



Korea and its Music

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Overview

- Located in the easternmost portion of Asia
- Peninsula surrounded by sea on three sides
- Bordered in the north by China and Russia
- Japan to the south across the Korea Strait





Geography

- Mountains, waterfalls, beaches, rivers
- Turn of seasons
- Meditative outlook on life, focused on nature



History

- 2300 BC – Legend of Dangun
- 7th Century BC – Gojoseon Kingdom
- 108 BC – Three Kingdoms Period (Silla, Goguryeo, Baekje)
- 668 AD - 935 AD – Unified Silla
- 918 AD – Goryeo Kingdom
- 1392 AD – Joseon Dynasty
- 1910 AD - 1945 AD – Japanese Occupation
- 1950 AD - 1953 AD – Korean War

Traditional Music - Gugak





Instruments

- Ajaeng
- Piri
- Daegeum
- Changgo
- Kayagum



Court Music

- Aak (music of Chinese origin)
- Dangak (of Chinese origin, but Koreanized)
- Hyangak (native, indigenous music)



Aak



<https://youtu.be/G-Y3bfWknhY?si=GNeKHFmpT6ktqgYP>

Dangak



<https://youtu.be/Pf1KyiMFwhA?si=6kSTF-1TMI8NNtOf>

Hyangak



<https://youtu.be/TJReX2f8BFI?si=jFCL3HBaoBqui08T>

Folk Music

- P'ansori (vocal folk “opera”)
- Sanjo (instrumental music)
- Nongak (“farmers’ music”, drumming, dancing, and singing)
- Sinawi (shamanistic music)



Pansori



https://youtu.be/7UgNOvHx4_c?si=8cRaurQipovnalyM

Sanjo



<https://youtu.be/gDS010JOSmc?si=7A69-V7KJRXu5iAo>

Nongak



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Sinawi

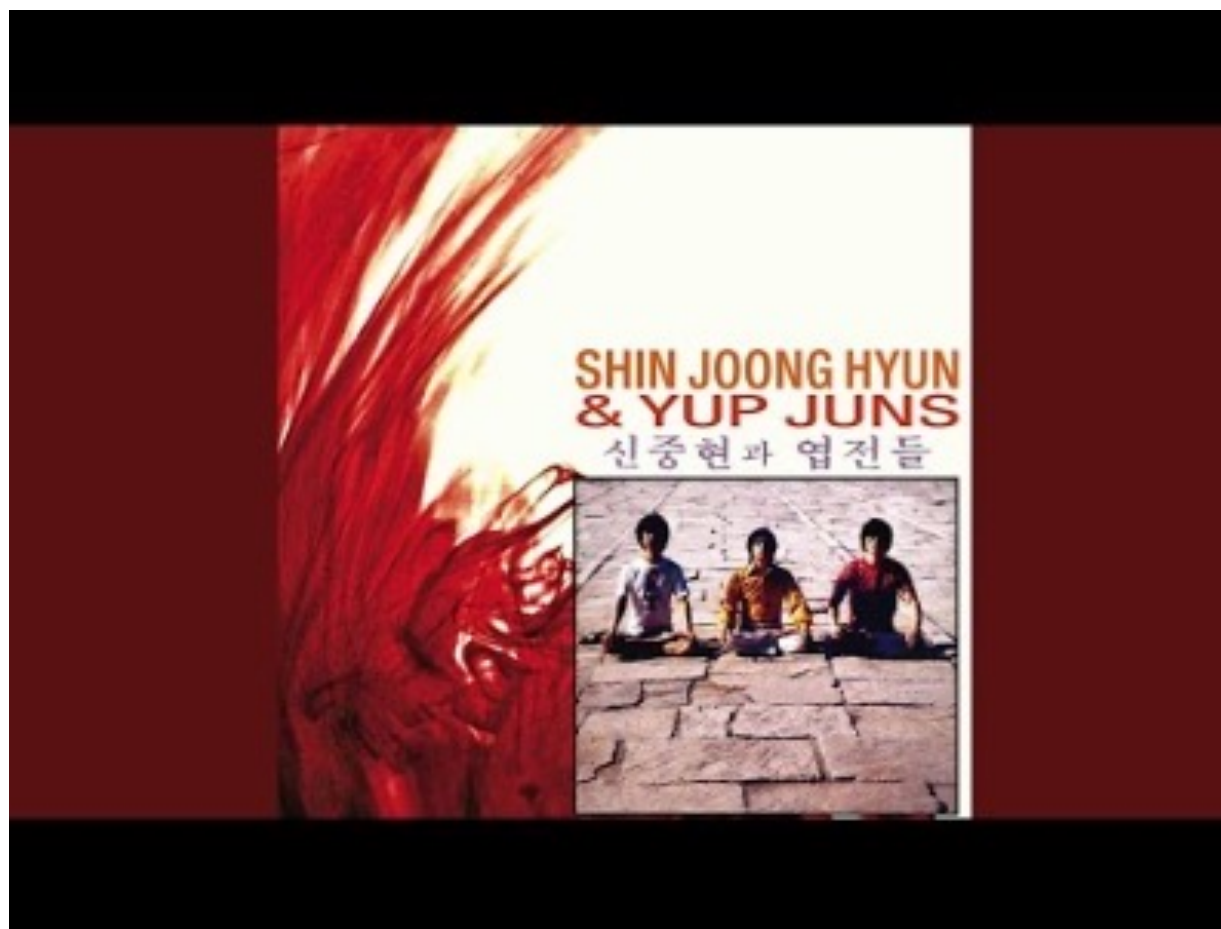


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Modern Music – K-Pop



Alternative/Rock



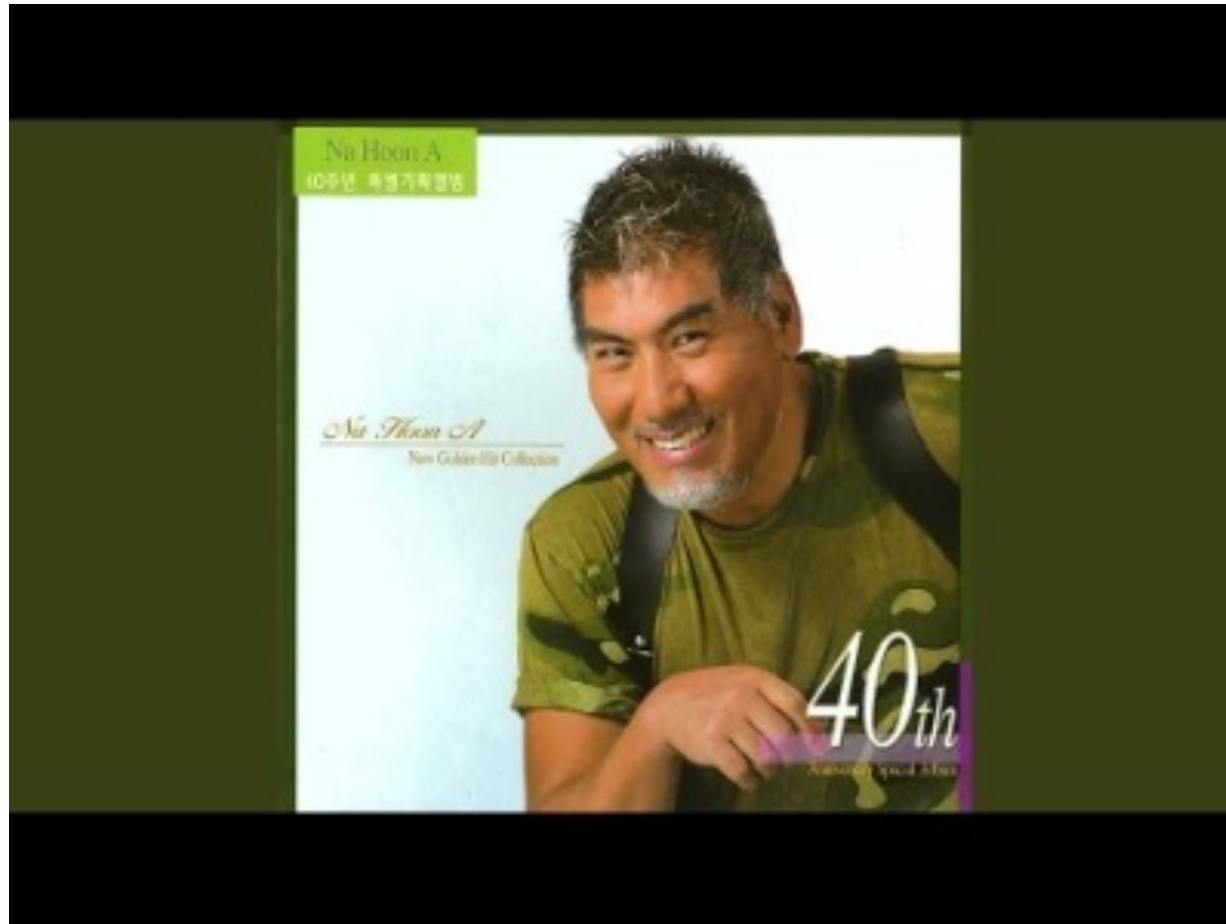
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Adult Contemporary



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Trot



<https://youtu.be/D6VRzvThoOk?si=OI1XJr0clm-9RyfP>

Hip-Hop



<https://youtu.be/anvJswCpgg?si=0EuGNjELhuJ85mlG>

R&B/Soul



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Thank you!





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