

2014 Business China Young Achiever Award Recipient

JJ Lin

Age: 33

Singer Songwriter

Background

- In 1996, 15-year-old JJ started his musical journey, sweeping awards from numerous singing and composing competition.
- Named one of the 4 “Heavenly Princes” (华语音乐四小天王) in the Chinese Pop Music arena, in the ranks of Eason Chan, Jay Chou, and Lee Hom
- Most notable awards include: **2014** 25th Golden Melody Awards - Best Mandarin Male Singer Award, **2012** 12th Global Chinese Music Awards – Most Talented Artiste, Best Album for “Long N Found”; **2007** World Music Awards – Best Male Artiste; **2006** Beijing Music Awards – Most Popular Male Artiste, Best Album, Best Producer
- Wrote songs for various artists, notably for Taiwanese singer A-Mei and Harlem Yu; and most recently in 2014, co-produced an album for Hong Kong star singer Eason Chan
- Opened his first fashion label shop, SMUDGE, in Singapore in December 2008. Two years later, SMUDGE was launched in Shanghai. In addition, the fashion label currently has outlets in Taipei, Taichung and mostly recently Wuhan, China
- Celebrated his 10th year in show business in 2013 with a brand new album “Stories Untold” and also began the “Time. Line” World Tour in July 2013. There were close to 40 shows planned for the time frame of a year, and JJ will be travelling to cities such as Sydney, London, Atlanta, Las Vegas, in addition to major cities in Asia. JJ will be touring more than 20 cities in China alone, for the concert

Achievements

- Won Best Mandarin Male Singer Award for his album “Stories Untold” in the 25th Golden Melody Awards in 2014
- Debut album “Music Voyager” released in Taiwan in 2003, selling more than 700,000 copies in less than half a year – of which 400,000 were sold in China.
- His fourth album “Cao Cao” 《曹操》 chalked up sales of 2 million in Asia.
- Won the Artiste of the Year award in the fourth Singapore Entertainment Awards in 2012, bagging both Most Popular Local Singer and Best Local Singer, proving his popularity with the public, as well as recognition by a panel of professionals in the Chinese entertainment industry.
- Bagged the most – three top honours – at the 2012 edition of the Compass Awards, an achievement no other person or organisation in the history of the awards has received in a single year.

Contribution to Singapore-China Relations

- As a tourist ambassador for Singapore, JJ has helped promote Singapore's image in Asia, including China, with his status and profile in the Chinese pop music scene in addition to a large fan base in China.
- A large part of JJ's musical career is based in China. Throughout the years, he has toured many Chinese cities for concerts or album launches including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Chongqing, carrying and promoting the Singapore brand. One example is that his concert musicians comprised mostly Singaporeans.
- Invited to be one of the torch bearers of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. JJ was the sole overseas artiste with that honour. Composed a song together with Mr Billy Koh to commemorate the 2008 Beijing Olympic entitled "Light the Torch" 《点一把火炬》.
- In response to the 2008 Sichuan earthquake, JJ stayed up 2 nights to write and record a song entitled "Love and Hope" 《爱与希望》. He also performed at "The Giving of Love", a CCTV charity event dedicated to helping victims of the 2008 Sichuan earthquake.
- Other than personally visiting earthquake victims, JJ has donated a total of RMB500,000 (\$S\$100,400) to the 2008 Sichuan earthquake rescue efforts.
- In recognition of JJ's charitable efforts, China Post issued a series of stamps featuring JJ, as part of a stamp album honouring celebrities who have contributed to the earthquake fundraising efforts.
- At the Shanghai World Expo 2010, JJ joined fellow Singaporean singers to perform "Every Touching Moment", in a bid to raise Singapore's profile in the global event held in China.
- At a charity auction co-organised by Coca-Cola China, the Player Foundation and the Chinese Foundation for the Prevention of STD and AIDS in 2010, JJ won a one-hour lesson with pianist Lang Lang with a bid of 950,000 yuan (\$190,000). The proceeds went to Chinese AIDS orphans. In the same auction in 2011, JJ made a charity bid of 320,000 yuan (\$64,000) for a guitar used by the Beatles.
- Composed the following songs for public causes:

Song Title	English Translation	Year
《baby baby》 禁毒歌曲	'Baby Baby' Anti-drugs song, China	2007
《爱与希望》为汶川地震创作的	'Love and Hope' written for the victims of the Sichuan quake	2008
《点一把火炬》奥运火炬传递歌曲	'Light the Torch' Beijing Olympics torch-relay song	2008
《cheer up》香港太阳计划	'Cheer Up' Theme song for Hong Kong's Solar Project 2009	2009

《感动每一刻》上海世博会新加坡馆主题曲	'Every Touching Moment' Theme song for Singapore's Pavilion at the World Expo 2010	2010
《You Are The One, Singapore》首届青奥会	《新加坡，你是唯一》 written for the inaugural Youth Olympics held in Singapore	2010
《微笑上海》上海世博会	'Smile, Shanghai' theme song for Shanghai World Expo 2010	2010
《天涯共此时》广州亚运会	'The World Together Now' one of the theme songs for Guangzhou Asian Games 2010	2010
《孩子》打拐歌曲	'Children' Anti-child trafficking song, China	2011

Selected Awards

2014: 25th Golden Melody Awards - Best Mandarin Male Singer Award

2013: Compass Awards – Top Local Songwriter, Top Local Artiste and Top Local Chinese Pop Song

2012: Compass Awards – Top Local Songwriter, Top Local Artiste and Top Local Chinese Pop Song

12th Global Chinese Music Awards – Most Talented Artiste, Best Album for “Long N Found”

SPH Media Award – Artiste of the Year, Most Popular Local Singer and Best Local Singer

2011: Compass Awards – Top Local Songwriter and Top Local Artiste of the Year

2010: Singapore Hit Awards – Best Male Vocalist

2009: Singapore Youth Award

Compass Awards – Top Local Artiste of the Year, Top Local Composer, Top Local Soundtrack

2007: World Music Awards – Best Male Artiste

2006: Beijing Music Awards – Most Popular Male Artiste, Best Album, Best Producer

2005: Singapore Hit Awards – Best Local Male Artiste, Best Composing Artiste, Best Male Vocalist, Best Local Music Composition

2004: Singapore Hit Awards – Best New Act

2003: Golden Melody Awards – Best New Artist