

## Presentation of JYJ at *Salón del Manga* in Barcelona

**JYJ** gave us a big surprise when they announced their attendance to the *Salón del Manga* of Barcelona to make a press conference and a two-song preview of the concert.

At the press conference, there was a period of time for questions. Before anything else, when they arrived to the hall, each of them introduced themselves and made a short introduction.



**Junsu:** *"Hello, nice to meet you. This is the first time I have been in Spain to make a concert, I thank all the Spanish journalists that know about our concert tonight. I hope everything goes well and we will do our best."*

**Jaejoong:** *"Today is the day of the concert, however we have been able to come to this event and we are really happy for that. You know that after this press conference, we are going to sing two, that will be a very-short concert, but since we like to interact with the fans so much, attending this event was really important for us."*

**Yoochun:** *"Thank you for coming. I did not know that the Korean mangas (manhwa) had so much fame in Spain, and I have seen many posters of Manhwas. I am delighted to be able to attend this event, thank you a lot."*

The director of **Ficomic** said to them some welcoming words:

*"It is an honour for us to have you here, and we know that in Korea you are a very important group. We hope that you have a really successful tour. This is a way to open the doors to a culture, as in this case is the Korean one."*

After this they let the attending media make some questions, although not all of them were of common appreciation.

-Question: **I guess that it is because it is morning right now, but before, when Junsu spoke I have become worried of his voice. And this night, since the concert is in El Poble Espanyol, in an open space, I hope it doesn't rain, that you enjoy it a lot and that you enjoy the Spanish fans, and I would like to know what will happen if it rains? And I want to say that I am following Hero's (Jaejoong) drama and I want to tell him that blue shirts suit him better than black ones.**



The chosen to make this question was, unexpectedly for everyone, a fan of the group, and asked a not very technical question, after which she showed a poster

with the word □□□ (I love you) written in it, a thing that the other attendances and the group didn't like.

**Jaejoong** made a gesture of indignation touching his black shirt and made all the people laugh.

**Yoochun:** *"If it rains, I hope it rains a lot. I prefer that it rains a lot because it would be funnier, because not only we will get wet, but also the public gets wet, although that worries me. And after the concert we will all be showered, which is necessary after a concert."*

This answer was accompanied by a lot of laughs. And after that **Junsu** decided to answer the reference that had been made about his strange voice.

**Junsu:** *"My natural voice is like that. When I sing it sounds different, but it really is like this."*

-Question: **I would like to know how you would describe your music, how would you define this Korean-pop phenomenon, of which you are one of the big groups?**

**Jaejoong:** *"As we are from Korea, you must think we belong to the K-Pop genre, but the truth is that we don't try to belong to any determined genre. We try to show that we have our own colour and always reinvent the music. Our challenge is always trying to invent a new style and new music."*



-Question: **I'm a teacher of Korean culture and cinema at different universities of Spain, and my students come to learn because they know you. I don't know to what extent you are aware of your music and of yourselves, since in the end you are representing Korea, I mean, my students get interested first in you and then they end up being also interested in the gastronomy, the country and the history of Korean. To what extent are you aware of this? How do you deal with that responsibility?**

**Jaejoong:** *"I have heard that there is a lot of talk about us, the foreign press, the media from other countries, but the truth is I did not know to what point out fame arrived and I am really thankful for this love. This could be related to a comparison: If I had a girlfriend of a country, I would surely get interested in that country, so now I think we have to come more to Europe, we have to work harder and feel more responsible of the European public. I would like to come more to Spain and other countries of Europe that we have yet not visited."*

-Question: **My question is about the acting topic. The three of you have worked in television series or in theatre plays. I would like to know if it is hard to combine the career of singers and, if you see yourselves more as actors than as singers or more as singers than as actors. And, how do you see yourselves in some years in the future? In the world of the actors or the world of the singers?**

**Junsu:** *"As he has said, we work as actors, as singers, in dramas, etc. but I think the primordial thing is that we are singers rather than actors, and we want to be singers. We never forget that we are singers, we would like to work in other genres too but the most important thing is being singers."*

-Question: **You have collaborated with other foreign artists. How have these activities with foreign people influenced you?**

**Jaejoong:** "We did an album with producers such as Kanye West, but with that album we opened a new genre, we kind of added a new colour we didn't have before. But I think our colour has not changed, I can only say that a new genre has been added. We always try our music to be diverse, therefore, our music has archived a new colour. Since this is our first concert in Europe, we want to show our music, and this time we collaborate with European dancers, so there is going to be new technique, a new spectacle, but inside our style."

-Question: **We have heard that you have visited many places of Barcelona.**



**Would you like to make some kind of photobook here?**

**Junsu:** "It would be a good idea, the thing is that the photos we have taken this time aren't professional ones. The next time, if we could, would be a great idea to make a photo book because Barcelona is a truistic city and we could love to do it."

And then the last question.

- Question : These concerts that you are doing in Europe can be open a way to start In the European market in a discography business ?

**Yoochun :** "Honestly, our objective is to give back the love we receive. We have already played in United States and now in Europe. One of our main objectives is to get an opportunity to be more popular in European market, but the first objective of the concert is to give back the love we receive from the fans."

That was the last question, and the press conference ended. Then the group went to the other venue where they could play the preview of the concert.

When they arrived, the venue was full of fans, most of them without ticket for the big concert at night.

When **JYJ** appeared on stage the fans screamed admiring their idols. As it has been previously announced, they played two songs : *Get Out* from the album *In Haven* and *Empty* from *The Beginning*. The songs were played at Poliesportiu del Centre, in Hospitalet de Llobregat, with the crew of dancers created specially for this European tour. This preview was so short but intensive. This way, the fans couldn't wait more for the concert that would take place that night.