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Albums

- In 2011, Ed's first album was called '+'. It was a huge success.
- In 2014, he released his second album. It was called 'x'.
- In 2017, Ed had a third album called '÷'. It went to number 1 in many countries.



Fun Facts

Ed has been given an MBE award from the Queen. He does a lot of work for charities.

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A Love of Music

Ed started recording his music in 2004 and moved to London in 2008.

In 2011, Ed was signed to a record company called Asylum Records. This meant the company would now record his music and sell his albums. His first single, 'The A Team', sold over 58,000 copies in the first week!

His first album called '+' was a huge success and he won two Brit Awards for it in 2012.



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Great Success

March 2013	Ed toured with singer songwriter Taylor Swift.
June 2014	Ed had his first number 1 hit in the UK with 'Sing'. His second album, 'x', went to number 1 in both the UK and the US.
March 2017	Ed had a third album called '÷' and that went straight to number 1 in many countries.
June 2017	The Queen awarded Ed an MBE.

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A Career in Music

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Breaking the US Music Scene

Ed supported Taylor Swift's tour in the United States in 2013, which meant he played his music on stage before she did her show. This made him a



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popular artist in the US. In June 2014, Ed got his first number 1 hit in the UK with 'Sing'. The next album he released, called 'x', went to number 1 in both the UK and the US. This is very unusual for British artists.

Ed took a break from music but he returned in 2017. He released another album, called '+', and that went straight to number 1 in several countries.



Fascinating Facts

- Ed was one of the main acts performing at the Glastonbury Festival in 2017.
- When performing on stage, Ed creates all of the sounds using a sound looping machine.
- He was awarded an MBE for services to charity and music in 2017.

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Children's own answers.