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Music Update

Another 'Idol' makes the Billboard

Adam Mitchel Lambert (born January 29, 1982) is an American singer, songwriter, and actor from San Diego, California. In May 2009, he finished as the runner-up on the eighth season of American Idol.

Lambert released his debut album, *For Your Entertainment*, in November 2009, via RCA Records/19 Recordings. The album debuted at number three on the Billboard 200 in December 2009, selling 198,000 copies in the United States in the first week.

Early life

Lambert was born in Indianapolis, Ind. He is the son of Leila, an interior designer, and Eber Lambert, a program manager for Novatel Wireless. He has a younger brother, Neil.

Lambert moved to California shortly after his birth and grew up in Rancho Peñasquitos in northeastern San Diego. He attended Deer Canyon Elementary School, Mesa Verde Middle School, where he was a winner in the Airband competition (featuring Michael Jackson's "Thriller"), and Mount Carmel High School (MCHS), where he was in theater, choir, and frequently performed vocals with the school's jazz band "MC Jazz". Some of his memorable MCHS performances included Frederick in *The Pirates of Penzance* and "It's Only a Paper Moon" with MC Jazz.

Lambert has performed in Hebrew at Jewish events, singing songs such as "Shir LaShalom" at a 2005 tribute concert to assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Lambert attended Temple of the Arts in San Diego and has performed at the Kol Nidre service on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Lambert also performed in Jewish-themed *The Ten Commandments: The Musical* as Joshua, performing the song "Is Anybody Listening?"

Early career

Lambert has been a stage actor since he was about ten. He was cast as Linus in San Diego's Lyceum Theater's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Around age twelve, he was cast in a production of *Fiddler on the Roof* and continued performing throughout his teenage years including *Hello, Dolly!*, *Chess*, *Camelot*, *The Music Man*, *Grease* and played Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*. At age 19, Lambert left the U.S. to tour with Anita Mann Productions for ten months before returning to the U.S. to perform light opera in Orange County, Calif. He was then cast in the European production of *Hair* and U.S. theater productions of *Brigadoon* and *110 in the Shade*, before being cast in the role of Joshua in *The Ten Commandments: The Musical* at the Kodak Theatre, alongside Val

Kilmer. Lambert was one of the few actors in the play that garnered a positive review. From December 2006 to May 2007, Lambert briefly moonlighted as the front man for underground rock band *The Citizen Vein* with Steve Sidelnyk, Tommy Victor and Monte Pittman. During this time Lambert also met producer Malcolm Welsford who helped develop his recording career since 2005. He was then cast as the understudy for the part of Fiyero in the Broadway production company tour and Los Angeles casts of the musical *Wicked*. Since 2004, he has regularly performed at the Upright Cabaret and the Zodiac Show, which was co-created by Carmit Bachar of the Pussycat Dolls.

American Idol

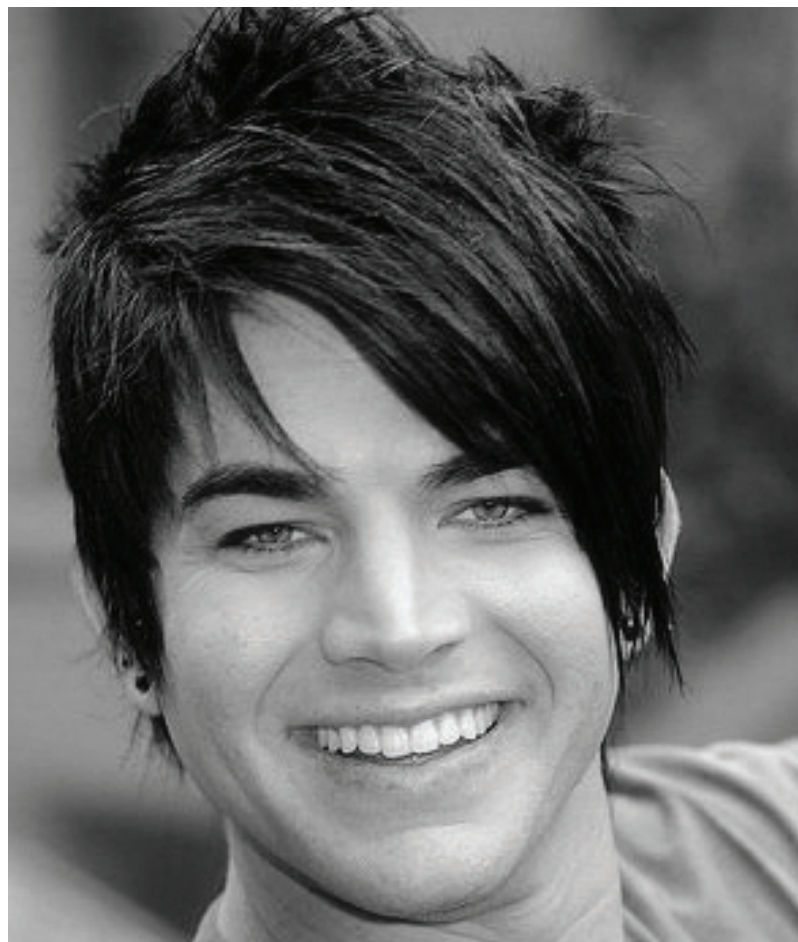
Lambert auditioned for the eighth season of American Idol in San Francisco, Calif. During his initial audition, he sang "Rock With You" and "Bohemian Rhapsody." Lambert had cited several musical influences, including Madonna, Queen, David Bowie, Michael Jackson, Aerosmith, and Led Zeppelin. In the semifinals, Lambert was voted into the Top 13, joining fellow performers Allison Iraheta and Kris Allen. Lambert and Allen became roommates in the Idol mansion, with Allen stating it was due to their neatness.

On May 20, 2009, Lambert was announced as the runner-up for the eighth season of American Idol. Lambert performed a medley of "Beth," "Detroit Rock City," and "Rock and Roll All Nite" with rock band Kiss during the final episode. His version of the winning single "No Boundaries" was later released on iTunes alongside American Idol winner Kris Allen's version. Before the results were announced, Allen and Lambert joined together with Queen's original guitarist Brian May and drummer Roger Taylor to perform the anthem "We Are the Champions."

Upon winning, Allen said "Adam deserved this." Explaining this remark, Allen said that he thought Lambert deserved to win as much as he did, and that Lambert "was the most consistent person all year. He was seriously one of the most gifted performers that I've ever met."

Post-Idol

In May 2009 *Billboard* magazine confirmed his solo album was expected to be released in November 2009. Lambert stated that he would love to work with Slash, stating "When I was working with Slash I felt at home." He also stated that his solo album would be eclectic, having a variety of sounds. Rock group Queen, with whom Lambert performed on the season finale, were at one point rumored to be asking Lambert to be



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their new frontman. Lambert was a guest on *Larry King Live* along with Kris Allen, judge Paula Abdul and the rest of the top ten

finalists. In that appearance he stated that he planned to create a multi-genre album, calling it a "rock-pop-electronic-dance thing."

Promo Only Top 20 for October, 2010

1	Dynamite	Taio Cruz
2	I Like It	Enrique Iglesias/Pitbull
3	Teenage Dream	Katy Perry
4	Dj Got Us Fallin' In Love	Usher f./Pitbull
5	Just The Way You Are	Bruno Mars
6	Take It Off	Ke\$ha
7	Cooler Than Me	Mike Posner
8	Club Can't Handle Me	Flo Rida/David Guetta
9	Airplanes	B.o.B. f./Hayley Williams
10	Ridin' Solo	Jason Derulo
11	Magic	B.o.B. f./Rivers Cuomo
12	Just A Dream	Nelly
13	California Gurls	Katy Perry/Snoop Dogg
14	If I Had You	Adam Lambert
15	Animal	Neon Trees
16	The Only Exception	Paramore
17	Half Of My Heart	John Mayer/Taylor Swift
18	Find Your Love	Drake
19	La La La	Auburn/Iyaz
20	2012 (It Ain't The End)	Jay Sean

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