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Singer, Dancer, Actor

The Grammy Award nominations came out in 2006. Chris was nominated for two awards, Best New Artist and Best R&B Contemporary Album. He lost the Best New Artist award to country singer and *American Idol* winner Carrie Underwood. Chris lost the album award to Beyoncé. But being nominated brought Chris even more attention. He was also asked to perform at the ceremony. He sang with soul legends Lionel Richie and Smokey Robinson.

After the Grammy Awards, Chris went to a party that Usher was hosting. Music was playing, and there was a dance floor. Chris took the opportunity to show Usher and his guests what he could do. Chris remembered, "I just went out there on the dance floor, did my thing and they ended up putting the cameras on me. I don't like to say it, but yeah, I stole the show that night."

Chris released a DVD called *Chris Brown's Journey*. It was filmed while he was on tour in Great Britain and Japan. It also showed him getting ready for the Grammy Awards.

Chris was also invited to act on television shows. He appeared on the sitcom One on One on the UPN Network. He also performed on the Brandon T. Jackson Show.

As a teen performer, Chris had many young fans. In 2007 he was nominated as the best singer at the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award. He won award the next year. He also won the Teen Choice Award for Best Male Artist.



Exclusive was released in November 2007. He earned his second Billboard Hot 100 number-one hit. The song "Kiss Kiss" featured rapper T-Pain. The album had two other hit singles, "With You" and "Forever." The album was number four on the Billboard 200 album charts. Again, he sold about three million albums around the world.

Chris was invited to perform at the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards. He was not expected to be the biggest news of the show. Britney Spears had experienced a huge setback in her career. Her performance at the show was a highly-anticipated comeback. But when she took the stage, she did not sing. Instead she lip-synced to her music. She stumbled on her words and danced poorly. The act that was supposed to be the hit of the show was a flop. Then Chris performed. He sang and danced his heart out. Justin Timberlake was in the audience. He reacted by saying, "Whatever Chris Brown just did, reminded me how much I'm getting older." Chris said in an interview later, "I just had a lot to prove. So when I got out there I was like, 'Lemme show you what I could really do.'"

Chris worked with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. They cared for sick children. In 2007 they had a Math-a-Thon and Chris was the host. The program had kids use their math skills to help children with cancer.

Chris also started dating the singer Rihanna. She described him this way: "He's one of my closest friends in the industry. He makes me feel like a teenager. I have to act and think like an adult so much. He makes me feel young again."