

Beyonce: All Hail the Queen!

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Beyonce Knowles managed to delight us all with her 14-track, 17-music video, 2013 self-titled album that dropped Dec. 13, 2013. It's Friday the thirteenth and guess who's playing Freddy? Not Mrs. Carter! She surprised the world with her beautiful work of art.

Beyonce has been known for over 15 years for breaking boundaries in the music industry, but this time she was going out to capture hearts and minds with her angelic voice.

Columbia Records says 823,773 copies of "Beyonce" were sold worldwide in just three days. And in the United States, Beyonce Knowles-Carter broke the United States iTunes sales record by selling 617,000 downloads from the time of the unannounced midnight album release on Friday December 13 until the close of business on Dec. 15.

The launch of this album was the second-largest digital sales week EVER! Second behind Lady Gaga, but who cares!

As if all these stats aren't enough to make you want to run

and see what all the hype is about, this album is beautiful from beginning to end.

If I had to change anything about it I wish that it would never end.

Beyonce makes music that

with the Queen BEY! Her pure soul and humility shines through every song, video and performance she has done to support this album.

Her music speaks a lot about her personality as well. Beyonce makes great songs and man-

ages to expand her fan base at the release of every new project and album she drops. I have seen big cocky football players break down and sing the high pitch vocals of "Drunk In Love," and every girl in the world wants to be "Flawless" now.

I had the pleasure of seeing her twice this summer.

Once at her Baltimore stop of the "On the Run" tour, and as a surprise appearance at "The Global Citizen's Festival" in New York City. She walks onto stage and you are able to experience world peace for those few moments.

You can tell through her music she wants to be free of societal norms. She has the power and a voice to change lives.

Beyonce embraces the idea of being a feminist and for all to stand up for what they believe, and that is a little encouragement we all could use.

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is understandable and relatable to people of all walks of life. This CD isn't just words put to a melody, meant to be sung in front of an audience. It is a production, a 5 PLUS star masterpiece.

She collaborates with everyone from Kanye West, Drake, Frank Ocean, and her immediate family Jay-Z and Blue Ivy Carter.

This album makes you want to change the world, start a family, get up and dance, fall in love, get drunk, have sex, make a baby, wake up, and do it all over again!

There are no boundaries