



ASHANTI

THE #s:

Murder Inc. recording artist, Ashanti, made a huge splash in 2002. Her self-titled debut album landed the # 1 spot on both the *Billboard* Top 200 and R&B album charts selling a whopping 504,693 units in its first week. Her first week showing set a Soundscan record as the most albums sold by any first -time female artist in the chart's history. Simultaneously, Ashanti also secured the top spot on the *Billboard* Hot 100 singles chart and the R&B/Hip Hop Singles & Tracks chart with her song "Foolish."

Also, Ashanti made *Billboard* history by having her first three chart entries all land in the top 10 of The *Billboard* Hot 100 at the same time. (She is the first female to accomplish this feat and only second to the Beatles to do so.)

THE AWARDS:

** indicates a win

2003 NAAP IMAGE AWARDS (March 2003)

Outstanding Female Artist** *Outstanding New Artist*

2003 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS (March 2003)

** *Best R&B/Soul Single, Female ("Foolish")*

** *Best R&B/Soul Album, Female ("Ashanti")*

R&B/Soul or Rap Album of the Year ("Ashanti")

2003 GRAMMY AWARDS (February 2003)

Best New Artist

Best Female R&B Vocal Performance ("Foolish")

** *Best Contemporary R&B Album ("Ashanti")*

Best Rap/Sung Collaboration (Fat Joe, "What's Luv")

Best Rap/Sung Collaboration (Ja Rule, "Always On Time")

2003 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS (January 2003)

Fans Choice Award

** *Favorite New Artist in Pop/Rock*

** *Favorite New Artist in Hip-Hop/R&B*

Favorite Female Artist in Hip-Hop/R&B

Favorite Album - Pop or Rock 'n Roll Music ("Ashanti")

Favorite Album - Hip-Hop / Rhythm & Blues Music ("Ashanti")

2002 BILLBOARD AWARDS (December 2002)

** *Female Artist of the Year*

** *Top New Pop Artist of the Year*

** *Hot 100 Singles Artist of the Year*

** *R&B/Hip-Hop Artist of the Year*

** *R&B/Hip-Hop Female Artist of the Year*

** *New R&B/Hip-Hop Artist of the Year*

** *R&B/Hip-Hop Single of the Year ("Foolish")*

2002 MTV VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS (August 2002)

Best Female Video ("Foolish")

Best R&B Video ("Foolish")

Best New Artist In A Video ("Foolish")

Best Hip-Hop Video ("What's Luv")

Best Hip-Hop Video ("Always On Time")

2002 LADY OF SOUL AWARDS (August 2002)

** *Best R&B/Soul New Artist*

** *Aretha Franklin Entertainer Of The Year*

Best R&B/Soul Single ("Foolish")

R&B/Soul Album of the Year ("Ashanti")

R&B/Soul Song of the Year ("Foolish")

Best R&B/Soul Music Video ("Foolish")

2002 TEEN CHOICE AWARDS (August 2002)

** *Choice Breakout Artist*

Choice R&B/Hip-Hip Single ("Foolish")

Choice Music Collaborations ("Always On Time")Choice Music Collaborations

2002 BET AWARDS (July 2002)

Best New Artist

Viewer's Choice Award ("Always On Time")

NICKELODEON'S KIDS CHOICE AWARDS (April 2003)

**Best New Artist

TV APPEARANCES:

“Buffy the Vampire Slayer”

“Sabrina”

“American Dreams”

TV PERFORMANCES:

Grammy Awards

Saturday Night Live

Soul Train Awards

Lady of Soul Awards

MTV Music Awards

The Tonight Show with Jay Leno

Last Call with Carson Daly

Live with Regis & Kelly

The View

THE ENDORSEMENTS/ PSAs:

*Candie’s (clothing)

*Wet Seal retail company

*BET PSA- *Wrap It Up*

THE BOOK:

11/2002- poetry/essays book *Foolish/ Unfoolish: Reflections On Love*