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Today we're going to be talking about our favorite OST songs from Korean dramas and movies. Join us as we share our favorites.

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A. Introduction

- a. This is KPOP Sundae brought to you by KPOP Sunbaes, before you have to go back to work on Monday.
- b. We are your hosts [OldR](#), [Min](#), and [JR](#)!

B. Episode Breakdown

- a. Welcome to episode 35, also known as episode 5 of season 2.
- b. Today we're going to be talking about some of my favourite OST's! OST stands for Original Sound Track, which most Asian Dramas/Movies and most forms of entertainment have music made for their projects! Often "bigname" artists appear on an OST to bring hype to a show, but it's also a great way for newer artists to get their music out and get a foot into the music scene.
- c. So of course there's a lot of good music that comes from Korean dramas and movies, so today we're going to talk about our favorites.

C. 1st Recommendation

a. JR - Hong Daegwang - [Take My Hand](#)

i. *Dance Sports Girls* or *Just Dance* is a 2018 KBS K-Drama starring Park Se Wan and Jang Dong Yoon, I thought there was an idol actor in here, but that is not the case. Anyway, the cool thing about this show is that it's based on a documentary from the previous year 2017, unfortunately I haven't seen the doc but if I can find it, it'll be in the script. Anyway, the show follows a highschool dance team whose aim is to compete in the token big dance competition. This is of course a good ol' coming of age story and there's just a lot of heart to it, and the OST I'm going to mention does too!

1. So "Take My Hand," my first song pick, is by Hong Daegwang a solo artist, its a really chill, kind of 70s-esque singer songwriter track about comforting and being a support system for another person. One line I especially like is "Raise up the broken pieces once again, it will stand somehow." The guitar, his clear voice, and the harmonies evokes such nostalgia and I think it's a perfect addition to my list because I wanted a variety of different sounding songs. I highly recommend both the drama and this track!

ii. **Very pretty, what I think of when I think of a drama ost. but as someone who doesn't speak korean or have seen the drama, oh so bborinnnggg**

b. OldR - Hwanhee - [I Want U, I Need U](#)

i. In 2006, Hwanhee from Fly to the Sky was in a drama about the K-Pop industry called "Over the Rainbow". His character, Rex, was a pop star who rose to fame quickly. The first track we hear him sing on the show is "I Want U, I Need U", and it's actually one of my favorite OST songs because I'm used to hearing him primarily sing ballad songs. I was a bit of a Fly to the Sky fan at that time, so hearing him sing something like this was really cool.

ii. It shares the name with a [song](#) on Fly to the Sky's 2nd album, but they aren't the same song.

iii. He also sings another song called "[Tomorrow](#)", which is the one more people tend to know and like, but I was never a big fan of it not only because I didn't care for that part of the drama, but also because it felt flat to me. Like, yes, it was supposed to show off his impressive voice, but I feel like "I Want U, I Need U" did a good job of it anyway.

iv. **I love this its so old school, like super 90s. I've only ever heard ballads from Fly to the Sky like you so this is really refreshing! The addition of the English sounds really good too, some of the older songs tend to have odd phrases but this one works!**

v. **Yep stunning, this is a song that just screams open shirts in a windtunnel. Love it.**

c. Min - CL - [No Better Feelin'](#) - From the My Little Pony The Movie OST lol

i. So my pick is not a song in Korean or from a korean Show, but it's by a Korean Artist, so we'll say that it's good. But Here we got CL's "No Better

Feeling” from 2017, and it was made for the MLP The Movie, of which I haven’t seen, but the song is great, and it came out in the time of the great drought of music by CL, like her last solo song was ‘Lifted’, she did some appearances, but was very much in the YG dungeon at this time, so fans of her held on to anything and everything she did

- d. Her English pronunciation is so good oh my gosh, I haven’t heard her sing in English since lifted, it was good there too I just forgot. I don’t know why I’m mention so much English in this episode, I really don’t care that much. But yeah, it’s not like a revolutionary song, but the style really fits her voice nicely!

D. 2nd Recommendation

- a. JR - Jung Yong Hwa - [See Your Eyes/You’ve Fallen For Me](#)

- i. *Heartstrings* or *You’ve Fallen for Me*, is a 2011 MBC K-Drama starring Park Shin Hye and Jung Yong Hwa, along with his fellow CNBLUE member Kang Min Hyuk in a supporting role. This is one of my favorite K-Dramas, I’ve watched it three times at this point, and given the year it came out, it’s ... charming. Part of the reason I love it so much is because one of the first shows I watched was *You’re Beautiful*, and I was not happy that Park Shin Hye ended up with Jang Geun Suk’s character, back in the day no matter how terrible the male lead was, they ended up with him, even though Jung Yong Hwa’s character was infinitely better. I’m still heated 6 years later lol. Anyway, when I found out the two reunited for this show I was ecstatic.
- ii. Anyway, the show follows Park’s character, a traditional gayageum student, and Jung, a contemporary music student and lead vocalist of the band, “The Stupid.” It’s kind of an enemies to lover’s show, but there’s a lot of great music in it including some contemporary and traditional Korean music fusion on top of ballads and other genres.
 - 1. Park Shin Hye actually sings a CNBLUE song at one point and I especially love that one, its called “[I Will Forget You](#),” also Min Hyuk’s song “[Star](#)” is really cute (and has 8 million views despite the poor audio quality, look that one up on Spotify if you can), and “[Because I Miss You](#)” is haunting and beautiful. Just jam packed with good songs.
- iii. The song that I picked is kind of the show’s title theme, “See Your Eyes,” it utilizes the Korean show title as a lyric, and is an upbeat pop rock track with Yong Hwa as the lead vocals. The lyrics aren’t especially groundbreaking, very run of the mill, like look into my eyes, I see that you have fallen for me. It’s super upbeat and just fun, a good one to blast for sure. I need everyone to watch this show and listen to the music because it’s a lot of fun overall.

- iv. **cute**

- b. [OldR - Spring Waltz OST](#)

- i. For this one, I don’t have a single song, I have a whole drama OST that’s my favorite. Spring Waltz was a 2006 drama that was the final installment

of the *Endless Love* series, which was a total of four dramas directed by Yoon Seokho that first started in 2000 with "Autumn in My Heart". I've only seen "Spring Waltz" and "Autumn in My Heart", but "Winter Sonata" and "Summer Scent" are on my watchlist. If you enjoy good writing that will make you sad, I highly recommend it.

- ii. However, what I really enjoyed from the show was the soundtrack. One of the main characters was a famous piano player and when the soundtrack for this drama was released, the packaging didn't look like it was for a drama soundtrack. The reason why is that it was meant to be a replica of the album the main character releases in the drama. I actually owned a physical copy of this album at one time, and I was really impressed by how it was marketed.
- iii. The album contained two CDs.
 - 1. The first was of piano (and some orchestral) tracks that were used in the drama including "Clemintine" and my favorite, "A Sad Motive", and a few of the tracks were played by Yiruma.
 - 2. The second CD was of beloved classical piano pieces by famous composers such as Chopin and Tchaikovsky.
 - a. From high school through college, this album is always what I listen to when I'm studying.

c. **Min - Block B - ~~블록 B~~**

- i. Their very first OST song, for the 2011 sitcom?/drama? 'All of My Love' (aka. All My Love For You) of which I haven't watched, and probably wont, cuz I'm a hack. But the song is just soo, not block b. They use a lot of the same styling as from their first mini album, 'New Kids On The Block' (which was a absolute trainwreck) and it just doesn't fit the pink vibe of this song and album lol.
- ii. **This is not them, I cannot believe it. Very outside of their usual genres. The unison chorus is so weird lol.**
- iii. Their 2nd OST song "Burn Out" is better but still just so odd. It from the 2012 drama 'Ghost'.
- iv. **Sounds super second gen, I kinda like it not gonna lie.**

E. 3rd Recommendation

a. **JR - KCM feat. Soul Dive - Love You to Death**

- i. Lemme tell you something, I dislike *Baker King*, *Kim Tak Gu*, or *Bread, Love, and Dreams* as it is sometimes called, as a K-Drama: it's a boring kind of makjang (?), it is way too long at 30 episodes, there are a lot of annoying characters and bad plot points, but that being said it has some really good OSTs. I should mention it hit 50% viewership ratings and is one of the highest rated shows ever. It stars Yoon Si Yoon, S.E.S's Eugene, Joo Won, and Lee Young Ah, so the cast is star studded AND it launched Yoon Si Yoon into the immense popularity he still carries today. I'm a big fan of his work, check out his other stuff, you will not be disappointed.

- ii. This 2010 K-Drama follows Kim Tak Gu as he attempts to become a proficient baker, there's a lot of angst, and just not enough lightness if I remember correctly. But again, a lot of good OSTs, so just listen to the music. The song I chose is called "Love You to Death" is KCM, or Kim Chang Mo, featuring Soul Dive. It's a very 90s sounding, R&B song, and that makes sense because a big chunk of the show takes place in the 1990s. Again, this is super angsty and the lyrics
- b. **OldR - Awl**
 - i. In 2015, there was a drama called "Awl" (sometimes The Piercer) that was based on the webtoon "Songgot", and was about grocery store workers trying to start a union. It is heart-wrenching and exhausting, but such a good drama if you're looking for something to challenge you. I originally wanted to watch this because Yesung from Super Junior was in it, but I quickly loved watching the drama for more than just him.
 - ii. One of the first teasers the drama put out that included [Yesung's character](#) being broken down by his superiors to the point of tears. There was a lot of that in the drama, and the main theme that appeared at times when a worker felt fear and was about to be rebuked cruelly like that was "Inferno Symphony". It's a very angry and melancholy song orchestral song.
 - iii. If you're looking for a good song to listen to when storming into a room, this is it.
- c. **Min - Dreamcatcher - R.o.S.E Blue**
 - i. Me stretching the rules of this ep a lil bit, but this song is from the OST to a game, not a drama. It's for a Korean mobile game called 'Girl Cafe Gun', and this song has a music video, that has no right to be as high budget as it is. It's a absolutely stunning MV, that I think yall should go watch!
 - ii. **Love this so much!! Rock vibes for dayssss.**

F. Wrap up

- a. To wrap things up, dramas have a lot of good songs. So, even if you're not a big fan of tv shows, you should give the music from them a chance because you never know if you'll find your new favorite.
- b. And now onto the song of the day.

G. Song Of The Day August 15th

- a. 2007 - Rux - [Our life our stage](#) from their 2nd album RUCKUS Army, summer punk, v fun

H. Trivia (Answer):

- a. Last time I asked, who sang on the demo for EXO's "The Eve", and the answer is Henry from Super Junior. [Source](#)

I. 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 September 12th! Thanks everyone, bye!

EXTRAS

All the info from the doc that needs to be cut out for time

J. 4th Recommendation (if time)

a. JR - Jung Yong Hwa - "[I Got Ya](#)"

- i. What are the odds that I end up with another Yong Hwa song? This one is from a currently airing 2021 drama, *Sell Your Haunted House*, we're coming up on the end of it and I'm just hoping it'll have a good ending because I've been really enjoying it up to this point and K-Dramas love fizzling out towards the end.
- ii. It stars Jung Nara and Jung Yong Hwa in the lead roles, and the cast is actually really great, very good casting. Anyway, Jung Nara is an exorcist that helps unrested spirits move on from Earth, in the process the land is no longer haunted and she is then able to sell it for its market price. That concept is so funny to me, I think they do a great job with it. Anyway, in order to do that the "psychic," the part that Yong Hwa plays, has to be possessed so she can exorcise the spirit? There's a throughline and stuff but the two have impressive chemistry and make for a kind of buddy cop dynamic.
- iii. The song, "I Got Ya" is an upbeat pop rock song, again lol, and often plays in scenes where there's a lot of action or the walking coolly in slow motion. Lots of guitar and drums, Yong Hwa's vocals are fantastic as usual. Just a really hype song and I highly recommend.

b. OldR - [My Lovely Samsun](#)

- i. Another recommendation I have is from the 2005 drama, "My Lovely Samsun". It's one of my favorite Korean dramas, and the soundtrack is great as well.
- ii. One of the songs most Korean media fans have heard of is "[She Is](#)" by Clazziquai (클래지콰이), which was on this soundtrack. While the song and general meme use of it is when there's a love connection, in the drama, it was typically used whenever there was heartbreak. Still, it's a good song, and I recommend it.

c. Min - Kara - [Love Letter](#) & [Beautiful Night](#)

- i. From the ost to KARA The Animation, aka a anime madae about KARA and ofc the made their own OST for it.

K. 5th Recommendation (if time)

a. JR - Gaho - "Running"

- b. The next OST I'm going to talk about was from the 2021 K-Drama *Start-Up*, and I wanted to mention it because I wanted to touch on the incredible war that this

show started, I have never seen a battle between the main and second lead like this before in my life. People were writing dissertations about why Nam Joo Hyuk's character should end up with Suzy's and why Kim Seon Ho's character was actually the superior one. Like people were heated, I feel like I personally fluctuated a bit, but mostly fell on Kim Seon Ho's side, why I don't know, I just really liked him as a character.

- c. Anyway, the show follows Suzy as she attempts to make her place in the world, and does so by joining a company meant to nurture startups. There's a lot of good character dynamics, like with the Suzy's grandmother character and Kim Seon Ho and the the three Sans as they are called in the show, but the romance in not really worth it.
- d. The song, "Running," by Gaho, yes the Gaho that did the beloved song "Start" for *Itaewon Class*, has a lot of the same flare and musical beats as as "Start" and that's why I like this song, it's very upbeat, his vocals are clear, and it has a very uplifting message. Also it's very catchy, it stays in your head for a long time.
- e. [OldR - Emergency Couple - The Way We Loved](#)
 - i. "Emergency Couple" was a fun hospital drama about a divorced couple working together while trying not to fall in love with each other again. The main theme from the drama was "[The Way We Loved](#)" by Park Shihwan. It sounds like a typical Korean drama theme song, but I love it so much.
 - ii. This is such a quintessential sounding OST, like the sweeping orchestral sound with violins, but also the piano and drums. The emotional vocals, it's nice sounding, but I probably couldn't differentiate it from others.
- f. Min - Sistar - [Chronos Soul](#)
 - i. For the game Chronos Sword, the kind of drama ost I find very boring, but it cute and it's the only drama ost they did as a group