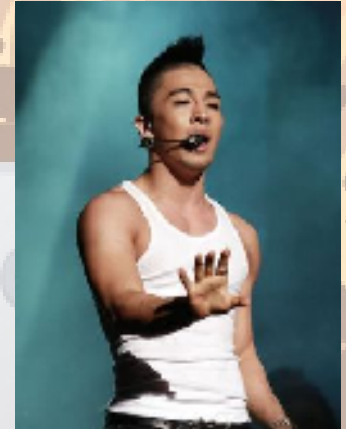




# Presents TAEYANG

Dong, Young-Bae ( born May 18, 1988), better known by his stage name Taeyang, is a hip hop musician and a member of Big Bang. Like the other members, Taeyang is signed with management company YG Entertainment. He began training under YG Entertainment at the age of twelve alongside fellow member and leader G-Dragon. After six years of vocal and dance training he made his debut in 2006 as part of Big Bang .



Taeyang was a child actor starting in 5th grade. He was recruited to play the part of mini Sean in JinuSean's A-Yo MV. After that, he auditioned to join YG Family, having been impressed by JinuSean. His chosen stage name was YB Taekwon, which is either a reference to JinuSean's Taekwon V album or to the giant robot Taekwon V. His rapping debut was in YG Family's second album in 2002. In 2003, he participated in Wheesung's second album, rapping on the track Player. He performed with JinuSean, Swi.T, Lexy, Masta Wu, Se7en and YG Family, and took part in Wheesung, Gummy, Se7en and YG Family's One concerts.



He was scheduled to debut with G-Dragon as GDYB (for G-Dragon & YB Taekwon) in 2004, but never debuted or released an album. Hyun Suk announced that their debut was canceled in favor of forming a four-to-six-member group. Even though he'd previously trained to be a rapper and wanted to become one, he debuted in Big Bang as a singer. He's been studying Japanese since 2004, in preparation for Big Bang's Japanese debut.

After graduating high school, he and G-Dragon decided to take a year off before applying for college. He has been accepted at Daejin University in theater and film for 2008, and has mentioned wanting to become an actor. His first kiss was during the filming of the My Girl music video, when the actress got carried away and kissed him for real. Taeyang is due to release his second solo album in September or October. The new single is being decided and may release before the album hits shelves. The single is said to be a hot club Euro up-tempo titled "My body wants to party with you".

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