

Topic: Our Favorite Summer Songs

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Sun's out, buns out, and we're all staying six feet apart, but that won't stop us from blasting our favorite summer K-Pop hits! Join the Sunbaes as they discuss summer songs, special albums, and Korean summer festivals!

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A. Introduction

- a. This is KPOP Sundae brought to you by KPOP Sunbae, before you have to go back to work on Monday.
- b. We are your hosts Onyx, Min, and JR!

B. Episode Breakdown

- a. Welcome to episode 17
It's June and summer is upon us
- b. Sun's out, buns out and we're all staying 6 feet apart (Looooo!)
Today will be all about our favourite kpop summer hits and a tiny history about SM's summer albums as well as some notable summer festivals in Korea.

C. ONYX --

- a. Favs
 - i. SMTown "[Hot Mail](#)" - combined new and older idols at a water park.
 - ii. SMTown "[Seaside](#)" - Combined DBSK, Suju, and SHINee in one song. As you would imagine, putting 23 guys in one song is a scramble.
 - iii. DJ Doc "[Run to You](#)" - A classic!
- b. Honorable Mentions
 - i. WINNER "[Everyday](#)" - Fun song, lyrics are kinda sweet. Some nonsense, but doesn't ruin the whole song.

- ii. Super Junior "[Full of Happiness](#)" - A good version of the song, I like that the MV emphasizes giving happiness to others with Suju giving hugs to people. Not in my favorites just because people only cover that version of the song, but not the original.

D. MIN --

- a. The important ones I guess
 - i. All of Sistar's title tracks
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All of them are great and we'll be talking more about them later, but honestly "[Touch My Body](#)" is possibly their most iconic one, with it even being showcased on Family Guy. And it's just the embodiment of summer.
 - ii. On the topic of Family Guy, Hyuna's [Bubble Pop](#), was also shown and even parodied on that show ([Candy Quahog Marshmallow](#)). But it honestly is a intense summer bop
 - iii. SNSD - "[All Night](#)" (there is a [Documentary ver.](#))
Of their 6th album: Holiday Night, with the title track '[Holiday](#)' and honestly I just didn't vibe with Holiday, All Night is just more of a party song, and possibly not at intensely summer, but it still brings good vibes, and the MV features Drag Queens, very briefly, so what more do you really need
 - iv. I'm a big fan of chill music to just vibe with. If you follow our twitter, all the songs I recommend are either super weird, or hella chill or both.
But Primary's '[Don't Be Shy](#)' with features AOA's ChoA, is just the best. When it came out back in 2015, I would just play it on repeat while laying outside chilling in a hammock.
- b. Honorable Mentions
 - i. HEYGIRLS - "[녹여줘](#)" Melt It?, Me? NOG-YEOJWO??
 - ii. Hyolyn - "[See Sea](#)", she's a tanned queen and living her best life

E. JR --

- a. PENTAGON -- Summer: off their summer mini album that came out last year, super bubbly and piano heavy. It just sounds like a pool party song, I don't know, I love it, and I love Yanan's line
- b. MONSTA X -- Newton: this song is actually an ad for Lipton tea and it's almost three years old now which is crazy, but I have loved it since it came out and it's just so catchy -- and the music video is really fun too, very bright and just shows the boys having fun with a ton of product placement
- c. Winner -- Really Really, Ah Yeah: I feel like a lot of Winner songs can fall into this especially in the past few years, they're just bright and fresh songs
- d. Red Velvet -- Red Flavor: who doesn't like this song, it's the ultimate summer song, and all the fruit in the music video always makes me want a smoothie
- e. TWICE -- Dance the Night Away: this song is so catchy and again it's got horn in the chorus, although it sounds like fake horn, in it so of course I love it, and the music video is the epitome of summer, like the outfits they're on a beach, they looks so pretty

- f. Anything by N.Flying: their music is perfect road trip music cause it gets you so hyped and I'm just a big fan of them and I need them to release a summer song before Seunghyub enlists because all of a sudden everyone is enlisting
- g. HeizeXDean -- [And July](#) (YESSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS): literally just put it for the title, but also I think I only listen to this song in summer, it's almost four years old now what is happening how -- really catchy, really chill, their voices go so well together and the music video is amusing
 - i. Honorable Mentions
 1. EXO -- What U Do?
 2. iKON -- Love Scenario
 3. PENTAGON -- Shine
 4. SHINee -- Colorful, View
 5. NU'EST -- Not Over You

F. The Trend of summer releases

- a. We all live for summertime album releases, but since the dawn of K-pop there has been a trend of themed releases, that don't count as "official" releases, meaning they are more 'special gifts' to the respective group's fans. We talked lightly about this back in our Christmas episode, but now it's time for the summer releases!
- b. Some of the earliest ones that we found are two full length albums: COOL's 'Summer Story' and Duke's 'Summer Special'. Neither of these end up in their official album counts because they are special, summer releases. Today, it's more common to drop these themed singles or mini albums like they would regular comebacks.
- c. Some of the most well known summer themed releases come from SM TOWN:

G. ONYX - SM TOWN Summer Releases

- a. Newer fans may not know, but older K-POP fans are probably aware that SM is known for their 'themed' albums, starting all the way back in 1999 with 'Christmas In SMTown'. While there has not been a summer release in a few years, we still want to highlight a few of the notable albums!
- b. In 2002 we got the first SM Summer album: 'Summer Vacation in SMTown.com' Which started a regular trend of summer albums up until 2009
 - i. June 10, 2002: ['02 Summer Vacation in SMTown.com'](#)
 1. ["Summer Vacation"](#)
 - ii. June 18, 2003: ['2003 Summer Vacation in SMTown.com'](#)
 1. ["Hello! Summer!"](#)
 2. ["Summer In Dream"](#)
 - iii. July 2, 2004: ['2004 Summer Vacation in SMTown.com'](#)
 1. ["Hot Mail"](#)
 2. BoA - [Midnight Parade](#)
 - iv. June 20, 2006: ['06 Summer SMTown'](#)
 1. SMTown ["Red Sun"](#)
 2. Suju - [Dancing Out](#)

- v. July 5, 2007: [‘2007 Summer SMTown’](#)
 - 1. Suju [“Happiness”](#)
- vi. Aug 14, 2009: ‘09 Summer SMTown - We Are Shining’
 - 1. They released this as a album, but on naver it’s 4 separate singles for some unholy reason -- The first summer release with SHINee -- first time releasing a solely boy group summer special
 - 2. [09 SUMMER SMTOWN - 12시34분 \(Nothing Better\)](#)
 - 3. [09 Summer SMTOWN - 카니발 \(Carnival\)](#)
 - 4. [09 SUMMER SMTOWN - Scar](#)
 - 5. [09 Summer SMTOWN - Seaside 휴게소](#)
 - a. This one has a MV: [“Seaside Boom Boom”](#)
- c. SM SUMMER FESTIVAL -- In 2006 SM held their first summer festival: SM Summer Town Festival (July 15-17, 2006).
Followed by: SMTOWN Summer Concert (June 30 . July 1, 2007)
They don’t seem to have had any more specifically labeled summer concerts since.

H. YG -- SM Isn’t the only entertainment to release summer collab albums:

- a. Back in the late 90s YG Family released their first Family album: [‘Famillienium’](#) (99). In 2002 they released [‘Why Be Normal’](#) their last YG Family album, it’s not specifically summer themed, but gave us these bops:
 - i. [Fly Gentlemen](#)
 - ii. Got together Jinusean, 1TYM, and even GD. Peak early 2000s hip-hop track.
 - iii. [YMCA](#) - Lexy, 1TYM, and others. Unfortunately, not as memorable (cuz it’s not as good).
- b. More “recently” (2012) Loen ent. Released: [LOEN TREE Summer Story](#)
 - i. Which is their only full company collab album, with the single [“Sea Of Moonlight”](#)
- c. But companies are not the only ones that release summer singles, more about that in our next segment!

I. Artist’s summer releases

- a. 2005 gave us the wonders of Shinhwa’s “Hey Dude!” as well as TVXQ’s “Hi Ya Ya” both labeled as ‘special summer singles’.
- b. In the 2012, Sistar released their first summer album ‘Loving U’, solidifying their place as the ‘queens of summer’, tho we will touch more on this in our next episode~
- c. We mentioned Cool briefly earlier, and their newest release was 2015’s ‘special’ summer single entitled [“It’s All Right”](#). (Since then, **they have released a “best of” compilation album in 2016, but nothing else after that one**)
- d. Around this time, (the mid 2010’s), new queens of summer started to emerge. Red Velvet’s dual RedSide/VelvetSide concept allows them to really have fun in their summer releases. Multiple of their ‘red’ singles have been released in spring/summer and they have so far released 2 special summertime mini-albums:

- i. [The Red Summer](#) (2017) - "Red Flavour"
 - 1. The album description called them the Queens of Summer, and honestly they aren't wrong
 - ii. [Summer Magic](#) (2018) - "Power Up!"
 - e. Since this is recorded in the past, we can't really talk about the 2020 summer specials, but here are some from 2019
 - i. WJSN's ["Boogie Up!"](#) from the album: For The Summer Nights
 - ii. E.RUDA's "Catch Ya" from A Seasonal Story: Summer
 - iii. Ong Seong Wu's "Heart Sign" from The Love of Summer: The Story
 - iv. Not technically summer albums
 - 1. NCT 127's "Superhuman" from the We are Superhuman mini album
 - 2. ATEEZ's "Illusion" and "Wave" from their Treasure EP. 3: One to All
 - 3. Chungha's "Snapping" from Flourishing
 - v. Pentagon's "Humph" from SUMM:ER
- J. Festivals !!! --
- a. [Water Bomb Festival](#)
 - i. Held in multiple cities, Seoul, Incheon, Busan, Daegu
 - ii. Essentially a giant event which consists of multiple artists/groups performing (along with DJs), team water battles (with some artists also taking part in the water gun use!), another "signature elements" of the festival are the giant water cannons that blasts the audience. There are also large, themed, pools with like floaties and slides, water guns, and one of those giant drop bucket things. This year's lineup in Seoul consists of Jessie, Ravi, Chungha, Changmo, and more!
 - b. 4SEIDON Water Music Festival
 - c. Mnet Summer Break? (dude idk if that is still a thing, but suju performed happy at it)
 - d. [Dream Concert](#)
 - i. This event consists of groups from multiple companies all coming together for this famous concert that has been going on for 25 years straight (sadly this might end due to you know what, there has been no announcements that I could find about it, but maybe they'll just push it to fall)! It usually takes place in late spring, but can go into July (two of them did occur in October and November, but they were definitely exceptions).
 - ii. Last year it was held in Sangnam stadium which holds almost 70,000 people!
 - iii. Since we don't have this year's line up I'll just mention that the MCs were SuJu's Leeteuk, actress Jeon So Min, and B1A4's Gongchan. Some of the fairly diverse artist lineup consisted of SHINee's Taemin, CLC, Red Velvet, g.o.d.'s Kim Tae Woo, and Hong Jin Young.

- e. Incheon Airport Sky Festival
- f. KMF Korea Music Festival ??
- g. Greenplugged (from here on out I just listed shit)
- h. Big Day South
- i. HBC May Music Festival, indie
- j. Rainbow Island
- k. Busan Rock Festival
 - i. This one concert event started in 2000 and it seems like it has gone on every year since, but I saw conflicting information on that. It is so far being held this July, but of course this could change, but we'll see!
 - ii. It started out being called the Asian Rock Festival, but was changed to the Busan International Rock Festival. Since the beginning they have had bands (indie, metal, rock) from outside of Korea including the US, Australia, Japan, Germany, and more!
 - iii. Last year's line up, which included some indie groups that you may have heard of if you followed out K-POP of the Day blog, took place at Samnak Ecological Park and consisted of Nell, Harry Big Button, Courtney Barnett, and Jannabi.
 - iv. We hope, if the situation allows, that these festivals will be able to continue this year!

K. Trivia Question:

- a. Kyuhyun was the last member to join Super Junior as a part of the whole group to make them thirteen, but do you know the name of his debut song with them?

L. Song of the Day:

- a. June 7th
- b. 2006 - SuJu released their 1st single album: [U](#), (This is their 3rd single tho) with the single "[U](#)". I did part of this dance at a competition and 1 peron got it, it's just so good, so mid 2000s, it has lowkey britney vibes, and we need the fluffy hair backkkkk
- c. 2007 - [Clazziquai Project](#) released their 3rd album: [Love Child of the Century](#), with the single "[Lover Boy](#)"
- d. 2011 - [Kim Hyun-joong](#) released his 1st ep: [Break Down](#), with the single "[Break Down](#)". big Rain vibes & such foleather
- e. 2012 - [Juniel](#) released her 1st EP: [My First June](#), with the single: "[illa illa](#)"
She pla their 7th album: [Flaming Nuts](#), with the single "[Give Me The Money](#)", this whole MV takes place on a beach and it's just cute

M. Ending

- a. Thank you for listening! If you enjoyed the episode then please make sure to rate, subscribe, follow, and tell your friends about us. If you want to interact with us or just see more of our content then you can follow us on Twitter @kpopsunbaes, or on our other social media platforms which will be in the description. Also don't forget that our next episode comes out on June 21st, 2020! Thanks everyone, bye!

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-----Other Summer Special Albums-----

R.P.M - [Real Pop-Messenger](#) ("[Summer 20](#)"), (1997) **I don't think this is a special summer album, this might be their only album, so f it**
COOL - [Summer Story](#) ("[Woman on the Beach](#)"), summer album (1997)
Duke - [Duke Summer Special](#) ([Boom Boom](#)), a full summer album (2001)
S.E.S - Surprise, compilation album (2001)
Lee Jung Hyun - [Summer Party](#) ("[Summer Dance](#)"), special album (2003)
SHINHWA - [Summer Story 2005](#) ("[Hey Dude](#)"), summer single (2005)
TVXQ - [2005 Summer Single Album](#) ("[Hi Ya Ya 여름날](#)"), a summer gift (2005)
TVXQ - [Summer](#) ("[Summer Dream](#)"), japanese album, **not a special** (2007)
Banana Girl - [S \(Summer Special\)](#) ("[S \(Summer Mix\)](#)"), summer single (2007)
COOL - [album 10.5](#) ("[I Want Love](#)"), summer comeback (2008)
BoA Summer Selection 2011, japanese best of album (2011)
리미와감자 - [Summer Special](#) ("[비키니](#)"), single (2011)
Zac & Lemi - [Summer Story](#) ("[Hey Summer](#)"), single (2011)
Sistar - Loving U, their 1st special summer album (2012)
TEEN TOP - [Summer Special](#) ("[Be Ma Girl](#)"), summer special (2012)
LOEN - [LOEN TREE Summer Story](#) ("[Sea Of Moonlight](#)"), company summer special (2012)
Sistar - Sweet & Sour ("I Swear"), their 2nd & last special summer album (2013)
TVXQ - OCEAN ("[Ocean](#)"), j-pop, but summer single (2013)
COOL - [다 잘될 거야](#) ("[It's Alright](#)"), summer single (2015)
HOONiYONGi - [Summer Special](#) ("[puberty](#)"), summer single (2016)
Laboum - Laboum Summer Special ("Only U"), digital single (2017)
Twice - Summer Nights ("Dance The Night Away"), re-issue of What Is Love (2018), **not labeled as a "summer special"**
WJSN - [For The Summer](#) ("[Boogie Up](#)"), Special summer album (2019)
YOONA - [A Walk to Remember](#) ("[Summer Night](#)"), (2019) **it's a special album, but not specified as a summer special**
E.RUDA - [A Seasonal Story: Summer](#) ("[Catch Ya](#)"), summer single (2019)
Ong Seong Wu (옹성우) - [THE LOVE OF SUMMER: THE STORY](#) ("[heart sign](#)"), single (2019)

Two Star (투스타) confuses me so here is a list:

2009 - [Summer Special](#) - "[Summer Story](#)"

2015 - [Summer Night](#) - "[Summer Night](#)"

2015 - [Summer Night](#) - "[Summer Night Club. Ver](#)"

-----Song SPAMMMMMMMMM-----

this is hard i hate it

- 2NE1 - falling in love <- technically a summer song, but no, just no, I love 21 but no

AOA - Heart Attack

Apink - MR.Chu

Black Pink - As If IT's your last

Black Pink - Boombaya (??)

Black Pink - Don't know what to do

BOL4 - Travel

BTS - Boy With love

Chungha - Don't you know

Crayon Pop - BarBarBar (don't question me)

EXO-CBX - [Hey Mama!](#), not a summer release, but it vibes tho

EZUZ - [Latte is Horse](#), not really summer themed, but it good tho

f(x) - "[Hot Summer](#)", the start of tanks in KPOP (wasn't gd/top Knockout earlier?)

F(x) - Rum Pum Pum

GeeGu - [Moonlight](#)

GOOFY - [Made in Summer](#)

Grachi - [Loca](#)

HEYGIRLS - [Nog-yeojiwo](#), has sistar vibes

Hyolyn - See Sea

Hyuna - [Ice cream](#)

Itzy - Dalla Dalla

Jessi - [Down](#)

Kara - Step

KARD - Rumor (slow, but stilllll)

Mamamoo - Starry Night - This was released in March, but I get your point

Mamamoo - egotistic

Mamamoo - gogobebe

Minzy - [All You Say](#), also not a summer release, but it gives the summer vibes

Red Velvet - Rookie

Red Velvet - Happiness

Red Velvet - Power Up

Red Velvet - Red Flavor

Red Velvet - Russian Roulette

SF9 - Oh Solemio

Shinee - I want you
sistar - touch my body
sistar - I swear
sistar - shake it

every song by them feels like summer, even give it to me & Alone

snsd - Party
snsd - lion heart
Snsd - oh
SNSD - I got a boy
Snsd - gee
Snsd - holiday - [All Night](#) was the top tier song of that release cycle
SNSD OH - Lil' touch
SUJU - Lo Siento **smoooth affff**
t-ara - roly poly (cobanananananananananan ver)
Twice - Dance the night away
Twice - Cheer Up
Twice - Likey

WJSN - Boogie Up
Wonder Girls - [Why So Lonely](#)
YDPP - [Love it Live It](#), **it's just cute**