

Kim Chung-ha ([Korean](#): 김청하; born **Kim Chan-mi**, February 9, 1996),^[6] known [mononymously](#) as **Chung Ha** (stylized as **CHUNG HA**), is a South Korean singer, dancer and choreographer. She finished fourth in [Mnet](#)'s girl group survival show *[Produce 101](#)*, becoming a member of the resulting girl group [I.O.I](#). Following the dissolution of I.O.I in 2017, Chung Ha debuted as a solo artist with the [extended play](#) *[Hands on Me](#)*.

Early life and education

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Chung Ha was born as Kim Chan-mi (김찬미) on February 9, 1996, in [Seoul](#). Known by her English name Annie Kim,^[7] she lived in [Dallas](#), Texas, for eight years before returning to South Korea to become a singer. As a result, she speaks both English and Korean.^[8] She graduated from [Sejong University](#), majoring in dance.^[9] She auditioned for [YG Entertainment](#) and was a [JYP Entertainment](#) trainee prior to joining [MNH Entertainment](#).^{[10][11]} Kim trained for three years before debuting, and had been dancing for 6–7 years. She revealed that she almost quit attending dance classes at some point due to financial issues.^[12]

Career

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2016–2017: *Produce 101*, I.O.I, and solo debut with *Hands on Me*

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Main articles: *[Produce 101 season 1](#)* and *[I.O.I](#)*

From January 22 to April 1, Kim represented [MNH Entertainment](#) on reality girl group survival show *[Produce 101](#)*.^[13] She finished in fourth place and debuted on May 4, with the project girl group [I.O.I](#) with the mini-album *[Chrysalis](#)*.^[14] On June 10, [YMC Entertainment](#) revealed Chung Ha as one of the seven members of the group's unit group, slated to promote their second single, "[Whatta Man](#)", during the summer of 2016.^[15] It was revealed that three teams were contacted to make the choreography for the single, but hers was chosen because it was deemed to be the highest quality.^[16] The single was a commercial success peaking at number 2 on the [Gaon Digital Chart](#) and on the [Gaon Album Chart](#), for its digital (downloads and streaming) and physical sales respectively.^[17]



Chung Ha performing as a member of [I.O.I](#) during the Lotte World Youth Festival in 2016.

On June 30, it was revealed that Chung Ha would be having a cameo appearance on Korean drama, [Entourage](#), along with groupmate [Lim Na-young](#).^[18] On July 24, she was revealed to be a new cast member on dance survival show, [Hit The Stage](#).^[19] On August 17, it was announced that Chungha would be collaborating with groupmates [Choi Yoo-jung](#), [Jeon So-mi](#), and [DIA's Ki Hui-hyeon](#) for the digital single, "[Flower, Wind and You](#)", which was produced by Boi B.^{[20][21][22]} The music video was released on [MBK Entertainment's](#) YouTube channel. On December 21, MNH Entertainment confirmed that she would be debuting as a solo artist in the beginning of 2017 after wrapping up I.O.I's promotions.^[23] On December 23, Chung Ha collaborated with [Heo Jung-eun](#) and [HALO's](#) Ooon for the holiday carol, "Snow in This Year", that was featured on the Korean drama, [My Fair Lady](#).^[24] On January 10, 2017, Chung Ha was selected to be a host for [EBS' Ah! Sunday – A Running Miracle](#). Chung Ha would show the public how to improve their physical fitness via jogging and would take a team of challengers under her wing for the show.^[25] On April 21, she released her pre-debut single titled "[Week](#)", on the official M&H Entertainment YouTube account,^[26] followed on June 7 by her debut EP, entitled [Hands on Me](#), with the lead track "[Why Don't You Know](#)".^{[27][28]} Chung Ha subsequently featured in [Samuel Kim's](#) solo debut album entitled *Sixteen* with the track "With U", and in [Babylon's](#) single, "La La La".^{[29][30]} From September 3 onwards, she took over [Kisum](#) as a DJ for [EBS's](#) radio program *Listen*,^[31] and on September 19, it was announced that she would be an MC for FashionN's *Please Take Care of My Vanity* alongside [Super Junior's Leeteuk](#) and [Han Chae-young](#).^[32] On November 22, the first episode of her own reality show, *Chung Ha's Free Month*, was released on YouTube and [NaverTV](#).^[33]

2018–2019: *Offset*, *Blooming Blue*, *Gotta Go*, and *Flourishing*

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Chung Ha performing during the [2018 Winter Paralympics torch relay](#), on March 3.

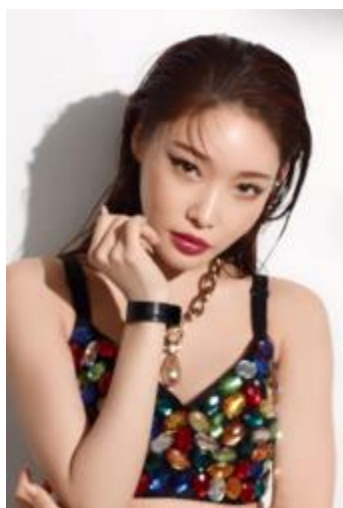
Chung Ha released her second extended play [Offset](#) on January 17, 2018. The EP contains five tracks including the title track "[Roller Coaster](#)".^[34] On June 26, MNH Entertainment confirmed that she would be having a comeback on July 18 with her third mini-album titled [Blooming Blue](#), with "[Love U](#)" serving as the lead single.^[35] Chung Ha became the ambassador for the Seoul International Architecture Film Festival in October of the same year.^[36] It was announced on August 8 that she would join the project group consisting

of [Red Velvet](#)'s [Seulgi](#), [\(G\)I-dle](#)'s [Soyeon](#) and [GFriend](#)'s [SinB](#) called [Station Young](#) for [SM Entertainment](#)'s project album [SM Station X O](#). They released their single, "[Wow Thing](#)" on September 28.^[37] Chung Ha collaborated with [Super Junior](#)'s [Yesung](#) with the song, "Whatcha Doin'", with the music video released on December 16.

On January 2, 2019, she released her single album, [Gotta Go](#).^[38] On January 9, Chung Ha won her first-ever [music program](#) trophy on the [MBC Music](#)'s [Show Champion](#).^[39] She was featured in [VIXX](#) member [Ravi](#)'s new single, "Live", which was released on February 18, 2019.^[40] Chung Ha released her fourth EP [Flourishing](#) on June 24, 2019, alongside the music video of the lead single, "[Snapping](#)".^[41] "Snapping" was placed first on [Show Champion](#) on July 3, 2019.^{[42][43]} In August, she joined the soundtrack lineup for the [tvN](#) drama [Hotel del Luna](#).^[44] The track, titled "At the End", was released on August 3, 2019.^{[45][46]} Chung Ha collaborated with Grizzly on the single "Run", released on August 22,^[47] and with Mommy Son on the single "Fast", released in September for the [JTBC](#) Seoul Marathon.^[48] In October 2019, Chung Ha collaborated with Indonesian rapper [Rich Brian](#) on the single "[These Nights](#)".^[49] The track serves as the single for [88rising](#)'s second compilation album, [Head in the Clouds II](#).^[50] Chung Ha was featured in rapper [Changmo](#)'s "Remedy" for his album *Boyhood*, released on December 25, 2019.^{[51][52]} For her accomplishments in 2019, Chung Ha was awarded the Producer of the Year and Hot Performance Award of the Year with "Gotta Go" at the [2019 Gaon Chart Music Awards](#).^{[53][54]} On December 12, 2019, [Billboard](#) published their list of the "25 Best K-pop Songs of the 2019", with Chung Ha's single "Gotta Go" ranked at number three.^[55] *Billboard* described the latter as "Chungha fully embracing her stronger, more confident side; a side that's stayed consistent throughout her major year and can help guide her to even greater heights in the new decade". The single was also ranked hundredth on *Billboard*'s "The 100 Greatest K-Pop Songs of the 2010s".^[56]

2020–2022: Promotion in the United States, *Querencia*, and *Bare & Rare*

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Chung Ha for [Marie Claire Korea](#) in 2020

In January 2020, Chungha collaborated with [Paul Kim](#) on the single "[Loveship](#)", which was released on January 21, 2020.^{[57][58][59]} She was part of the soundtrack lineup for the [SBS](#) drama [Dr. Romantic 2](#) with the track "My Love", released on February 4, 2020.^{[60][61][62]} Chung Ha made her first comeback in 2020 with a new single, "[Everybody Has](#)"

on February 29 as part of [MNH Entertainment](#)'s *New.wav* project.^{[63][64][65]} On March 10, MNH Entertainment announced that Chung Ha had signed with American agency, [ICM Partners](#), for her America and global promotions.^{[66][67][68]}

In April, Chung Ha collaborated on the [pop](#) song "Lie" with [TVXQ](#) singer [Max Changmin](#). The song was featured on Changmin's debut extended play *Chocolate* and talks about the emotions exchanged between lovers who feel love in different intensities.^{[69][70]} On April 27, "[Stay Tonight](#)" was released as a pre-release single from the singer's upcoming album.^[71] The song debuted and peaked at number 9 on the [Gaon Digital Chart](#), and peaked at number 4 on the [Billboard World Digital Songs](#) chart.^{[72][73]}

Chung Ha released the single "My Friend", which features [ph-1](#) and produced by [Zion.T](#) on May 30, 2020.^{[74][75][76]} She then collaborated with [Sprite](#) on the promotional single "Be Yourself" on June 9, 2020.^[77] The single was also part of MNH's *New.wav* project.^{[78][79]} On July 6, Chung Ha released her second pre-released single, "[Play](#)".^{[80][81][82]} The [maxi single](#) which consists of the two pre-released singles, peaked at number 7 on the [Gaon Album Chart](#) with 12,613 sales.^{[83][84]} It was announced that Chung Ha would be a cast member in *Law of the Jungle in Wild Korea*, the first domestic filming in the programme history due to the [COVID-19](#) pandemic.^{[85][86]}

Chung Ha made a soundtrack appearance for the [tvN](#) drama *Record of Youth* with the track "You're In My Soul", released on September 14, 2020.^{[87][88]} She then collaborated with Danish singer, [Christopher](#) on the single, "[Bad Boy](#)". The live version was released on September 23 while the music video was released on September 25.^{[89][90]} Chung Ha signed with [88rising](#) in November 2020. She then collaborated with [R3hab](#) on the single "[Dream of You](#)" released on November 27, 2020.^{[91][92]}

On December 7, it was confirmed that Chung Ha had tested positive for [COVID-19](#). All her activities were temporarily halted and she was in self-isolation.^[93] She also missed the live press conference for the new show *Running Girls*, but made appearance as her parts were shown in the premiere.^[94] On December 21, it was confirmed that Chung Ha was an asymptomatic carrier, and had left quarantine after 10 days and was resting at home since December 18.^[95] Chung Ha was set to release her first full-length album *Querencia* on January 4, 2021, but the release of the album was delayed to February 15, 2021.^{[96][97]} The title track "[Bicycle](#)" with the music video was released on the same day.^[98] Chung Ha was featured on [Rain](#)'s "Why Don't We", which is the title track for his third [EP](#) *Pieces by Rain*. The EP and the music video was released on March 3, 2021.^[99] Chung Ha and the members of I.O.I celebrated their 5th debut anniversary with a reunion live stream show called "Yes, I love it!" on May 4, 2021.^[100]

On June 8, 2021, Chung Ha collaborated with [Colde](#) on the single "My Lips Like Warm Coffee".^[101] She then participated in the soundtrack of *One the Woman* with the single "Someday".^[102] In October 2021, Chung Ha made a special collaboration with the dance crew LACHICA on the single "Bad Girl" for the *Street Woman Fighter Special*.^[103] On November 29, 2021, Chung Ha released the special single "[Killing Me](#)".^[104]

On July 11, 2022, Chung Ha released the first part of her second full-length album *Bare & Rare* with its lead single "[Sparkling](#)".^[105]

2023–present: Label changes and *Eenie Meenie*

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Chung Ha performing in 2023

In January 2023, the agency confirmed that Chung Ha had decided not to renew her contract which will end in March.^[106] On April 29, 2023, Chung Ha's contract with MNH Entertainment expired.^[107] On October 10, 2023, it was announced that Chung Ha signed with [Jay Park](#)'s label More Vision.^[108]

On March 11, 2024, Chung Ha released her first [digital single album](#) *Eenie Meenie*, led by the single "Eenie Meenie" featuring South Korean rapper [Hongjoong](#) of [Ateez](#). The single album also features the B-side "I'm Ready", for which Chung Ha released a dance performance video.^{[109][110]}

On August 28, Chung Ha released the digital single "Algorithm", alongside a "[Y2K](#)-inspired" music video.^[111]

On February 12, 2025, Chung Ha came back with the single "Stress", released alongside her fifth mini album *Alivivo*, which consisted of eight tracks including a duet with fellow K-pop soloist [Sunmi](#).^[112]

Influences

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Chung Ha has stated singer-songwriter [IU](#) is her role model as she admires the way the soloist is able to sing, dance, and perform various other things.^[113] She has also stated that some of her role models are soloists [BoA](#) and [Lee Hyori](#),^[114] as well as girl group [2NE1](#).^[115]

Endorsements and promotions

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Chung Ha has endorsed various products ranging from electronics to clothing and cosmetics. Her first endorsement was for [Nike](#)'s "Nike x W Korea", alongside singer [Amber Liu](#) and dancer May J Lee in 2017.^[116]

Chung Ha's endorsements includes modeling for [Umbro](#),^[117] women's clothing brand Muzak Ifne,^[118] Lens Town's contact lenses,^[119] endorsing [Lotte Chilsung](#)'s 'Chungha',^[120] and being the brand model for Guljak Topokki Chicken restaurant.^[121] She has also endorsed the video games *Sudden Attack* and *BossSlave*, and [LG Corporation](#)'s mobile service U+ 5G.^{[122][123]} In March 2019, [Clinique](#) announced that they had worked with and chosen Chung Ha as the brand's global ambassador.^{[124][125]} In May 2019, [Sprite](#) Korea announced her as the new model and face of the brand and their Summer 2019 *Dive in Sprite* Campaign alongside actor [Jang Ki-yong](#).^[126] In April 2020, Chung Ha officially joined the [Dolce & Gabbana Beauty](#) family.^[127]

Philanthropy

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On October 12, 2021, Chung Ha was announced as a member of the Green Noble Club. The club is made of large donors who've made donations of ₩100 million or more to the Green Umbrella Children's Foundation.^{[\[128\]](#)}

On February 9, 2023, Chung Ha donated ₩50 million to support low-income families' medical expenses on her 27th birthday through the Green Umbrella Children's Foundation.^{[\[129\]](#)}