

= News (band) =

NEWS (NEWS , Nyūsu) , is a four member Japanese boy band consisting of Keiichiro Koyama , Takahisa Masuda , Shigeaki Kato and Yuya Tegoshi . The group 's name is an acronym based on the cardinal directions (North , East , West , South) and the members locations . Formed in 2003 by Johnny Kitagawa as a nine member group under the label Johnny 's Entertainment , NEWS released a promotional single " NEWS Nippon " (NEWS NEWS , NEWS Japan) , which was used for the World Cup of Volleyball Championships . In 2004 , Takahiro Moriuchi left the group and the remaining eight members released their debut single , " Kibō : Yell " (Hope ~ Yell ~ , Hope ~ Yell ~) , which debuted atop the Oricon charts .

In 2006 , the group released their fifth consecutive number one single , " Sayaendō / Hadashi no Cinderella Boy " (Peas / Barefoot Cinderella Boy) , as a six member group due to the controversy surrounding then members Hiroki Uchi and Hironori Kusano . After a brief hiatus , they released their seventh number one single , " Hoshi o Mezashite " (lit . Aim for the Stars) . In 2008 , they performed at the Tokyo Dome for the first time , and released their tenth single , " Happy Birthday , " which made NEWS the second Japanese group after label mates KinKi Kids to have ten consecutive number one singles since their debut . NEWS became a quartet following the departures of Ryo Nishikido and Tomohisa Yamashita from the group in 2011 .

= = History = =

= = = 2003 ? 2006 : Debut and departure of members = = =

Formed in September 2003 , NEWS released a promotional single , " NEWS Nippon " (NEWS NEWS , NEWS Japan) , which was used as the theme song for the World Cup of Volleyball Championships . Before holding their first concert , NEWSnow Concert : NEWS ' Concert (NEWSnowCONCERT ?) , Takahiro Moriuchi left the group . NEWS later released their debut single , " Kibō : Yell " , which topped the Oricon chart . Their next two singles , " Akaku Moyuru Taiyō " (Burning Red Sun) (2004) and Cherish (Cherish) (2005) , both debuted atop the charts , as did NEWS ' first album , Touch , which sold 164 ,016 copies in its first week .

In July 2005 , Uchi Hiroki was scrutinized for underage drinking and was suspended indefinitely from both NEWS and Kanjani8 , another group he was a part of . Despite having lost a member , NEWS released their fourth single , " Teppen " (Top) , which like its predecessors debut at number one . In January 2006 , NEWS was reduced to six members when Hironori Kusano was suspended indefinitely for the same charge as Uchi . NEWS released their fifth single , " Sayaendō / Hadashi no Cinderella Boy " (Peas / Barefoot Cinderella Boy) (March 2006) , which was their fifth consecutive number one single . On May 1 , 2006 , after NEWS finished their " NEWS Spring Tour " , the group went on hiatus .

= = = 2007 ? 2010 : NEWS ' 6 Member Comeback = = =

On December 30 , 2006 , it was announced that NEWS would make their return at Johnny 's Concert Countdown 2006 2007 as a six member group , since Hiroki Uchi and Hironori Kusano had been demoted to trainees . To mark their return , NEWS embarked on a tour and released their sixth single " Hoshi wo Mezashite " (Aim For the Stars) . " Hoshi wo Mezashite " became their sixth number one single , which went on to be used as the theme song for the Japanese version of Happy Feet .

On November 7 , NEWS simultaneously released their seventh single , " Weeeek " and their second album , Pacific . Both releases debut atop of their respective charts with " Weeeek " selling 263 ,000 copies in its first week and Pacific selling 196 ,000 copies in their first week .

This marked the tenth in Oricon history that an artist had both their single and album debut atop the charts simultaneously . To further support their album , NEWS went on a nationwide tour , NEWS Concert Tour Pacific 2007 @-@ 2008 , from December 15 , 2007 to January 27 , 2008 . Because tickets were in such high demand , two more dates were added to the concert , which resulted in NEWS performing at the Tokyo Dome for the first time .

In February 2008 NEWS released their eighth number @-@ one single , " Taiy? no Namida " (?????? , Tears of the Sun) , which was used as the theme song for the movie Kurosagi , starring Tomohisa Yamashita . NEWS released two more number @-@ one singles , " Summer Time " (May 2008) and " Happy Birthday " (October 2008) , before releasing their third studio album Color (November 2008) . The release of " Happy Birthday " made NEWS the second group , after the Kinki Kids , to have ten consecutive number @-@ one singles since their debut . Color debuted at the number @-@ one position on the charts , giving NEWS their third consecutive album . NEWS released their new single , " Koi no ABO " (??ABO , Love 's ABO) on April 29 , 2009 . It became their 11th number @-@ one single . Their 12th number @-@ one single titled " Sakura Girl " was released on March 31 , 2010 . At the ? LIVE ! LIVE ! LIVE ! NEWS DOME PARTY 2010 ? concert at Tokyo Dome , it was announced that NEWS would be releasing their 13th single , ? Fighting Man , ? on November 3 , which they did .

NEWS has not had any group activities since the Music Station Super Live in December 2010 .

= = = 2011 : Becoming a quartet = = =

On October 7 , 2011 , it was announced that both Ryo Nishikido and Tomohisa Yamashita left the group . The official press release from Johnnys & Associates explained that Nishikido was leaving because scheduling conflicts made it difficult for him to be active in both NEWS and Kanjani8 , while Yamashita was leaving to concentrate on solo projects . Nishikido will continue his activities with Kanjani8 but not NEWS . NEWS will continue as a four @-@ member group with Keiichiro Koyama , Takahisa Masuda , Shigeaki Kato and Yuya Tegoshi .

= = = 2012 : NEWS ' 4 @-@ Member Comeback = = =

On April 15 , 2012 , a countdown appeared on the JE site , revealing the four current member 's outlines , suggesting a comeback . NEWS were officially back . On Apr 16th , Johnny 's special site for NEWS restarted its countdown , which hit " 0 : 00 : 00 " on Apr 18th (12mn , JST) . The time coincide with NEWS ' member Keiichiro Koyama radio program " K @-@ chan NEWS " to start its broadcast . Koyama 's special guest were co @-@ members Tegoshi Yuya , Takahisa Masuda , and Kato Shigeaki . The four members kept the fans in suspense by talking nonsensical stuff before finally making an official announcement . As reported earlier , Keiichiro Koyama said something about a new single and Best of Album . Now , aside from the NEWS ' new single and Best of Album , the Johnny 's talents also had a concert tour .

Moreover , in order to show their love for the fans who have waited for them for more than a year , fans could participate in their Best of Album . Fans voted for their " Top Four Favorite NEWS songs " on Johnny 's Entertainment site starting Apr 18th at 12nn , JST .

On May 7 , JE side has announced the new album titled " NEWS BEST " and will be released on June 13 . The album came in a regular edition and a limited edition version .

Both version included a CD containing all 15 of the group 's A @-@ side singles . The regular edition included an extra CD with the group 's top 15 non @-@ single songs as voted by netizens . The limited edition will included an extra CD with previously unreleased solo songs .

On July 18 , NEWS released " Chankapana " , their first single as a quartet . The single is available in 5 different version and a limited box set collection of all versions . The musicvideo for " Chankapana " premiered on TV on July 9 . The single sold 121 @,@ 097 on its first day and went on to become number one on Oricon Weekly Singles Chart .

= = Discography = =

=== Studio albums ===

=== Compilations ===

=== Singles ===

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=== DVDs ===