## **BTS Our Moments Through Songs**

by Claire Sewell, clairebrarian@gmail.com



Official BTS Our Moments Through Songs maximum card, postmarked June 13, 2023 with postage stamp featuring the "NightTime" EP cover for BTS' 2020 hit song "Dynamite"



1988 Summer Olympics stamp featuring Seoul Olympic Stadium



2017 Korea Post stamp of Moon Jae-in



2018 "What R U doing 4 peace?" UN stamp

The South Korean K-pop boy band, BTS, made their debut in 2013 with the release of their first studio album, Dark & Wild. Over the next ten years, BTS and its seven members—RM. Suga. V. J-Hope, Jin, Jungkook, and Jimin—would go on to achieve global fame and success. Their music promotes self-love and freedom of expression and reflects the group's desire to break down stereotypes of masculinity. The positive messages in their music created a devoted fanbase, known as ARMY. BTS has performed sold-out concerts all over the world and at South Korea's Seoul Olympic Stadium in 2018, 2019, and 2022.

In 2018 BTS was invited to address the 73rd United Nations General Assembly in New York City. RM delivered a speech about the band's "Love Myself" campaign in partnership with UNICEF. He spoke movingly about growing up in Ilsan, South Korea, imploring "no matter who you are, where you're from, your skin color, your gender identity—just speak yourself." That year BTS also became the youngest recipients of South Korea's Order of Cultural Merit, bestowed by then President Moon Jae-in. Moon then appointed the group as a Special Presidential Envoy for Future Generations and Culture in 2021. BTS spoke again at that year's 76th UN General Assembly

and even performed their hit song, "Permission to Dance," in the assembly hall and outside headquarters. (scan the QR code to watch). On June 13, 2023 Korea Post released BTS Our Moments Through Songs, a special stamp sheet commemorating the band's 10th anniversary. All seven members of BTS are currently completing their mandatory military service in South Korea and plan to reunite in 2025.



