

## **Mandolin Extravaganza Concerts and**

### **1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of International Mandolin and Plucked Instruments Players Federation -IMPF**

**From October 28th to November 4th, 2024**, a special event will be held in Korea to showcase the beauty and diversity of mandolin music from around the world. Not only will the event feature the Bundang Mandolin Orchestra from Korea, but also outstanding mandolin players from Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan, and Taiwan will come together to present a fantastic world of music through the exchange of art and culture.

The mandolin concerts are scheduled for November 1st at the Eunpyeong Cultural Arts Center in Seoul and November 2nd at the Seongnam Arts Center. The IMPF Assembly is set to take place on October 30th, when international mandolin players will gather to discuss the Federation's vision and goals to share their passion for music.

Following this, an optional journey to Gyeongju, with its thousand years of history, is planned from November 4th to 8th.

You are invited to take part in the concerts and the inaugural assembly of the International Mandolin and Plucked Instruments Player Federation. We hope you will join us in this special moment to share the beauty of music and culture, anticipating new friendships and collaborations. We look forward to your participation to make the world more beautiful with the sound of the mandolin!

**Below you will find the daily schedules, the optional tour plan, the meal schedule, information on Korean food and weather, the venues, and locations.**

**Then follows the rules and regulations of your participation and finally the registration form.**

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## Schedule

<b>Where</b>	<b>Seoul, Seongnamsi, optional Gyeongju - Tour Program (special program follows)</b>		
<b>Dates</b>	<b>27. Oct. 2024 –8. Nov. 2024</b>		
<b>Day Plan</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
27. Oct	Arrive in Korea	Incheon to Hotel	Transfer, Hotel check in, accommodation dbl. rooms, twin beds, breakfast
28. Oct	Tour program	Seoul	Local professional guides or free
29. Oct	Rehearsal*	Seongnam Arts Centre	Hotel to rehearsal venue with Public Transit
30. Oct	Rehearsal, 1 <sup>st</sup> General Assembly	Seongnam Arts Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> IMPF General Assembly in Bundang
31. Oct	Rehearsal	Seongnam Arts Centre	
1. Nov	Concert 1	Eunpyeonggu Arts Centre	Transfer by bus
2. Nov	Concert 2	Seongnam Arts Centre	with Public Transit
3. Nov	Relax day – invitation to garden party	Seongnam-si	details follow
4. Nov	Depart 1	Incheon	Hotel check out all those who do not join the optional tour program
	optional - Tour Program	Gongju	with KTX. Hotel check in, guided tours and free time
5. Nov	optional - Tour Program	Gongju	guided tours and free time
6. Nov	optional - Tour Program	Gongju	guided tours and free time
7. Nov	optional - Tour Program	Gongju	guided tours and free time
8. Nov	Depart 2	Incheon	Hotel check out, return to Seoul with KTX, transfer to Incheon

\*We will announce the rehearsal schedule later.

## Optional Tour Plan

Date	Where	What
4. Nov	Seongnam-si to Gyeongju	We will check out from the hotel in Seongnam-si and proceed to Gyeongju by KTX*
5. Nov	Gyeongju	After breakfast at the hotel, we will tour the Gyeongju area by bus
6. Nov	Busan or Andong	This is a trip to the nearby cities of Andong or Busan from Gyeongju
7. Nov	Gyeongju	This is a free schedule
8. Nov	Gyeongju to Incheon	Early in the morning, we will take the KTX to Gwangmyeong Station and then proceed to Incheon Airport

\*You can leave your luggage and instruments in Bundang if you wish. The items you leave will be safely delivered to the departure gate at Incheon Airport on 8. Nov. We will provide further guidance on this matter later.

## Meal schedule during the performance period (√= Included, no = Not included)

Date	Lunch	Dinner	Date	Lunch	Dinner	Date	Lunch	Dinner
27. Oct...		√	28. Oct..	no	no	29. Oct.	√	no
30. Oct.	√	√	31. Oct.	√	no	1. Nov	√	√
2. Nov	√	√	3. Nov	√	√	4. Nov	√	√
5. Nov	√	√	6. Nov	√	√	7, Nov	no	no
8. Nov	√							

After completing your registration, you will receive a questionnaire regarding your meal selection. If you have any additional preferences or inquiries regarding meals, please feel free to contact us at any time. Breakfast will be served buffet-style.

## Information Korean food and weather

1. Utilization of grains: Korean cuisine utilizes a variety of grains such as rice, barley, and buckwheat. These grains are used in various forms including rice, rice cakes, and noodles.
2. Distinction between main and side dishes: Korean food culture clearly distinguishes between main dishes, primarily consisting of carbohydrates like rice or noodles, and side dishes, which include items like kimchi, vegetables, and other accompaniments served alongside meat or fish.
3. Diverse cooking methods: Korean cuisine employs a wide range of cooking methods including boiling, steaming, grilling, stir-frying, and stewing.
4. Seasonings and fermented sauces: Korean cuisine is known for its distinctive flavours achieved through a variety of seasonings and fermented sauces. These seasonings and sauces often contain nutritionally rich ingredients and beneficial microorganisms resulting from the fermentation process.
5. Balanced combination of animal and plant-based foods: Korean cuisine emphasizes a balanced intake of both animal and plant-based foods. Meat and fish serve as protein sources while a variety of vegetables and fruits supplement essential nutrients.
6. Spirit of using food as medicine: Korean food culture incorporates the belief that food not only provides nourishment but also contributes to health and disease prevention.
7. Theory of Yin and Yang and Five Elements: The selection of food colours and cooking methods in Korean cuisine is influenced by the theory of Yin and Yang as well as the Five Elements. According to this theory, food colours and flavours are believed to affect both the body and mind.
8. Influence of Confucianism: Confucian values influence cooking methods and dining etiquette in Korean culture. For instance, there are etiquettes such as serving elders first before starting a meal.
9. Regional and health foods: Korea boasts a variety of regional specialties influenced by geographical conditions, and there is a significant consumption of health foods known as "guhwang" foods. These include a variety of vegetables, fruits, and seaweeds renowned for their health benefits.
10. Autumn in Korea is generally a very pleasant and beautiful season. It spans from September to mid-November, with temperatures typically ranging between 20 to 10 degrees Celsius. October often featuring the most pleasant and clear days. Prepare light and comfortable clothing for activities.

The Seongnam Arts Centre is a multifaceted cultural and arts space located in Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea. It opened on October 14, 2005. The complex includes various facilities such as a Dance Plaza, Opera House, Concert Hall, Ensemble Theatre, Art Museum, and Media Centre. The Concert Hall, where pure music performances take place, is a 1,102-seat acoustic hall with choir seats on the second floor, providing high-quality sound optimal for classical performances. Its design resembles a grand piano when viewed from above, and with an arena-style stage without stage curtains, comfortable viewing is possible from any seat. The hall's sound is designed with a reverberation time of 1.8 seconds, taking advantage of the characteristics of a concert-specific hall.

### **Eunpyeonggu Arts Centre**

The Eunpyeong Arts Centre's performance hall is the only specialized performance venue in Eunpyeong-gu, equipped with top-tier stage systems and performance environments. It is a 701-seat theatre with a stage area of 264m<sup>2</sup>. The seating arrangement includes 469 seats on the first floor (447 regular seats, 8 seats for individuals with disabilities, 4 seats for visually impaired individuals, and 10 seats for hearing impaired individuals) and 232 seats on the second floor. Various amenities such as waiting rooms for performers are also available.

### **Eunpyeonggu**

Eunpyeonggu, located in the northwest of Seoul, is a picturesque and fertile land, renowned for its friendly and industrious residents and considered a blessed living environment. Surrounded by mountains, especially centred around Bukhansan, the area has been agriculturally advantageous and strategically significant as an outpost on the outskirts of Seoul, highly valued by the country since ancient times.

During the Joseon Dynasty, Seoul's administrative divisions were reorganized into five parts (Central, East, West, South, and North) and 53 districts. Eunpyeong was the area corresponding to Yeoneunbang and Sangpyeongbang in the northern part, with the name "Eunpyeong" derived from one character each from these two district names.

During the Japanese colonial period, it was temporarily reorganized into Eunpyeong-myeon in Goyang-gun, Gyeonggi-do. However, after liberation in 1949, it was reincorporated into Seoul by a presidential decree. On October 1, 1979, it was separated from Seodaemun-gu, and the existing Eunpyeong branch office was abolished, with Eunpyeong-gu gaining status as an independent district.

Eunpyeong-gu, intertwined with the history of Seoul, boasts a wealth of valuable cultural heritage left by ancestors, contributing to the pride of Eunpyeong residents. Moving forward, in the harmonious blend of cultural tradition and modernization, Eunpyeong-gu is poised to stand tall as a

central area of Seoul.

### **Seongnam-si, Bundang gu (Bundang)**

The name "Bundang" was created in 1914 as a newly established compound place name, and before that, the name "Bundang" was not used. In that year, when the Japanese authorities nationwide merged and abolished the administrative divisions of towns, counties, villages, neighbourhoods, and districts, the areas of Bundeom-ri (盆店里) [Dongi Point, Jangteo] and Danguri (唐隅里) [Andangmoru, Saedangmoru] that existed here were combined. The initial characters of the two villages were used to create the name "Bundang (盆唐)."

The present-day Bundang is a combination of Dongma-myeon in Gwangju-gun (Bundang, Jeongja, Sunae, Seohyun, Imae, Yeosu Yul, Yatap, Docheon-dong), Naksaeng-myeon in Gwangju-gun (Dongwon, Geumgok, Gungnae, Sangpyeong, Baekhyun-dong, Unjung, Hasanun, Daejang, Seokun-dong), and Gumi-dong in Suji-myeon, Yongin-gun. Following its elevation to a city on July 1, 1973, as part of the administrative integration of Seongnam City, Bundang became a unified administrative region under the jurisdiction of Seongnam City.

### **Gongjusi**

Die Stadt Gongju in Südkorea liegt in der Provinz Chungcheongnam-do und ist ein Ort, der die Geschichte und Tradition Koreas tief in sich trägt. Die Stadt besteht aus 18 Landkreisen, Gemeinden und Dörfern und ist historisch als Zentrum des Baekje-Königreichs bekannt.

Gongju verfügt über viele historische Stätten und Kulturgüter. Zum Beispiel ist das Gongju-Gongju, das während der Goryeo-Dynastie errichtet wurde, als Grabmal des letzten Königs von Baekje, König Gongye, bekannt und wurde als Weltkulturerbe eingetragen. Darüber hinaus gibt es in Gongju kulturelle Stätten, die mit der Goguryeo-Ära, wie das Grab von Goryeongri, der Soyo-Befestigung aus der Baekje-Ära und den Legenden der Samguk-Ära in Verbindung stehen.

Gongju hat auch eine wunderschöne natürliche Landschaft. Der Gyeongcheonha-Berg, der als Naturdenkmal ausgewiesen ist, und die umliegende Landschaft sind beliebte Reiseziele für viele Touristen. Gongju entwickelt sich auch weiterhin modern und stärkt die lokale Wirtschaft durch Kultur- und Tourismusindustrien. Als Stadt, in der traditionelle Kultur und moderne Entwicklung harmonieren, hat sie viele Attraktionen.

## **Privacy Policy Notice**

We highly value your personal information and would like to provide you with some guidance regarding its handling. Personal information includes identifiable information such as your name, address, phone number, email address, etc. We prioritize protecting and securely handling this information.

### **1. Purpose of Collection and Use of Personal Information**

We collect and use your personal information for the following purposes:

- Verification and provision of information necessary for service delivery
- Customer consultation and inquiry response
- Notification of events, promotions, and introduction of new services
- Improvement of service quality and provision of personalized services

### **2. Types and Methods of Collecting Personal Information**

We collect only the necessary information through the following methods:

- Direct submission through online forms, email, phone, etc.
- Automatic collection during the use of services (logs, cookies, etc.)

### **3. Retention and Disposal of Personal Information**

Your personal information will be promptly disposed of after achieving its purpose or when the storage period expires.

### **4. Provision and Sharing of Personal Information**

Your personal information will not be provided to third parties without your consent, and it will not be disclosed externally unless required by legal regulations.

### **5. Rights and Responsibilities of Individuals**

As the owner of personal information, you can request access, correction, or deletion of your information at any time. Please contact the organizers

for assistance.

### **Consent to video processing**

During the Mandolin Extravaganza Concerts, we sincerely thank each and every one of you for contributing to the magic of our performances. To capture and share the moments filled with your passion and artistry, we plan to video-record the concerts and to release the videos through the organizers' YouTube channel.

Before we proceed, we kindly ask all participants in the concert videos to read the following information and agree to the survey. Please take a moment to fill out the consent form, as it will be an essential tool for safeguarding personal information and respecting copyright protection.

#### **1. Privacy Protection**

- The concert videos will be carefully edited to ensure that participants' personal information is not exposed, and individual data will not be disclosed.

#### **2. Copyrights and Licenses**

- We will consider licenses and copyright issues related to the music, dance, art, and other works used during the performance when editing and releasing the videos.

#### **3. YouTube Settings and Release Schedule**

- The videos will be released through the organizers' YouTube channel. Important updates regarding the release schedule will be communicated in advance through Festival Website/Social Media.

#### **4. Communication**

If you have additional information or wish to use the concert video for personal purposes, feel free to contact us at any time.



## **Participation Fee and Travel Expenses**

- Airline reservations are at your discretion. If you wish to use an airline reservation service, please respond to the question in the registration form.
- CHF 2,250.00 or 2,320.00€ Concerts and optional Tour in dbl. rm (12 days)
- CHF 2,850.00 or 2,940.00€ Concerts and optional Tour in sgl. rm (12 days)
- CHF 1,590.00 or 1,640.00€ only Concerts in dbl. rm (8 days)
- CHF 2,050.00 or 2,115.00€ only Concerts in sgl. rm (8 days)
- The accompanying companions or family members pay the same price.

## **Explanation regarding the participation fee**

- The reserved hotels are 4-star, and the bus and train travel will be in first class.
- Breakfast is included at the hotel.
- Transportation from the airport to the hotel will be provided by a reserved bus. (Excluding individual participants arriving or departing separately)
- A public transportation card loaded with 30,000 Won will be provided to all performance participants. It is a rechargeable card and can be loaded with cash at convenience stores anywhere in Korea. It is valid all over the country.
- All participants are invited to the General Assembly of IMPF on October 30<sup>th</sup> including dinner.
- A short tour of Eunpyeong-gu is scheduled for the morning of November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Lunch, dinner, and an aperitif will be provided on the days of the performances on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Lunch on November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be hosted by the Bundang Mandolin Orchestra.
- Participants departing on November 4<sup>th</sup> will check out from the hotel in the morning and take the reserved Bus to Incheon.
- Participants joining the tour program to Gyeongju on November 4<sup>th</sup> will take a reserved bus to the KTX station.
- We plan to visit Busan or Andong during the Gyeongju tour program. Details follow.
- Please check a separate table for the exact meal schedule. Some meals are not included in the participation fee.
- Personal travel and health insurance are not included in the participation fee. Full responsibility stays with the Participants.
- All Concerts and Tour will be accompanied by guides fluent in German, Italian, English and Korean.

## **Payment and Cancellation Rules**

### **Payment**

- After completing and submitting the online registration survey, you will receive an email with instructions for online payment and bank account details.
- With the down payment of CHF1,000.00 or €1,030.00 **before June 10, 2024**, your registration is confirmed.
- Payment options include online card payment, PayPal, or bank transfer.
- After completing the registration form, your application will be confirmed upon receipt of CHF 1,000 within 10 days.
- We recommend making flight reservations at your earliest convenience. Should you require assistance, please contact us.
- Once you have requested a flight reservation, please promptly make the payment for the flight as well.
- The remaining balance of the registration fee must be paid before July 27, 2024.

### **Cancellation rules**

- If you cancel the initial registration no later than July 27, 2024, you will receive an 80% refund.
- A 50% refund will be provided for cancellations no later than September 27, 2024.
- There will be no refunds one month before the event starts.
- Participants who have booked flights using the services of the organizers when filling in the registration form receive 100% refund three months before departure. After that date the regulations of the booked airline apply.

**If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the organizers.**

**Thank you!**

**Now, please proceed to the Registration form by clicking on this Link!**