



"SOLD OUT" with Penta-G

Penta-G is a five-member South Korean boygroup, who debuted in July 3rd of this year. The group consists of the members: Daechan (Vocal), Haullim (Vocal), Minseo (Voal), N.Jun (Rapper) and Simon (Vocal and Maknae, aka, the youngest one).

They signed with the independent record label, Mirrorball Music. Overall, they have one debut single and one single-album.

Penta-G's first single-album is called, "Sold Out!", and includes these two album tracks: "Hey! Lady" and "Five Glory". Their debut single, and title-track for the CD, was the song, "Hey! Lady", which is a Pop tune, with a lot of Jazz and Blues influences, about a guy asking a girl to give him some attention, because he's falling in love with her. Their musical genre can be described as Dance-Pop.

We hope to hear a lot more from Penta-G throughout the summer.



Brave Girls

Brave Girls is a female South Korean pop group, formed by the famous producers, Brave Brothers (the guys behind the hits of successful girlgroups, such as, 4Minute, AOA, Wonder Girls' Sunmi, Sistar, among others). They are signed under the company that the producers created, Brave Entertainment. Brave Girls debuted on April, 2011, with the single-album, 'The Difference', promoted by the title-tracks, "Do You Know" and "So Sexy", respectively. The group consists of five members: Eun-young, Seo-a, Ye-iin, Yoo-iin and Hye-ran.

On April, 2011, it was revealed, through their record label, two teasers showcasing a sexy girl and colorful eccentric concept. Those teasers were for Brave Girls, who unveiled their music video for "Do You Know" (their first single) on April 7 of that year. A second title-track, called "So Sexy", was also promoted afterwards, with its music video premiering on June 8. Those songs were featured in single-album, "The Difference", which was promoted by performances in music shows, like KBS' Music Bank. The girls also, appeared in variety shows and TV dramas as well, such as, "Gag Concert" and "Protect the Boss", respectively.

One month after, their agency announced that Brave Girls would do a comeback. After teasers were released, it was revealed that the girls were about to drop their first mini-album, "Back to da Future", with a brand new title-track, titled "Easily". The music video was posted on 28th of July, with the mini-album release on the following day. Just like in its previous singles, this new one was also promoted in various music and variety shows. The girls also made a cameo on the movie, "Mr. Idol". On December 15, 2011, the group won the "Rookie of the Year Award", at the 19th Korea Culture Entertainment.

On February 22, 2012, the girls came back with a brand new single, called "Nowadays". The song was the official title-track for their second mini-album, "[re:issue]". Instead of an obvious "cute" or "sexy" image, the girls portrayed a more masculine concept for the track. "Nowadays" became their highest tune on the charts and one of most searched topics online, it also became their first hit. The album was promoted with performances in music shows and showcases with boy group Teen Top as their special guest. In the fall of 2013, Brave Girls released their first digital single, "For You"



Bikyaku Jidai

Bikyaku Jidai is a Japanese female pop group, who debuted in October, 2012, with the song "Perfect Imagination". The group consists of seven members: Momo, Nana, Ayano, Hizzy, Kaori, Kaorin and Miwa.

They all follow strict rules about diet and beauty. If they don't maintain their 1500 calorie diet, which is known as the "Girls' Generation diet", if they don't look very thin, as well, they might end up leaving the group due to that reason. Bikyaku Jidai even stated that they want to become the Japanese version of the successful South Korea girlgroup, Girls' Generation. That's their only one goal in their careers. However, the girls do not want any kind of rivalry. Bikyaku Jidai wants to live in harmony with SNSD rather than just being another copy-cat group. Overall, Bikyaku Jidai has four singles released: "Perfect Imagination / Gentle Morning" (October, 2012), "Catch Me Up! / Close To Me" (December, 2012), "Run! Run! Running Girl / Stop The Music" (March, 2013) and, last but not least, "FLY / Love Drive" (June, 2013).

When they debuted, the girls were criticized by netizens over how similar their style was to Girls' Generation's songs and videos and how they even tried to copy their dance moves, even though, they couldn't. People were too harsh on them by saying that the girl group was filled with ugly and untalented girls.

Their music videos are simple, they consist of various dance shots and close-ups of the girls in various colorful scenarios, whether in a studio or outside. Their type of music is inspired by bubblegum-pop and dance/electronic pop, a genre that is currently famous in the Japanese pop culture. Bikyaku Jidai also use, sometimes, auto-tune and vocal effects on their tunes, a topic that is also a controversy for the listeners.