned worldwide recognition, going to No.1 in the US and UK, and No.2 in Australia. *Meteora* sold more than 800,000 copies during its first week, and it ranked as the best selling album on the Billboard charts at the time



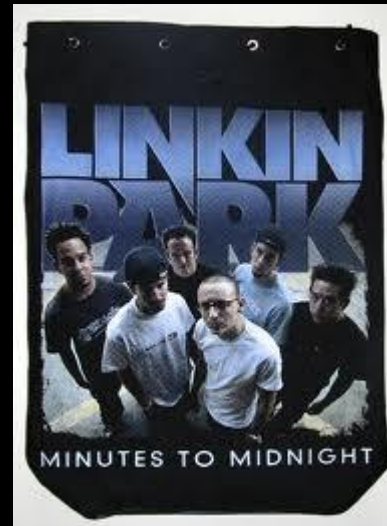
Side projects (2004–2006)

- In 2004, the band began to work with Jay-Z to produce another remix album, entitled *Collision Course*. The album, which featured intermixed lyrics and background tracks from both artists' previous albums, debuted in November 2004. Shinoda also formed a new band, Fort Minor, as a side project. With the aid of Jay-Z, Fort Minor released its debut album, *The Rising Tied*, to critical acclaim. Linkin Park also participated in numerous charitable events, most notably raised money to benefit victims of hurricane Charley in 2004 and later hurricane Katrina in 2005. The band donated \$75,000 to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation in March 2004



Minutes to Midnight (2006–2008)

- Linkin Park returned to the recording studios in 2006 to work on new material. To produce the album, the band chose producer Rick Rubin. Despite initially stating the album would debut sometime in 2006, the album was delayed until 2007. *Minutes to Midnight* sold over 625,000 copies in its first week, making it one of the most successful debut week albums in recent years. The album also took the top spot on the Billboard Charts



A Thousand Suns (2008–2011)

- While working on the new album, Linkin Park worked with successful film composer Hans Zimmer to produce the score for *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*. Linkin Park reached No.8 in Billboard Social 50, a chart of the most active artists on the world's leading social networking sites. In other Billboard Year-End charts, the band reached No.92 in the "Top Artists" chart,[73] as well as *A Thousand Suns* reaching No.53 in the Year-End chart of the Billboard Top 200 albums and No.7 in the 2010 Year-End Rock Albums, and "The Catalyst" reaching No.40 in the Year-End Rock Songs chart



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- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linkin_Park

