



Jay Park

Jay grew up in the Seattle area in a South Korean American family. He loved hip-hop and breakdancing, and eventually joined a Seattle-based b-boy crew called Art of Movement. JYP entertainment, a South Korean company, held auditions in the United States in 2005 when Jay was invited to train in South Korea. Debuting in 2008 as part of the K-pop group 2PM with the song "10 out of 10," the group met fan popularity. However, Jay would leave the group in 2009 when his comments in

MySpace expressed his unhappiness with South Korea. He apologized, stating those were his initial feelings about his early training in South Korea because he did not have family around him and had difficulty learning the Korean language and culture. Returning to the United States to regroup, Jay started his own YouTube channel, reconnected with the b-boy scene, and created music. His online popularity gave him a second chance and he returned to South Korea in June 2010 to debut as a solo artist as well as a Korean actor. In 2011, his *Take a Deeper Look* debuted #3 in the Billboard World Album Chart. Jay continues to advocate for Asian representation in entertainment and culture. He is an actor, singer, rapper, record producer, entrepreneur, dancer, and songwriter, and formed his own label More Vision in 2022. He helped run a food drive in Seattle amid the COVID-19 pandemic and created awareness about COVID-19. He also spoke about anti-Asian racism. Jay has a lot of tattoos, and his favorite Avenger is Iron Man.

Note: Some songs listed might have explicit content; listener discretion advised.