



(From left to right) Jin, Suga, V, Jungkook, RM, Jimin, and J-Hope of BTS, winners of the Favorite Pop Song, Favorite Pop Duo or Group, and Artist of the Year awards, pose in the press room during the 2021 American Music Awards at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, California. — AFP photos



This handout photo shows (from left) J-Hope, V, RM, Jimin, Suga, and Jungkook of South Korean band BTS accepting the Artist of the Year award onstage.

# K-POP KINGS **BTS** WIN ARTIST OF THE YEAR AMA IN ASIAN FIRST



**K**-pop sensation BTS on Sunday became the first Asian group to win Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards. The septet also scooped awards for Favorite Pop Duo or Group and Favorite Pop Song for their hit "Butter" at the glitzy Los Angeles ceremony hosted by Cardi B. South Korea's biggest band, who now have nine AMAs, joined British rockers Coldplay for the world television premiere performance of "My Universe" at the star-studded show, and tweeted a picture of the groups together. BTS's Twitter feed later paid tribute to their fans, known as the "ARMY".

The trailblazing stars cemented their place in US chart history last year when their hit single "Dynamite" entered the Billboard Hot 100 at number one, making them the first South Korean act to top the rankings. Doja Cat and Megan Thee Stallion joined BTS with three awards each, while Taylor Swift took home gongs for Favorite Female Pop Artist and Favorite Pop Album "evermore" and Ed Sheeran won Favorite Male Pop Artist. The AMAs is the world's largest fan-voted awards show. — AFP

This handout photo shows British rock band performing with South Korean band BTS onstage.



Olivia Rodrigo, winner of the New Artist Of The Year award, poses in the Press Room at the 2021 American Music Awards.

## An abridged list of the American Music Awards 2021 winners

- Artist of the Year:**  
BTS
- New Artist of the Year:**  
Olivia Rodrigo
- Collaboration of the Year:**  
Doja Cat featuring SZA - 'Kiss Me More'
- Favorite Trending Song:**  
Megan Thee Stallion - 'Body'
- Favorite Music Video:**  
Lil Nas X - 'Montero (Call Me By Your Name)'
- Favorite Male Artist - Pop**  
Ed Sheeran
- Favorite Female Artist - Pop**  
Taylor Swift
- Favorite Duo or Group - Pop**  
BTS
- Favorite album - Pop**  
Taylor Swift - 'evermore'
- Favorite song - Pop**  
BTS - 'Butter'
- Favorite Female Artist - Hip-Hop**  
Megan Thee Stallion
- Favorite Male Artist - Hip-Hop**  
Drake
- Favorite Album - Hip-Hop**  
Megan Thee Stallion - 'Good News'
- Favorite Song - Hip-Hop**  
Cardi B - 'Up'
- Favorite Male Artist - R&B**  
The Weeknd
- Favorite Female Artist - R&B**  
Doja Cat
- Favorite Album - R&B**  
Doja Cat - 'Planet Her'
- Favorite Song - R&B**  
Silk Sonic (Bruno Mars, Anderson .Paak) - 'Leave The Door Open'
- Favorite Artist - Rock**  
Machine Gun Kelly
- Favorite Artist - Gospel**  
Kanye West
- Favorite Male Artist - Country:**  
Luke Bryan
- Favorite Female Artist - Country:**  
Carrie Underwood
- Favorite Duo or Group - Country:**  
Dan + Shay — Bang Showbiz



Cardi B, winner of the Favorite Hip-Hop Song award, poses in the press room at the 2021 American Music Awards.



This handout photo shows German singer-songwriter Zoe Wees performing onstage.



This handout photo shows US singer-songwriter Carrie Underwood performing onstage.



This handout photo shows US rapper Machine Gun Kelly accepting the Favorite Rock Artist Award presented by Rachel Zegler and Ansel Elgort, onstage.



Jennifer Lopez performs onstage for the 2021 American Music Awards.



This handout photo shows US singer-songwriter Bruno Mars (center) and Anderson .Paak (right) of Silk Sonic performing onstage during the 2021 American Music Awards.