



The K-pop group WHIB recently released the mini-album "Cherry Pie." **CJES STUDIOS**

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K-Pop artists have US sites in mind

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Since its 2023 debut, The K-pop group, WHIB, has won over international fans with its precise showmanship, infectious catchy songs that transcend languages, and sharp wit. Its second mini-album "Cherry Pie" continues to showcase the members' fluid blend of sweet vocals with intense rapping.

"Since our start, our music style has changed a little," said Jaeha. "We've matured and grown as artists and performers, which is to be expected. But it still feels huge to us."

This interview was conducted in Korean and English with the Seoul septet and has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: What type of music are you listening to these days?

Haseung: I like South American Latin music. Baile funk. And I love (guitar) band music like Xdinary Heroes.

Jaeha: I like to hear K-pop music a lot.

Jinbeom: R&B music.

Wonjun: Jazz!

Kim Junmin: I like hip-hop.

Leejeong: I love indie rock.

Ugeon: I like pop-punk or band sounds.

Q: Have any of you been to

the United States yet?

Jaeha: The other guys haven't. But I've been to Kansas, because my sister lives there. I don't remember all the cities I've been to, but I've been there.

Q: Jaeha, how did you become fluent in English?

Jaeha: My mom, sister and I lived in Canada for a year when I was in second grade. My dad remained in Korea because his job was there. My school was kind of like an international school, so there were other Koreans, Chinese people, Japanese people and lots of other people (from different backgrounds). So I didn't stick out.

Q: What are you looking forward to seeing when you get to visit the U.S.?

Haseung: I want to go to In-N-Out Burger.

Jaeha: The Chicago Theatre. I saw that place in a lot of movies and a lot of videos, and I want to go there.

Leejeong: Our fans. And city views.

Q: When you are in other countries, do you try the local food?

Jaeha: Of course. But we also have to eat Korean food eventually.

Q: Out of the seven of you, who is consistently the biggest over packer?

(Jaeha pointing to Ugeon): Him.

Leejeong: He takes a lot of clothes.

Jaeha: We go away for maybe three days, and he packs for 12 days. He's prepared for everything!

Q: What are some memorable concerts you've attended?

Jaeha: Haseung and I went to the Stray Kids concert in Korea. That was a big hit.

Leejeong: When I was a trainee, I went to a Seventeen concert.

Wonjun: I've never attended someone else's concert.

Kim Junmin: I never went to one either.

Q: What was a memorable childhood trip?

Wonjun: Mongolia. When I was young, I went there. The sky was so beautiful and blue, so I remember that.

Leejeong: I went to Guam.

Jaeha: Yeah, like I mentioned, I went to Canada in my second grade.

Q: Which destinations are still on your travel bucket list?

Jinbeom: Spain, Paris, Italy.

Haseung: United States in general.

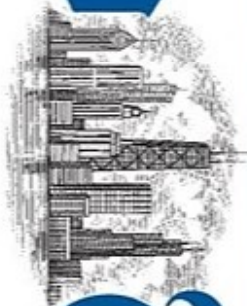
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