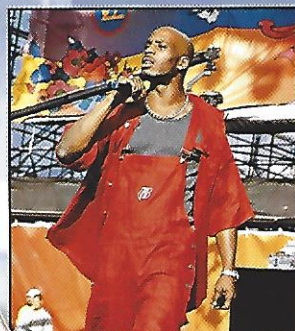
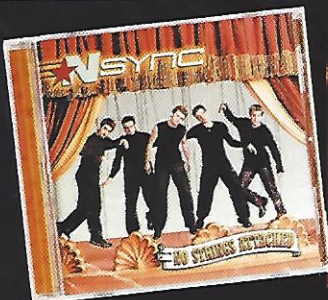


▲ In response to the growing interest in Latin music, CBS airs the "1st Annual Latin Grammy Awards" in September. The show is the first primetime network Spanish language telecast on American TV and draws 7.5 million viewers.

✓ A new board game called "Hip-Hop Hall of Fame" capitalizes on the popularity of the music genre. Players make their way around an album-like board by answering questions about Hip-Hop performers, songs, culture and history.



▲ Hip-Hop remains one of the year's dominant sounds, with acts such as DMX, Jay-Z and Ludacris all making *Billboard's* Top 40 with new songs and selling more than a million copies of their latest CDs.



▲ 'N Sync's *No Strings Attached* becomes the top-selling album of 2000 with 10 million units sold. The lead single "Bye Bye Bye" wins three MTV awards and receives a Grammy nomination for Record of the Year.



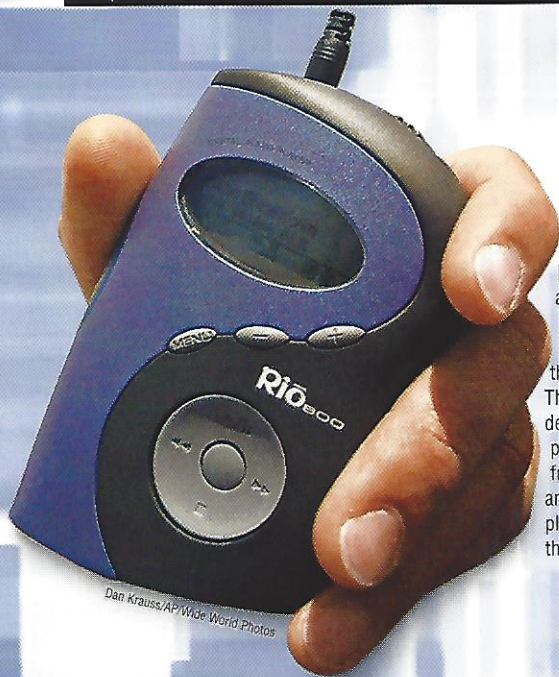
▲ Pop star Björk wins MTV's Breakthrough Video Award for "All Is Full of Love." The Icelandic newcomer is also nominated for a Golden Globe and a Grammy for her music in *Dancer In the Dark*.



▲ Macy Gray wins MTV's Best New Artist in a Video award for her hit single "I Try." Gray is also nominated for three Grammys.



▲ Lee Ann Womack wins the Country Music Association's award for Best Single with "I Hope You Dance." Womack also receives several Grammy nominations.

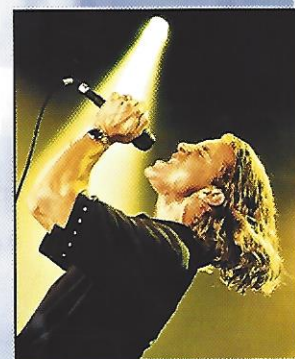


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✓ New brands and styles of portable MP3 players inundate the market in 2000. The new-generation devices store and play digital music from the Internet and feature more playing time than their predecessors.

Madonna scores a record-setting 12th No. 1 single with the release of "Music." In December, she weds director Guy Ritchie in a Scottish castle.

Irish artist Samantha Mumba makes the music charts in 2001 with her hit song "Gotta Tell You." The 17-year-old joins fellow countrymen U2 and The Corrs on the American airwaves.



▲ Creed, with lead singer Scott Stapp, proves to be one of 2000's hottest rock bands, with their singles "Higher" and "With Arms Wide Open" hitting the top 5 on *Billboard's* Hot 100 singles list. The group wins American Music Association's Favorite Alternative Artist and Favorite Pop/Rock Album.