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U.S. sales of music by Latin artists shoot up 48 percent in the first quarter of 1999 thanks to artists such as Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and Marc Anthony.

Superstar Mariah Carey releases Rainbow in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named Billboard Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.



Released in June, Santana's Supernatural shoots up the Billboard album chart, sells over 6 million copies, and earns 10 Grammy nominations.



Britney Spears' album ... Baby One More Time is the second-bestselling album of 1999, earning Spears the Billboard Music Awards Female and New Artist of the Year Awards.



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Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and 2 are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.



Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.



Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

More than 1 million viewers tune in each weekday to vote on their favorite videos on MTV's "Total Request Live" with host Carson Daly and popular musical guests.





Computer games feature big music stars on their soundtracks. Sheryl Crow contributes her talent to the Tomorrow Never Dies soundtrack, Metallica to Hot Wheels Turbo Racing and Naughty by Nature to NBA Live 2000.

Backstreet Boys' Millennium wins the Billboard Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.