



Korea National Contemporary Dance Company performs "Already Not Yet" at ARKO Performing Arts Center Main Hall in 2014. Korea National Contemporary Dance Company

DANCE

"Already Not Yet": Korea National Contemporary Dance Company's performance at the Seoul Arts Center CJ Towel Theater on April 1-2 is planned as part of Korea-France Year 2015-2016, marking the 130th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Choreographer Ahn Ae-soon who was inspired by Kkokdu, a wooden doll believed to guide the spirit of the dead placed on a bier, illustrates the moment where death has already come but one is not yet ready to accept it. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets range from 20,000 won to 30,000 won and can be reserved at www.sacticket.com. For inquiries, call 02-3472-1420 or visit www.knccd.kr.

"Swan Lake": Universal Ballet kicks off its new season with Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," choreographed by Marius Petipa, Lev Ivanov, and Oleg Vinogradov, at Universal Art Center from March 23 to April 3. "Swan Lake," first performed by the ballet company in 1992, is one of the most popular ballets, fashioned from Russian folk tales featuring the story of Princess Odette turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer's curse. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. on weekdays, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets range from 10,000 won to 100,000 won and can be reserved at ticket.interpark.com. For inquiries, call 070-7124-1737.

"Hwayangyeonhwa: In the Mood for Love": Kim Nam-yong dance company will perform Korean traditional movements choreographed by Kim at the National Theater of Korea Small Hall, DAL, on March 4-5. The performance will present the energetic movements of Korea including Korean fan dance and Taepyeongmu (Dance of Peace). The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets range from 20,000 won to 30,000 won and can be reserved at www.ntok.go.kr. For inquiries, call 010-4798-9133.

"Ballet Gala the Masterpiece": Five renowned Korean ballet companies will present a collaborative performance at Art Hall Mac, Mapo Arts Center, on March 9. Universal Ballet, Seoul Ballet Theater, Lee Won-kuk Ballet, SEO Dance Company, Wise Ballet Theater will take part in the performance. A gala performance on May 18 will feature the same ballet companies returning with different programs. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. and last for 80 minutes. Tickets range from 20,000 won to 30,000 won and can be reserved at ticket.interpark.com. For inquiries, call (02) 3274-8600 or (02) 2263-4680.

EXHIBITIONS

"Paper Garden": Feelings felt in a sudden summer shower, or memories recalled from the past are visually expressed as paper installations in an upcoming solo exhibition of Korean American artist Jamie Lee at And N Gallery in Seoul. Lee presents a new paper installation "Summer Shower," for which she cut and glued paper pieces by hands to illustrate the rhythmic sound of the rain and the excitement of summer. Lee, born in Seoul, studied printing



"Summer Shower" by Jamie Lee And N Gallery

and painting in the U.S. She has held numerous solo exhibition in the U.S. and in Korea at Phoenix Gallery, Kips Gallery New York and Young Eun Museum of Contemporary Art and more. The exhibition runs from March 3-31 at And N Gallery, Seoul. For more information, call (02) 542-7710.

Italian Monochrome, Experimental Field: Opera Gallery Seoul presents 12 paintings of three Italian avant-garde artists — Umberto Mariani, Alessandro Algardi, Marcello Lo Giudice — who have sought new possibilities in abstract paintings. They succeeded the Art Informel that arose after World War II, a movement that sought new approaches to abstract painting through improvisatory methodology. The three veteran artists show their attempts to create experimental paintings that defy conventional abstract compositions, in favor of intuitive, gestural expressions. The exhibition runs from March 2-April 13. For more information, (02) 3446-070.

Yook Myong-shim Retrospective: The exhibition showcases some 190 works of veteran photographer Yook Myong-shim that encompass 51 years of his career. It features his five photographic series, including portraits of Korean artists. The 83-year-old artist started his career in 1964 and since then he has worked to create his own style of photography when it was perceived as portraying realistic images of objects and people. He strived to depart from the popular realism photography trend and looked at familiar objects in everyday life as if they were strange things. He traveled the country to capture faces of ordinary people, totem poles and more. The exhibition runs through June 6 at Gwacheon gallery of the National Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea. For more information, visit www.mmca.go.kr.

"Black Lotus": Kukje Gallery presents a solo exhibition of French artist Jean-Michel Othoniel. The second exhibition of the artist at the gallery presents sculptures and paintings inspired by lotus flowers he saw when he traveled around Korea. The artist explores philosophical and spiritual meanings of the flower through his abstract sculptures reminiscent of natural elements. The show runs until March 27. For more information, visit www.kukje.org.

Herb Ritts Photo Exhibition: Some 100 pieces of black-and-white

portraits of celebrities and other photographs taken by American photographer Herb Ritts (1952-2002) will be on view at the art museum of the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts in Gwanghwamun, Seoul. Ritts was a celebrated photographer and director, well-known for his advertising campaigns for numerous fashion brands such as Calvin Klein, Chanel, Donna Karan and Valentino and music videos for Madonna and Michael Jackson. The exhibition includes an iconic photograph of Madonna and a nude photograph of four top models, including Cindy Crawford and Naomi Campbell. The exhibition runs from Feb. 5-May 2. Ticket prices are 13,000 won for adults, 10,000 won for college students and 8,000 won for teenagers. For more information, visit www.herbritts.kr.

THEATER

"Mata Hari at the Moulin Rouge": Making its world premiere in Seoul, "Mata Hari at the Moulin Rouge" tells the tale of the infamous Mata Hari, an exotic Dutch dancer who was accused of being a German spy in France during World War I. The musical was produced by some of Broadway's biggest names — including director and choreographer Jeff Calhoun, writer Ivan Menchell and lyricist Jack Murphy. Starring Ok Joo-hyun, Ryu Jung-han and Im Chun-gil, "Mata Hari at the Moulin Rouge" will be staged at the Blue Square theater in Seoul from March 25 to June 12. Ticket prices range from 60,000 won to 140,000 won. For more information, call 1577-6478.

"Mamma Mia!": Inarguably one of the most well-known jukebox musicals, "Mamma Mia!" has returned to the stage with an all-Korean cast. Belting out the all-time classic ABBA tunes in this year's production are Choi Jeong-won, Shin Young-sook and Kim Young-ju, as well as Girls' Generation starlet Seohyun. "Mamma Mia!" is being staged at the Charlotte Theater until June 4. Ticket prices range from 60,000 won to 140,000 won. For more information, call 1588-5212.

"Next to Normal": Starring Kollen Park and Jung Young-ju, the Korean rendition of the Broadway musical has hit the Korean stage for the first time. The boundary-pushing production follows the tale of a desperate mother, Diana, who is unable to cope with the tragic loss of a loved one while also struggling with bipolar disorder. The musical also stars

Nam Gyeong-ju, Lee Jung-yeol, Suh Kyeong-su, Choi Jae-rim, Oh So-yeon, Jung Sung-min and Jeon Ye-ji. "Next to Normal" is being staged daily except Mondays until March 13 at the Doosan Art Center in Seoul. Tickets are priced at 66,000 won (\$56) and 88,000 won. For more information, call (02) 744-4033.

"Rebecca": "Rebecca" is a German-language musical written by Michael Kunze and Sylvester Levay, the creators of the musicals "Mozart!" "Elisabeth," and "Marie Antoinette." The musical follows the story line of the wealthy Maxim DeWinter, his new wife and the manipulative housekeeper Mrs. Danvers. The musical stars local talent Ryu Jung-han, Kim Yun-a, Kim Bo-kyung and Song Sang-eun. "Rebecca" is being staged at the Seoul Arts Center's Opera Theater until March 6. Ticket prices range from 60,000 won to 140,000 won. For more information, call 1577-6478.

"Frankenstein: The Musical": The musical rendition of one of the most recognized horror tales of all times, follows the tale of mad Frankenstein, who builds himself a monster. However, things turn for the worse when his monster turns against him. The Korean adaptation of the horror musical stars actors Yu Jun Sang, Park Gun-hyung, Jeon Dongseok and Park Eun-tae. The production is being held at the Chungmu Art Hall's Grand Theater in Seoul until Feb. 28. Ticket prices range from 60,000 won to 140,000 won. For more information, call 1666-8662.

"Les Miserables": One of the longest running productions in musical history, being performed for more than 30 years in more than 20 languages, the heart-wrenching "Les Miserables" has returned to the Korean stage. This year's local adaptation of the musical stars Jung Sung-hwa, Yang Jun-mo, Kim Joon-hyun and Kim Woo-hyung. The production is being held until March 6 at the Blue Square theater in Hannam-dong Seoul. Ticket prices are listed from 60,000 won to 140,000 won. For more details, visit www.bluesquare.kr.

"The Orchestra Pit": A witty and comical narrative from Japanese writer Mitani Koki, the musical "Orchestra Pit" has hit the Seoul stage. Musically trained film star Hwang Jeong-min both directs and stars in the production. The musical features local stars Man-seok Oh, Yoon Gong-joo, Rinah. "The Orchestra Pit" is being held at the LG Arts Center in Seoul until Feb. 28. Ticket prices range from 50,000 won to 140,000 won. Call 1544-1555 for more information.



A scene from the musical "The Orchestra Pit." Sem Company

CLASSICAL MUSIC



Libera Boys Choir performs during a U.S. tour in 2014.

Libera Boys Choir

"Libera Boys Choir Korea Tour": Libera Boys Choir directed by Robert Prizeman will tour Korea, performing at the Seoul Arts Center Concert Hall at 8 p.m. on March 31. The program will feature popular pieces from the choir's repertoire, including a song of praise, "Sanctus." The choir will also hold concerts in Suwon, Icheon and Daejeon from March 29 to April 3. Ticket ranges from 50,000 won to 120,000 won and can be reserved at www.sacticket.com. For inquiries, call 02-548-4480.

"Deutsches Kammer Orchester Berlin": Deutsches Kammer Orchester Berlin led by concertmaster Gabriel Adorjan will hold a concert at the Seoul Arts Center Concert Hall at 8 p.m. on March 24. The program will feature music of great composers Grieg, Strauss, Dvorak, Rossini, and Haydn. The chamber orchestra will perform with the same program at the Mapo Arts Center Art Hall Mac at 8 p.m. on March 23. Tickets range from 50,000 won to 150,000 won and can be reserved at www.sacticket.com. For inquiries, call 02-585-4055.

"La Traviata": Korea National Opera will perform Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata" at the National Theater of Korea Main Hall, HAE on April 8-9. "La Traviata," the fallen woman in Italian, is an opera in three acts first performed in Venice in 1853. It features a tragic love story between famed courtesan Violetta and young bourgeois Alfredo based on the novel "La dame aux Camélias" by Alexandre Dumas. Grande Opera Chorus and Korean symphony Orchestra will accompany KNO in the performance. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets range from 10,000 won to 120,000 won and can be reserved at ticket.interpark.com or www.ntok.go.kr. For inquiries, call 1544-2514.

"The National Chorus of Korea the 162nd Regular Concert: Falling in Love with Music": The National Chorus of Korea conducted by Kim Cheol will hold the 162nd regular concert at the Seoul Arts Center Concert Hall at 8 p.m. on March 4. The chorus, known for its wide range of repertoires from Renaissance to contemporary music, will feature a vast array of repertoires covering Romantic music of German to contemporary and Korean songs. Tickets range from 10,000 won to 50,000 won and can be reserved at www.sacticket.co.kr. For inquiries, call 02-587-8111.

POP MUSIC



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"Ra.D — About Love": Romantic crooner Ra.D, whose quiet words and melodies have inspired musicians and fans alike for 15 years, is holding his first solo concert in time for White Day on March 15. Joined by guests Jung In, Poppin Junho, Inbar and TNT Crew, Ra.D will perform at the Gogam Center in Seoul. Tickets are 44,000 won to 77,000 won. For more information, visit www.interpark.com.

"Kim Kyung-ho — Sudden! Concert": Rock star Kim Kyung-ho, known for his trademark long hair and powerful vocal range, is holding an impromptu concert in Seoul ahead of another concert in May. Subtitled "Recruiting obsessive fans," the concert is expected to showcase the singer's top hits and crowd-pleasers. The concert takes place on March 19 at the Lotte Card Art Center. Tickets are 99,000 won for all seats. For more information, visit www.interpark.com.

"Bily Acoustic — The Words I Love You": Singer-songwriter Bily Acoustic, whose soft, acoustic songs have earned him the nickname "Korea's John Mayer," is holding a solo concert in Seoul. Titled after one of his songs, "The Words I Love You," the concert will be an intimate affair featuring Bily Acoustic's romantic repertoire. The concert takes place at Baekam Art hall in Seoul on March 19-20. Tickets are 66,000 won. For more information, visit www.interpark.co.kr.

"Kim Na-young — Truly": Female vocalist Kim Na-young turned heads earlier this year when she remained near the top of the charts for several weeks, earning more streams than idol stars with her digital single "What If It Was Going." Now, she is presenting her first solo concert "Truly" at Centennial Hall in Yonsei University on March 26. Tickets are 77,000 won and 88,000 won. For more information, visit www.interpark.com.



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