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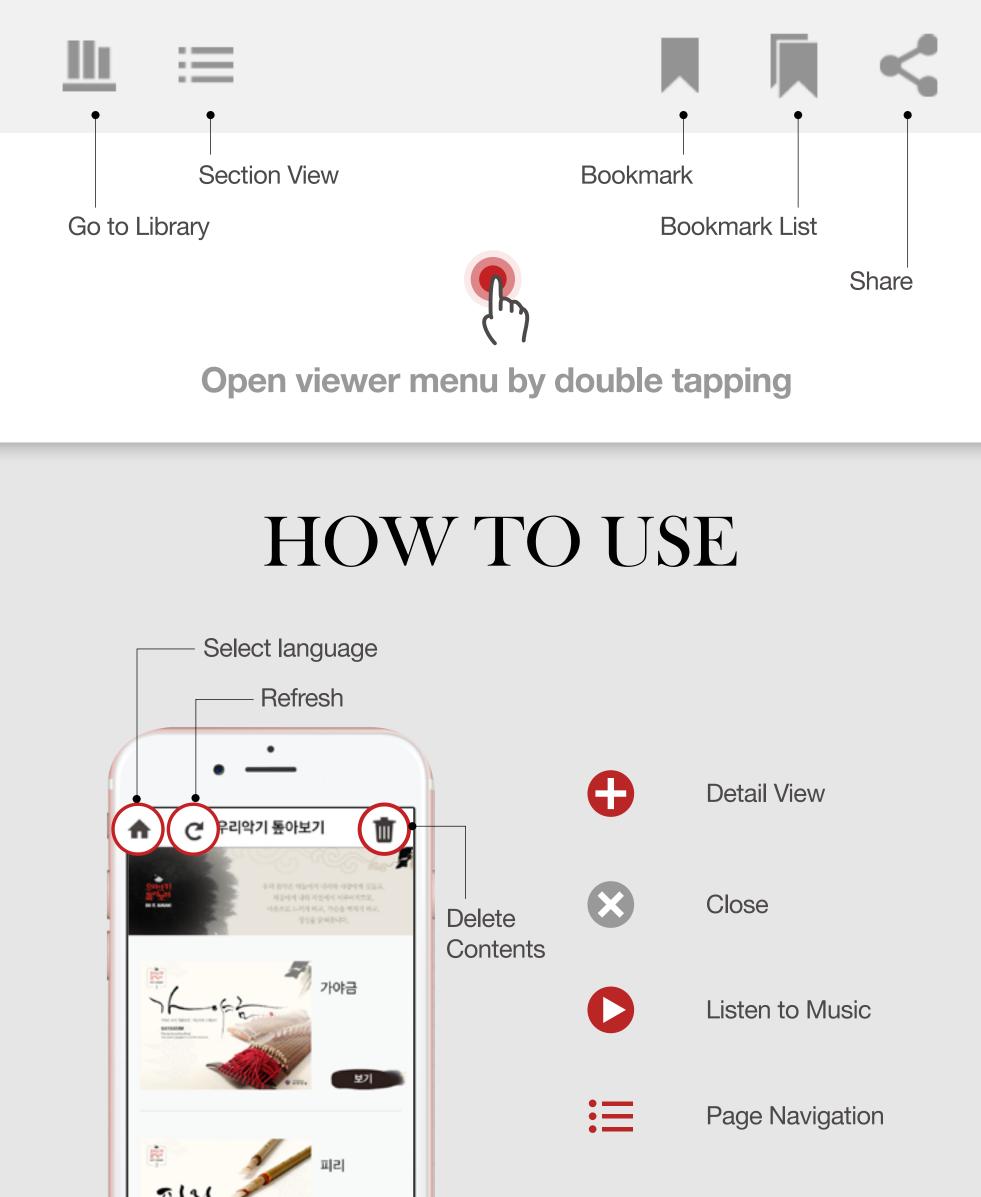
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The origin of janggu dates back to ancient times.Accordingto'Dongijeon'from<sup>¬</sup>Wiseo<sub>J</sub>, vol. 30 of <sup>¬</sup>Samgukji<sub>J</sub>, which describes the worship rituals for the sky. Here the record shows that human figures clap his/her hands while stepping on the ground at both in high and low positions. This may suggest

that the participants might have play rhythmic patterns. The relics from the Three Kingdoms, such as the murals in the 17th Tonggu from Goguryeo (37 BC~668 AD), Gyeyumyeong Stone Statue and Gameunsa's Bronze Sarira Reliquary from Baeje (18 BC~660 AD), and Sangwonsa's Bell from Silla (57 BC~675 AD)—illustrate the image of yogo, a type of drum performing with other melodic instruments, such as geomungo, hoengjeok, and dangbipa. It proves that the drum was small enough to put on the lap for playing.

There are two of the earliest records on janggu in the Goryeo Dynasty (918~1392), Korea. One states that it was an import from the Chinese Song Dynasty at the time of King Yejong (1079~1122); the other states that there was someone involved in janggu, who performed at the royal music institute called

Daeak gwanhyeonbang, during the King Mun jong (1046~1083). Wenxian Tongkao, compiled by the Chinese scholar Ma Duanlin in 1317, shows some contents related to janggu in China; it was called yogo at that time and it was used in the Han Dynasty (206 BC~220 AD) and Cao Wei (220~265).

According to "Akhakgwebeom" published in 1493 (the 24th year of King Seongjong), janggu was categorized in Dangakgi, but it was played in Dangak as well as Hyangak. This shows that janggu was commonly used in the 15th century, which has still maintained its important place in Korean traditional music as one of the most fundamental instruments ranging from Jeongak to Minsokak, including, sanjo, japga, minyo, nongak, and shamanic music.



Yogo

#### Three Kingdoms | Iseong Mountain Fortress, Hanam, Gyeonggi Province | 43cm in length







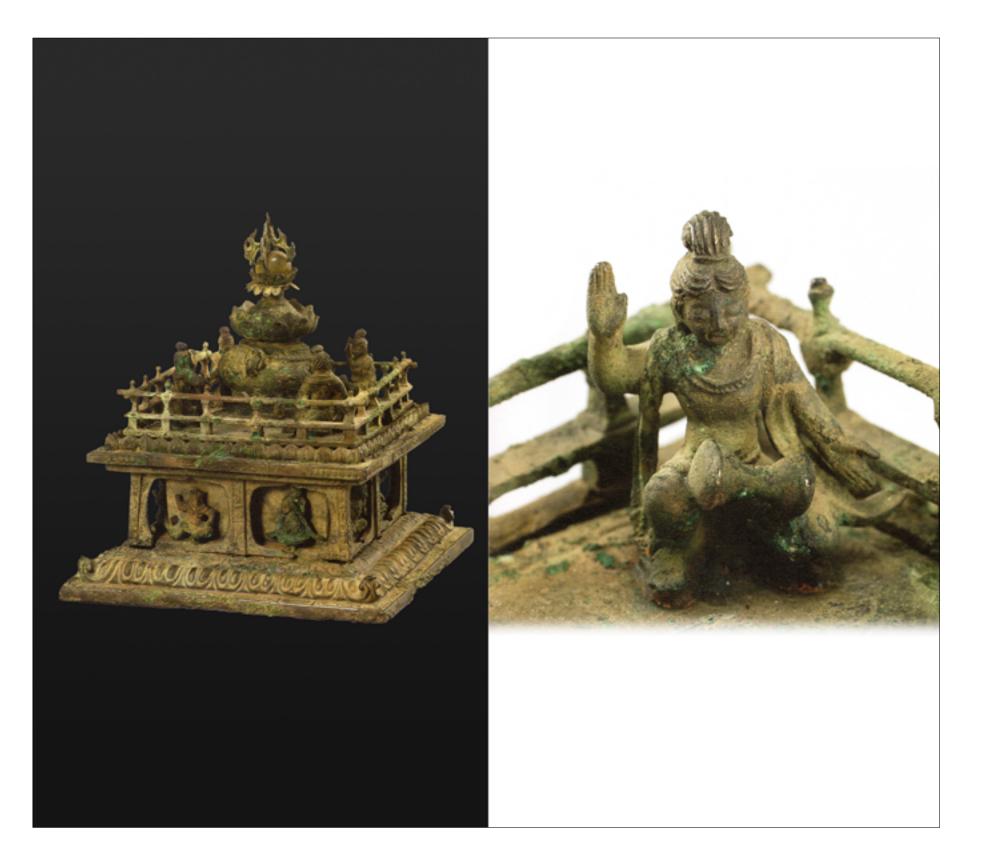
This is the body of the yogo found in Iseong Mountain Fortress, Hanam, Gyeonggi Province. It is valuable in that we witness a real-size example of the yogo in real size which was illustrated in the mural painting of the Gogu-





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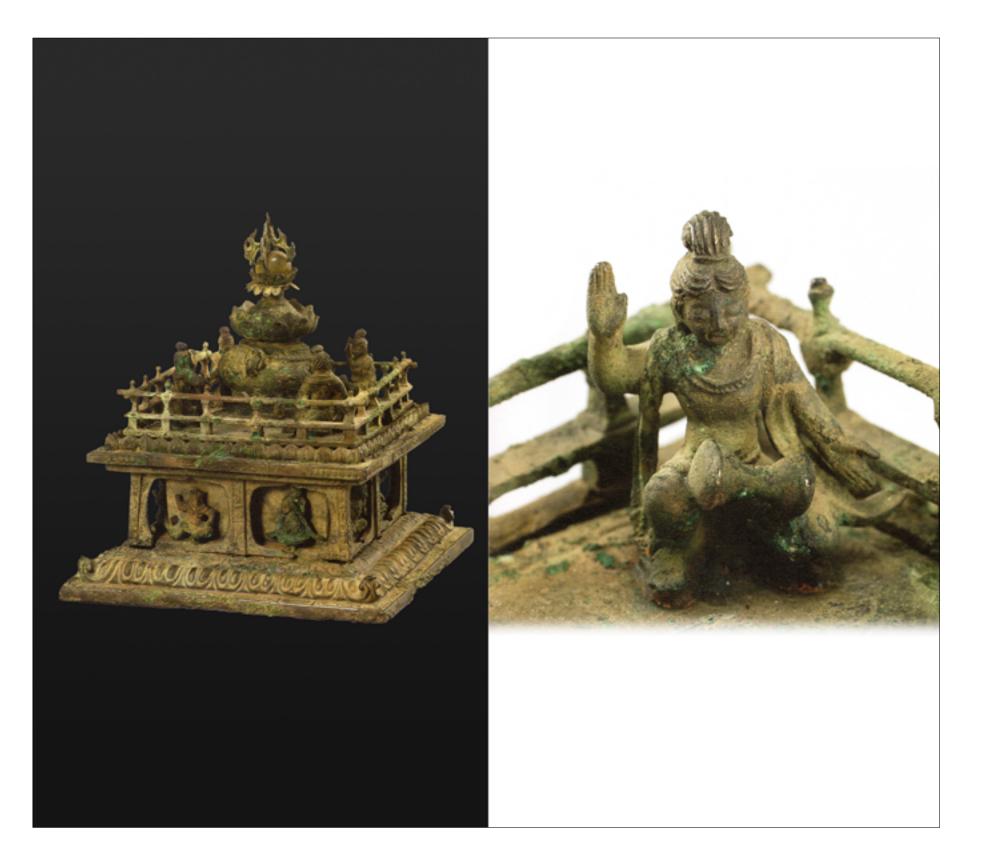


#### Engraved Sarira Reliquary's Naeham

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#### Unified Silla | West Three-story Stone Pagoda at Gameunsa Temple, Gyeongju, Gyeongsangbuk-do Treasure No. 366 | 16.5cm (H) | National Museum

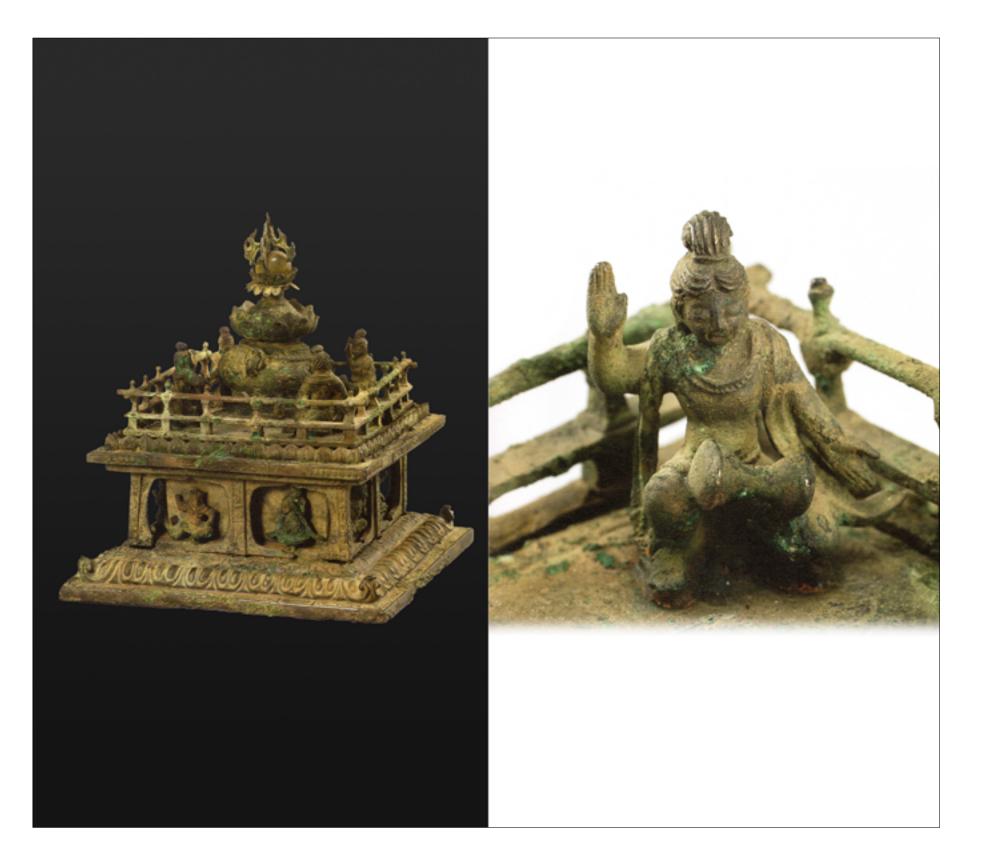




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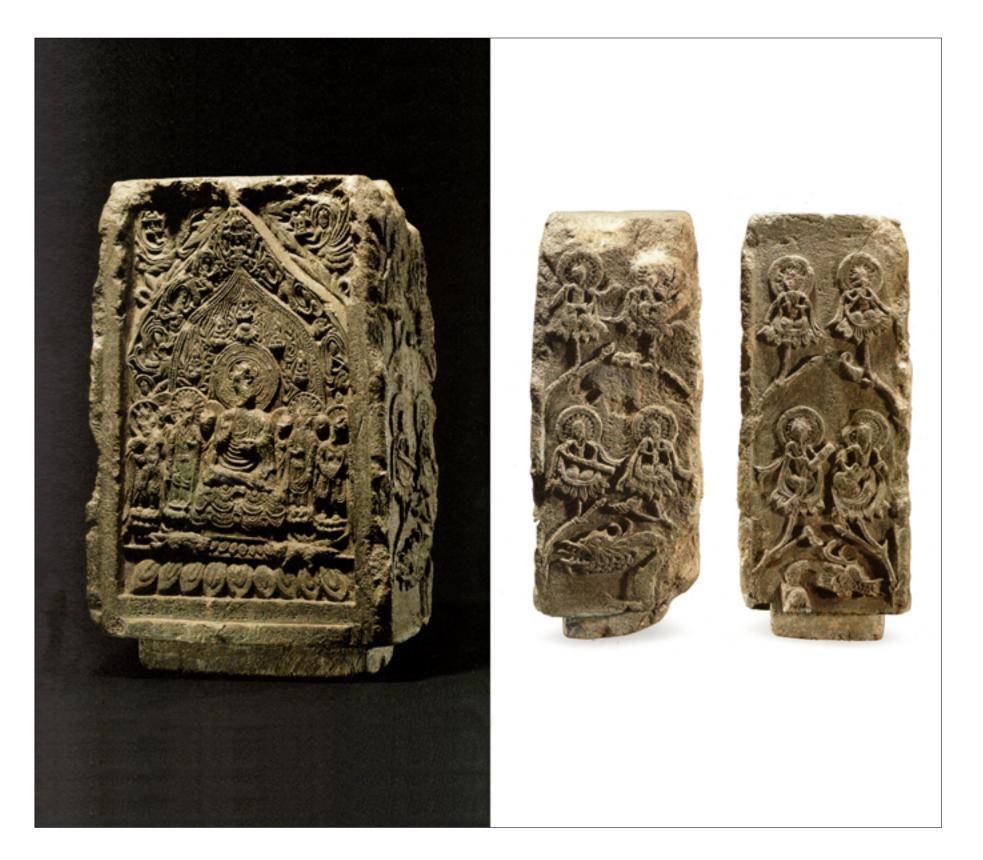
This is the Bronze Sarira Reliquary of Gameunsa from 682 (the 2nd year of King Sinmunwang, Unified Silla). On the four corners of





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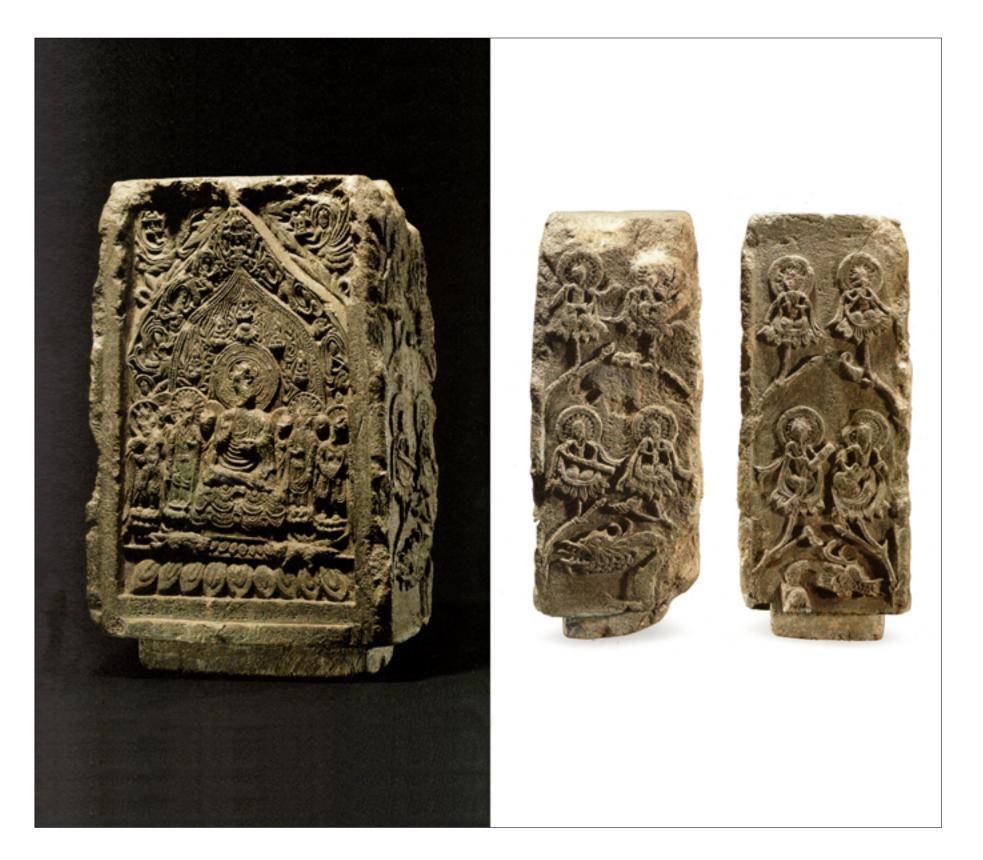


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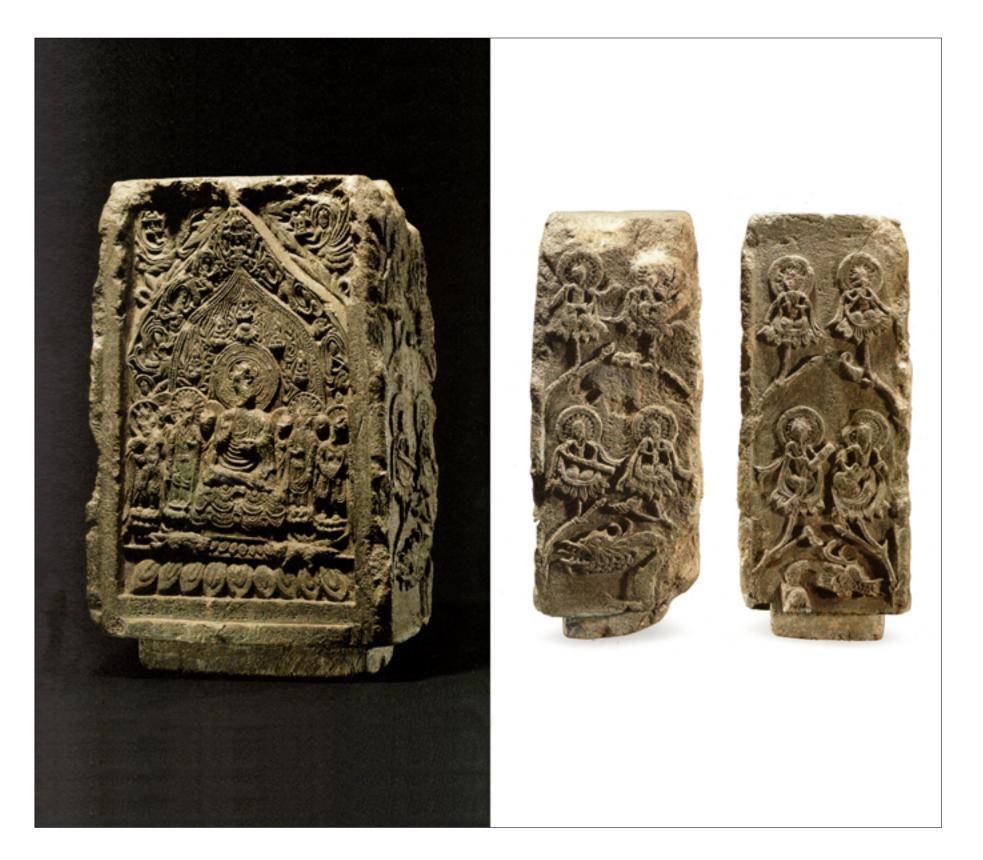
#### Unified Silla (673) | Biamsa, Jeondong-myeon,





Yeongi-gun, Chungcheongnam-do National Treasure No. 106 | 43cm (H) | National Museum of Korea

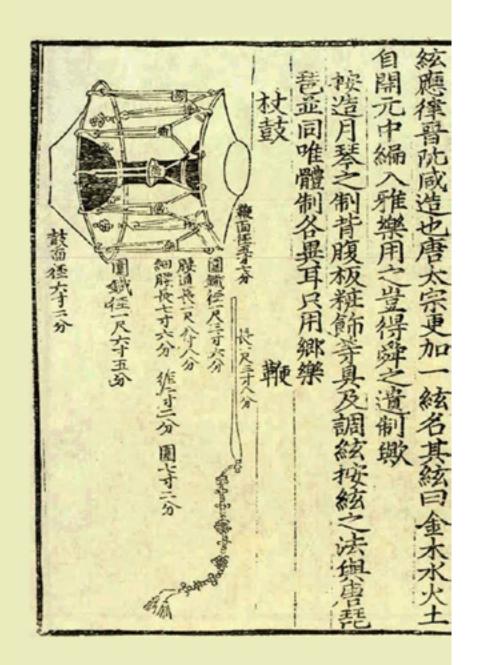
This is the Buddha statue found in Biamsa temple in 1960, also known as "Gyeyu myeongseoksang." There are the engravings of



hyangakgi of Unified Silla such as yogo, geum, jangjeok, baeso, hoengjeok, and dangbipa.



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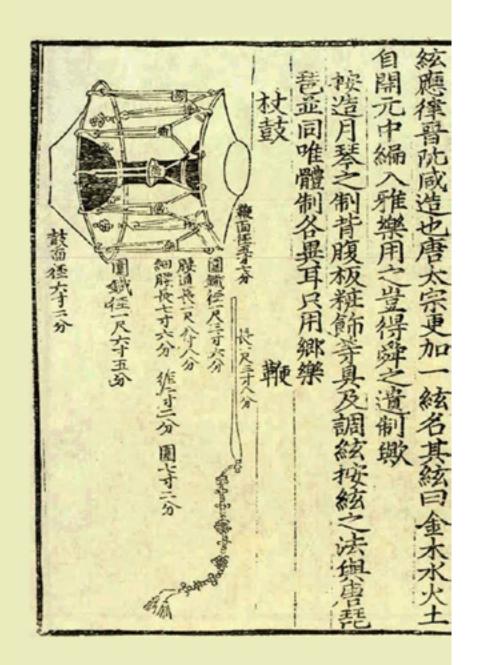


#### Janggu in <sup>[Akhakgwebeom]</sup>

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The record on janggu remains in the music theory literature in <sup>©</sup>Akhakgwebeom<sub>d</sub>, published in 1493. It includes contents on the figure of the janggu, how to make it, the materials required to make it, and how to play it.



Instrument players and Cheoyong mudong illustrated in the procession of ⟨Bongbae guisado⟩ from 《Gisa gyecheop》, the 4th page



Kim, Jinyeo and Jang, Taehong | The 46th year of Sukjong (1720) Joseon Dynasty | Colored on Silk 67.6cm (H), 43.9cm (W) | Treasure No. 638639 Ewha Womans University Museum collection.

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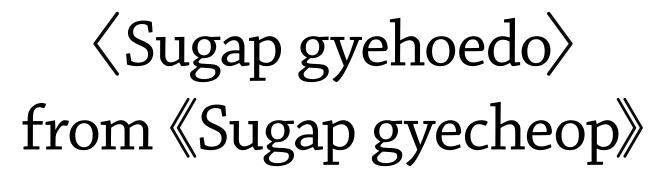
of Giroso, holding the silver cup given by the king, going to Giroso. One may feel liveliness and vigor in the scene in which jipbak joenak (the bak player) leads instrument players and Cheoyong mudong. In front of the haegeum



player there is a janggu player holding his drum.







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#### Anonymous | The 14th year of Sunjo (1814) Joseon





Dynasty | 36.4cm (H), 29cm (W) | National Museum of Korea collection. | Light Coloring on Paper

This describes the celebration of a "birth" at the house of Yak Seokbang and Jeong Yunsang, Seoul, where twenty-two players per-





formed. Even though the artist is unknown, it tells that the janggu was an essential instrument in pungnyu life of the upper class.





#### $\langle Tightrope Walking \rangle$

#### Kim, Jun-geun | Joseon | 35cm (H), 30cm (W) LG Yeonam Mungo, Myongji University







This is a scene of a tightrope walking performance of the Sotdaejaenggi itinerant troupe, depicted by Gisan Kim Jun-geun. It delivers the lively mood of the performance accompanied by samhyeon yukgak ensemble. Janggu part of

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the samhyeon yukgak accompaniment, along with haegeum, two piri, daegeum, and buk.





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#### Shin, Yunbok | Jeoseon | National Treasure No. 135





28.2cm (H), 35.3cm (W) | Gansong Museum of Art

The picture shows the sword dance in the late 18th century. The sword dance was derived from Hwangchangmu of Silla Dynasty,





and performed in private settings as well as entertainment realm of local governments. It is accompanied by samhyeon yukgak ensemble; the janggu player sitting next to the buk player at the far right is more prominent.





#### 'Seaksu' illustrated in Kim Hongdo's 〈Anneung sinyeongdo〉

#### Kim, Hongdo | The 10th year of Jeongjo (1786) Joseon

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**Dynasty | National Museum of Korea collection.** 

Kim Hongdo's 〈Anneung sinyeongdo〉 describes the procession in which the father of Yosanheon was appointed as the new





governor of Anneung, Hwanghae-do in 1785. The gestures and facial expressions of chwigosu and seaksu are drawn in a realistic and lively manner.





#### $\langle$ Shaman's Dance $\rangle$

#### Shin Yunbok | late Joseon Dynasty(18th century) 28.2cm (H), 35.6cm (W) | Gansong Museum of Art





# Janggu in Records and Relics



Shin Yunbok's paintings of shamans have us guessing old forms of shamanic music in the late Joseon Dynasty. Janggu, along with piri, jeotdae, haegeum, and jing, was played in shaman rituals.



## Materials | Procedure | Tools









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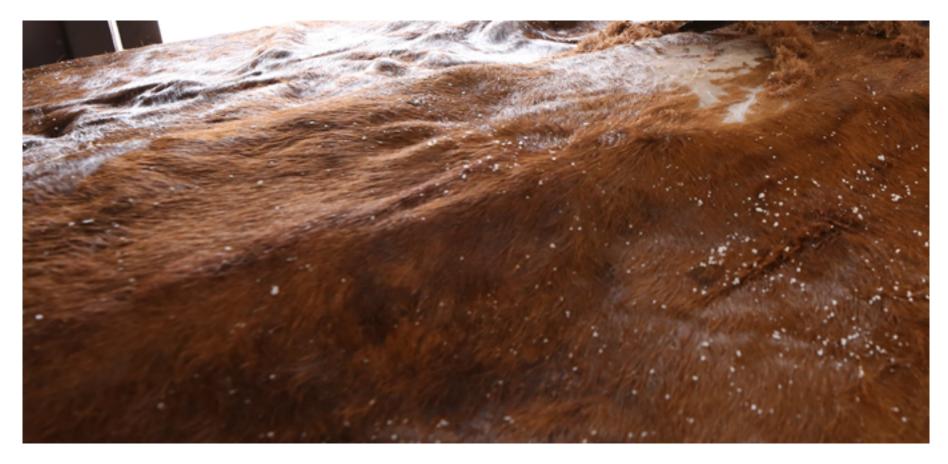


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#### Paulownia

Korean paulownia grown for at least 30 years makes a better acoustic sound. Paulownia with a denser growth ring grown on barren soil should be used for janggu.









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#### Leather

Generally, skins from dog and cow are used for janggu. Cowhide is used for bukpyeon producing lower-pitched sound while dog skin is used for chaepyeon producing higher-pitched sound.









#### Bamboo

The two kinds of sticks for playing janggu are made from bamboo. Gunggeulchae for bukpyeon is made from bamboo roots while yeolchae for chaepyeon is made by cutting a thin bamboo stem.

## Materials | Procedure | Tools



#### ① Selecting paulownia

Koran paulownia grown for at least 30 years should be used, and when it is felled, a tree with dense growth ring makes a better sound and reverberation.



## Materials | Procedure | Tools



#### ② Trimming paulownia

The primary work of trimming the outer surface of paulownia with an axe is done to make it balanced and strong. A log of paulownia should be cut and trimmed to create a better acoustic sound.

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## Materials | Procedure | Tools



#### ③ Trimming the outer surface

This is the final stage of the primary external work with a goal to balance the thickness of both sides and matching the strength of the wood to produce a good timbre.





#### **(4)** Aging naturally

The molded piece should go through a natural aging process in the open air for about 2~3 years.





#### ⑤ Carving the outer and inner shape

One needs to plane vertically using a knife ("milkal") and a sickle ("oknat"). It is necessary to work elaborately to adjust the natu-

ral density of the tree.



## Materials | Procedure | Tools



#### 6 Treating with heat

The surface is blackened around the growth ring in fire, a process that bonds the burned parts with humidity and further fills in the pores of the wood.





#### **⑦** Shaving the leather

Generally, dog and cow skins are used for janggu leather. Leather should be stored in for a week to prevent corruption. After removing hairs and oil, it is soaked in water and then shaved.



#### **® Cutting leather**

The leather is cut to fit for use. It needs fixing with nails to pull the entire surface evenly. The process of soaking the leather in water and then extending it more should be repeated 7~8 times.





The most important last step is to match the leather to the frame by sewing it.





#### 10 Making sticks

One needs to make gunggeulchae with bamboo roots and then the handle part wrapped with cloth. Yeolchae should be made by cutting the bamboo stem in pieces in a proper size.

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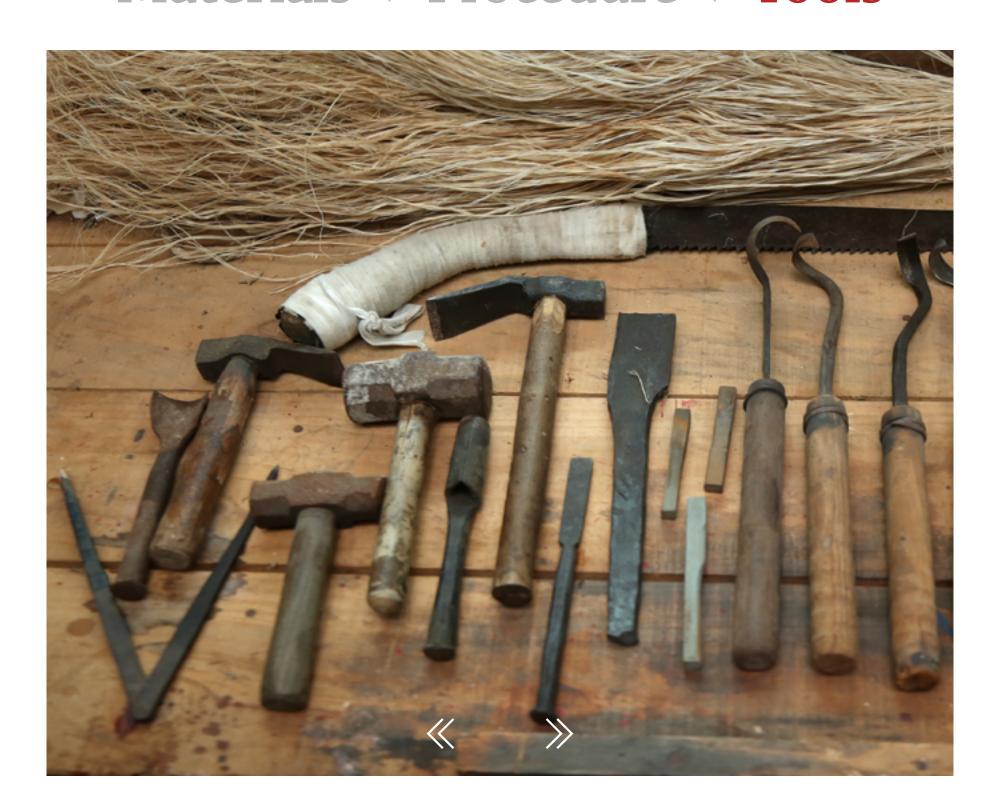
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# 1 Testing with making the sound after finishing the assembly

The final step of making janggu is to assemble the body of paulownia and the leather with the fastening tools. After the assembly is finished, the sound is tested by tapping the instrument directly and to confirm a good sound.

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These are the tools inherited from the first generation of master craftsmen, the grandfathers, and then the second generation, the fathers. These are the oldest tools that have been used since 1890 showing traces of how



the craftsmen devoted themselves to making janggu. The craftsmen's tools inherited from generation to generation embody the endurance that the master craftsmen experienced in making janggu.



## Details on Janggu

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# The Structure of Janggu



Among traditional percussion instruments, the janggu is the only percussion instrument that can be tuned. The structure of janggu is made up of three parts: two membranes (bukpyeon and chaepyeon), a wooden body (ullimtong) as a resonance box, and a fastening string (joimjul) for connecting the body and both membranes.

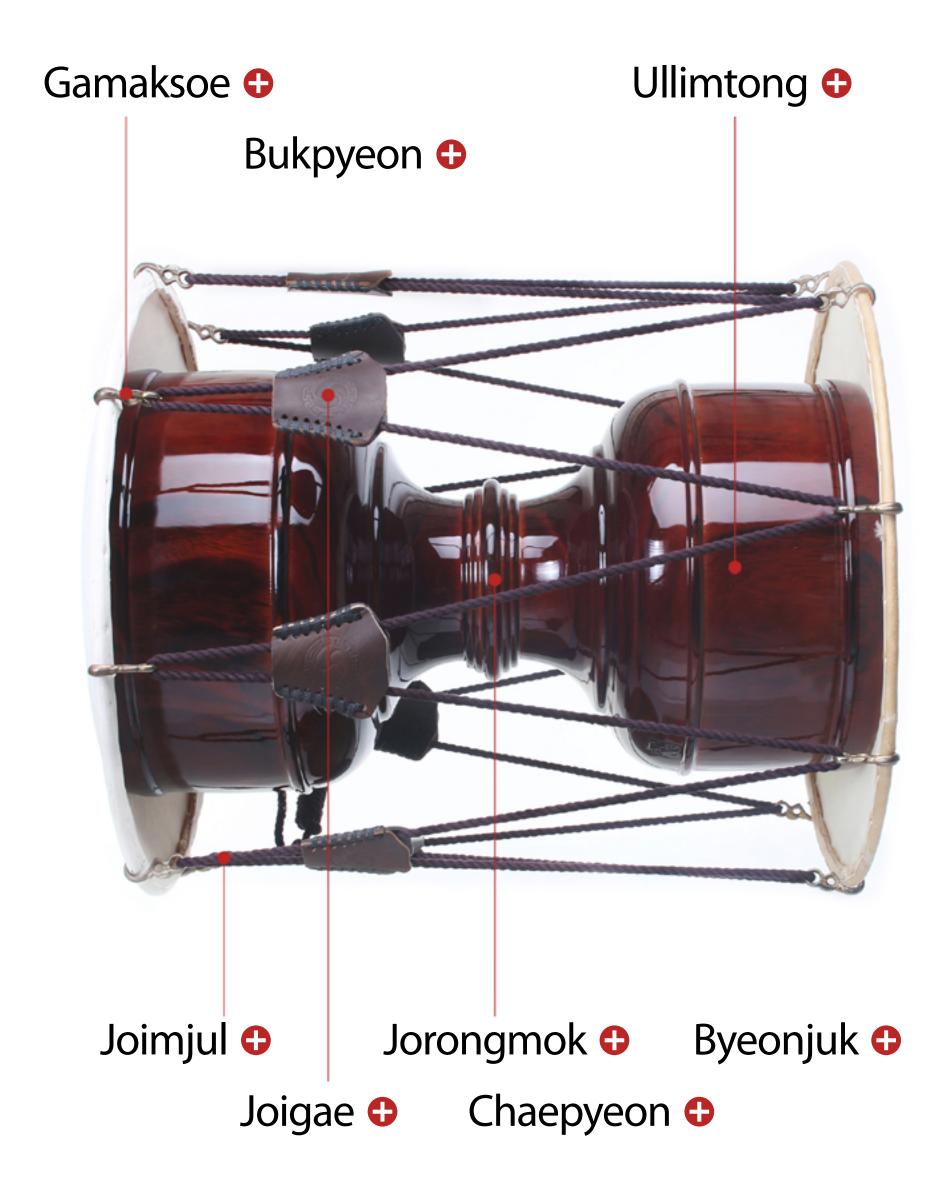


## Gunggeulchae and Yeolchae

Gunggeulchae and yeolchae are made from bamboo. Bukpyeon is played with the hand or gunggeulchae, while chaepyeon is played with yeolchae.



# Names of its Parts of Janggu



Move Janggu side to side



#### Jorongmok

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It is the concave part of the body, which connects the body for bukpyeon and chaepyeon. It is also called "ureumtong" (crying box) or "sangsamok" because there is supposed to be a "crying house" in it.



#### Gamaksoe

Gamaksoe, also called "geolgaengi," made of brass, is put onto the frame of janggu. It is finished with lacquer and plating to prevent corrosion on the surface of the leather.



Bukpyeon

Bukpyeon generally refers to the left membrane of janggu that uses thick leather. Because it reflects resonance directly, it makes deep and low sound. It is played with hand or gunggeulchae.



## Ullimtong (body)

#### Ullimtong, as the body made of paulownia, produces

resonance.





## Byeonjuk (rim)

# Byeonjuk refers to the leather part beyond the wooden body.





## Chaepyeon

Chaepyeon generally refers to the right membrane of janggu that uses thin leather and thus produces high-pitched sound. It is played with yeolchae.





## Joigae

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Known also as "joimsae," "chuksu," or "bujeon," Joigae, made of leather, functions to adjust volume and tone by tightening and loosening the strings. When tightening joigae toward chaepyeon, the janggu makes clearer sound.



## Joimjul (fastening string)

It is a thick string connecting bukpyeon and chaepyeon. Joimjul, also called sukba, is strung through gamaksoe.



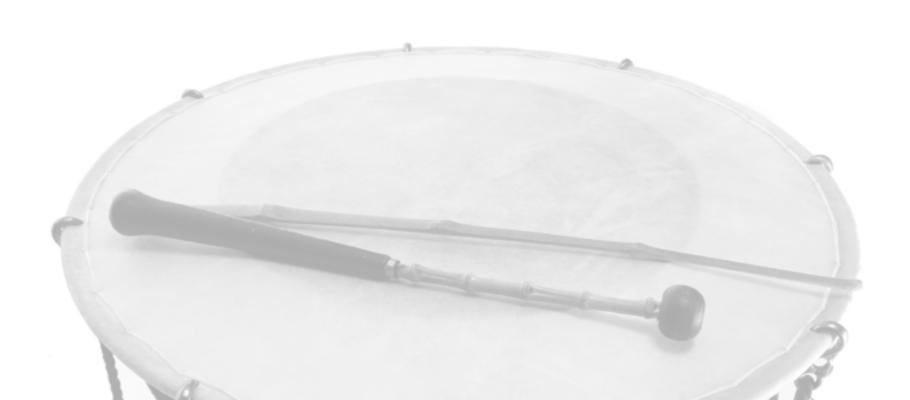


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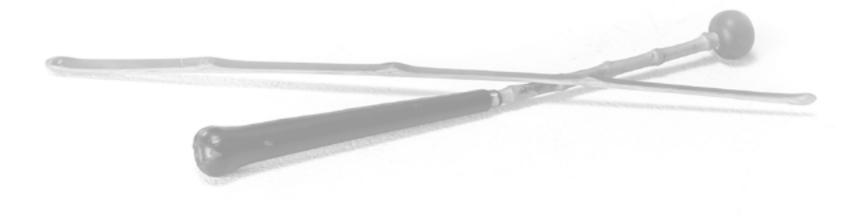
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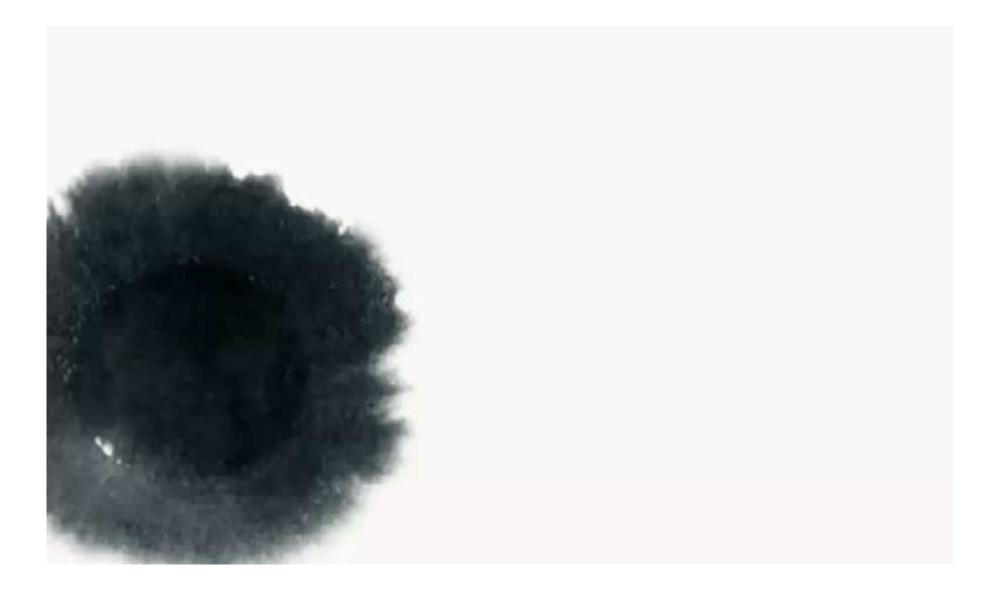


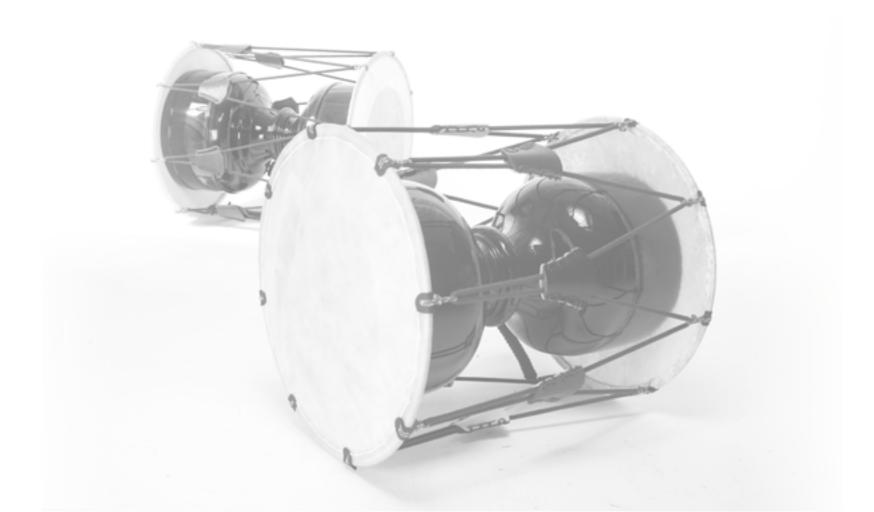
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## **The Usage of Janggu** Seoljanggu chum, introduced by Master Park Eunha





# How to Play Janggu

### The Performance Technique of Janggu, introduced by Prof. Yoo Gyeonghwa



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**Basic Posture** 

How to the Hold Sticks



The Example of Gutgeori Jangdan



### **Experience** with Janggu

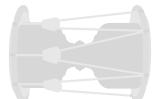
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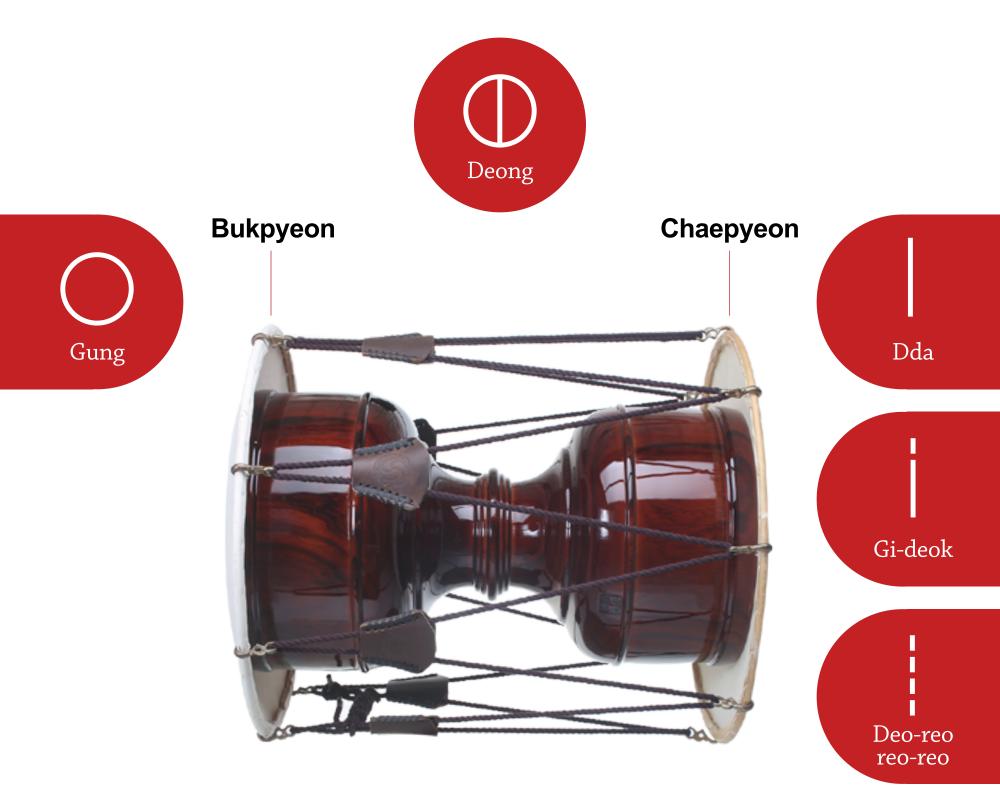


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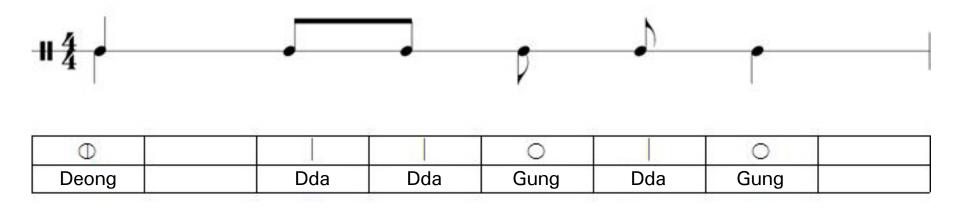


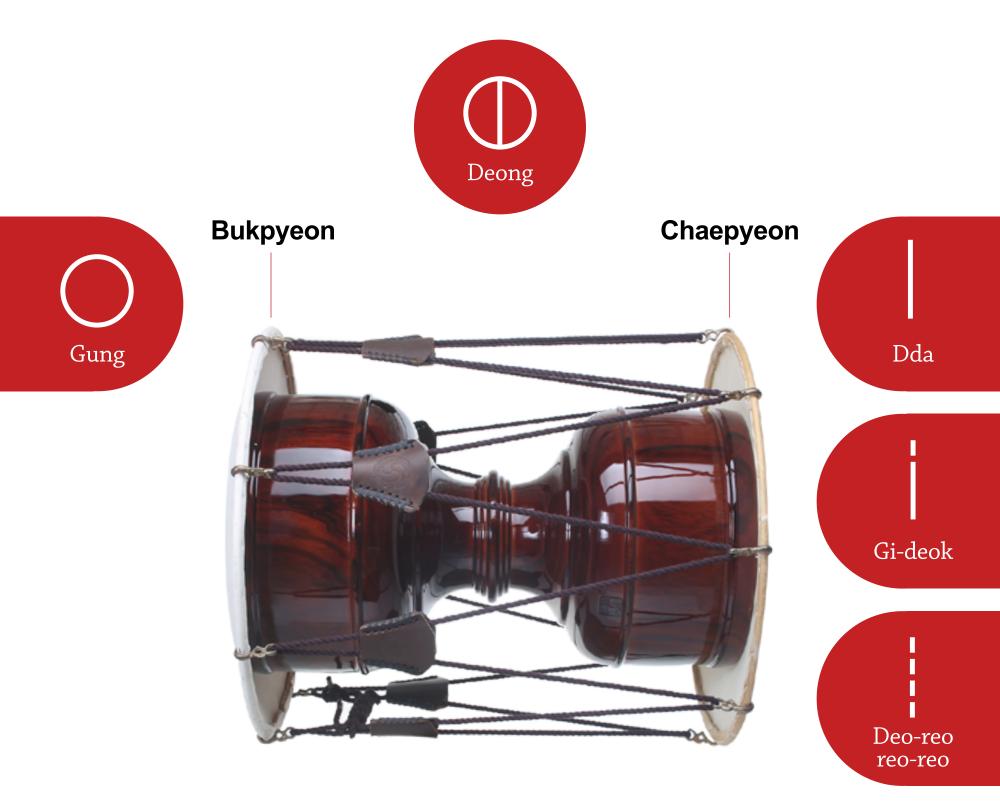
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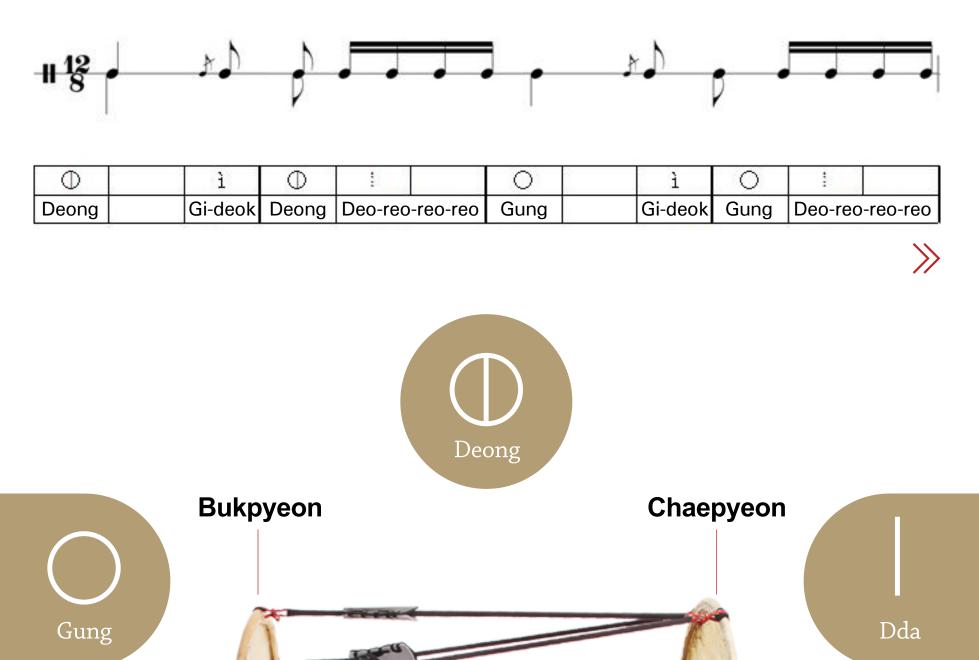


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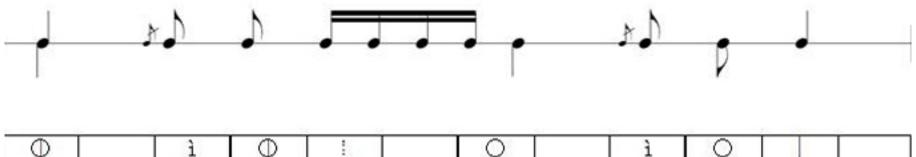


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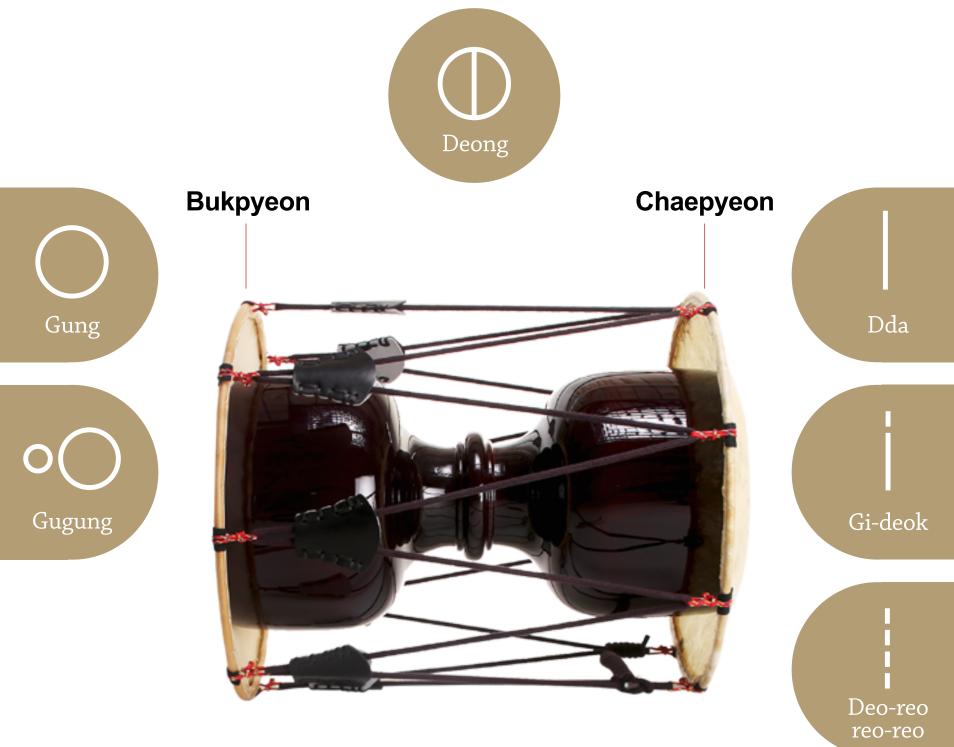


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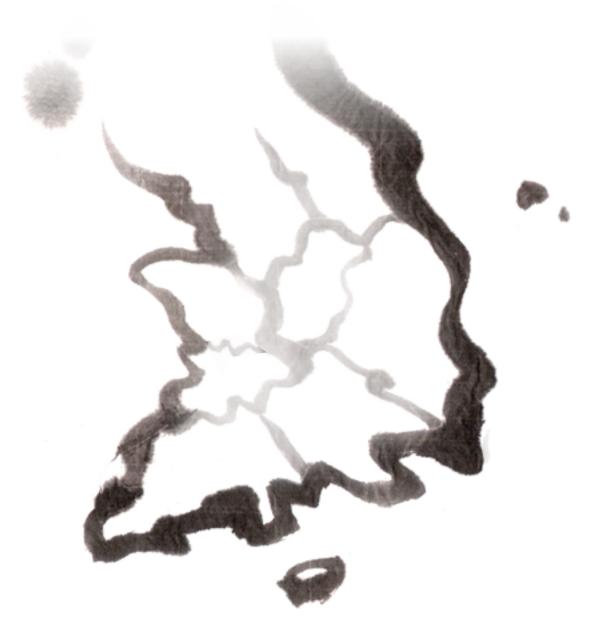
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Viewing of exhibition

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### Make an instrument

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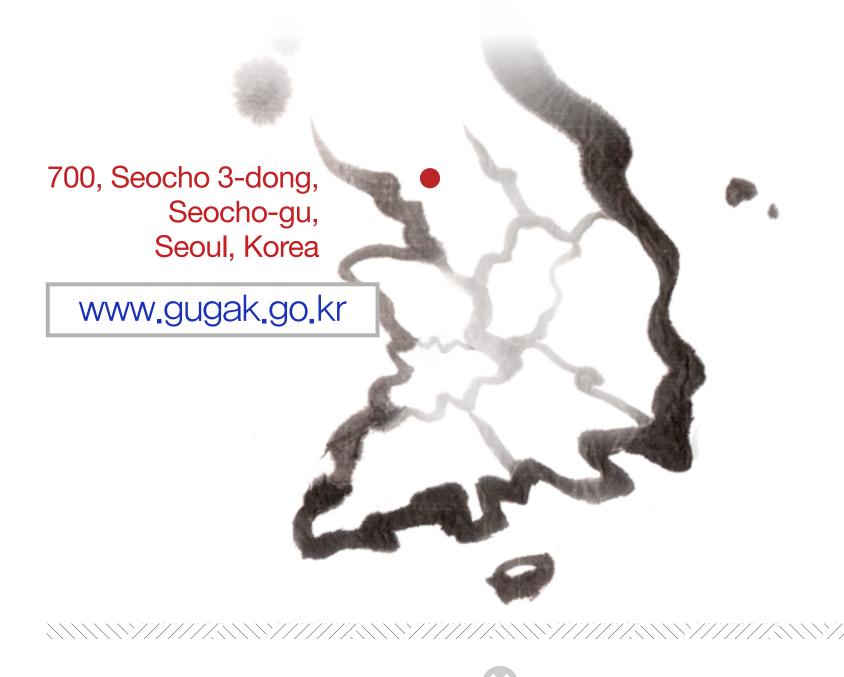
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### **On-going Stage on Saturdays** at the National Gugak Center





This stage is open for performances on Saturdays and all year from January to December. This is a permanent stage of the National Gugak Center where

you can appreciate representative Korean traditional dance, songs, and musical instrument performances in one place. In addition, you can see artistic talents listed on the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The stage performances are usually 80 minutes long, with entrance given to those who are schoolage children or older. For more detailed information, including possible discounts or packages, please call 02-580-3300 or contact homepage.





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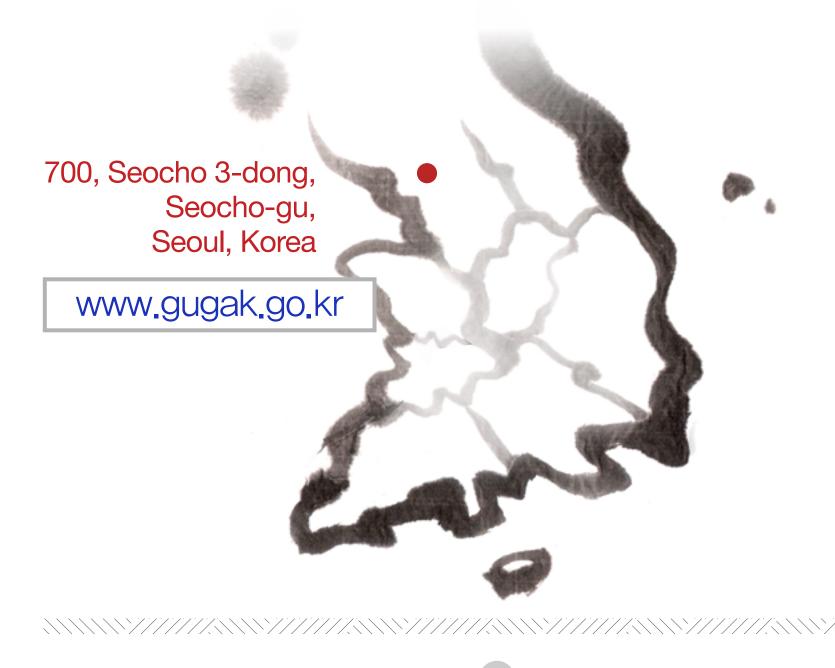
### The National Gugak Museum Musical Instrument Gallery





The National Gugak Museum, which is located inside the National Gugak Center in Seocho-Gu, Seoul, has a room called the 'Origin of Korean Music.' Here, you can see diverse relics, clay figures, and old instruments excavated in ancient times dating back to the Silla period. Also, on one side of the room, there is a small space which shows scenes of a gayageum manufacturing workroom. In addition, another room called the 'Music of the Common' displays instruments, and yet another room called the 'Music of Sejong the Great' exhibits the whole manufacturing process of pyungyung (a kind of traditional percussion made of stones). For more



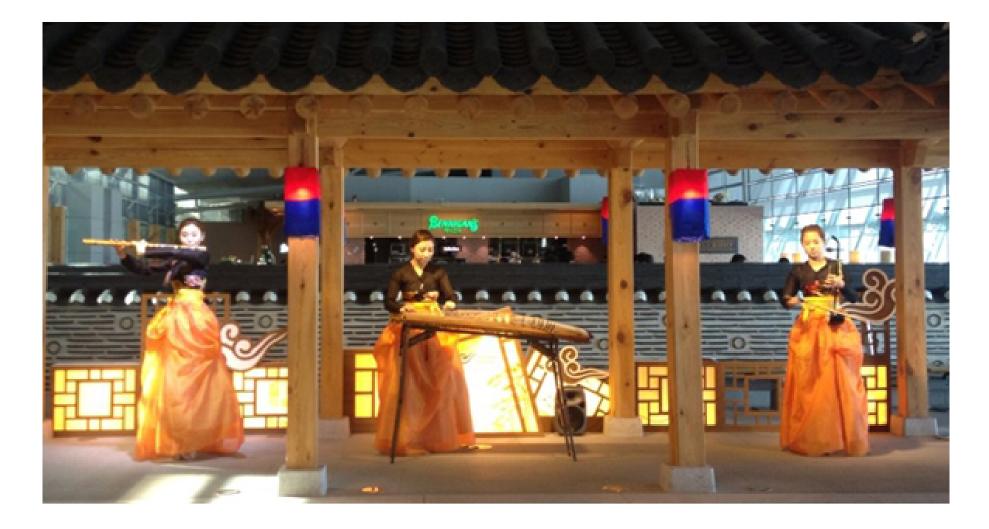


detailed information, please visit the homepage of the National Gugak Center.





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### Gugak permanent stage in Incheon International Airport



The Incheon International Airport offers Gugak performances all year round. If you visit the Korean Traditional Culture Center (located in the passenger terminal, duty free Area 3F, the east or west side—2 spots, and concourse 3F, the middle-west side—1 spot), you can enjoy Gugak performances of Korean traditional music and folk music. In addition, on the Korean Culture Street (located in the passenger terminal 4F), you can also appreciate creative music. For more detailed information, including performance schedules, call 032-743-0357 (the Korean Traditional Culture Center), or 032-741-3423





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#### (the Korean Culture Street)



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### **Gisan Gugak Hall**



1399, Sawol-ri Danseong-myeon, Sancheong-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do, Korea

This is a memorial hall for gugak theorist Heon-bong Park from Sancheong. Here, you can walk around the restored house of his birth and possibly experience playing traditional Korean instruments by yourself. This hall hosts a Gisan display room, an exhibition room, an education room, and an outside stage. In the Gisan display room and exhibition room, there are about 50 different kinds of traditional instruments to peruse. As the hall is affiliated with the village Namsayedam, a local attraction spot, the hall is open free of charge. It is located in Sancheong-gun, South Gyeongsang province.



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If you visit the website, you may get digital sources of diverse traditional Korean music and sounds. Especially on the category of "Eumwon-madang," you can easily search for diverse information such

as music played by traditional musical instruments

and the source of distinctive traditional sounds. In

addition, this website offers video clips and related

photo images at homepage.







### Short-term course for the general public, by the Korean Traditional Crafts & Architecture School





Located near the Samsung Subway Station in Seoul, the Korean Cultural Heritage Foundation gives

students opportunities to learn how to make Korean musical instruments in person from experienced musical instrument masters. With regards to course enrollment, participants are limited to about 15 people. An updated recruiting schedule is displayed on this homepage, or you may call or visit in person for more information. For more detailed information, call 02-3011-1702/1788.

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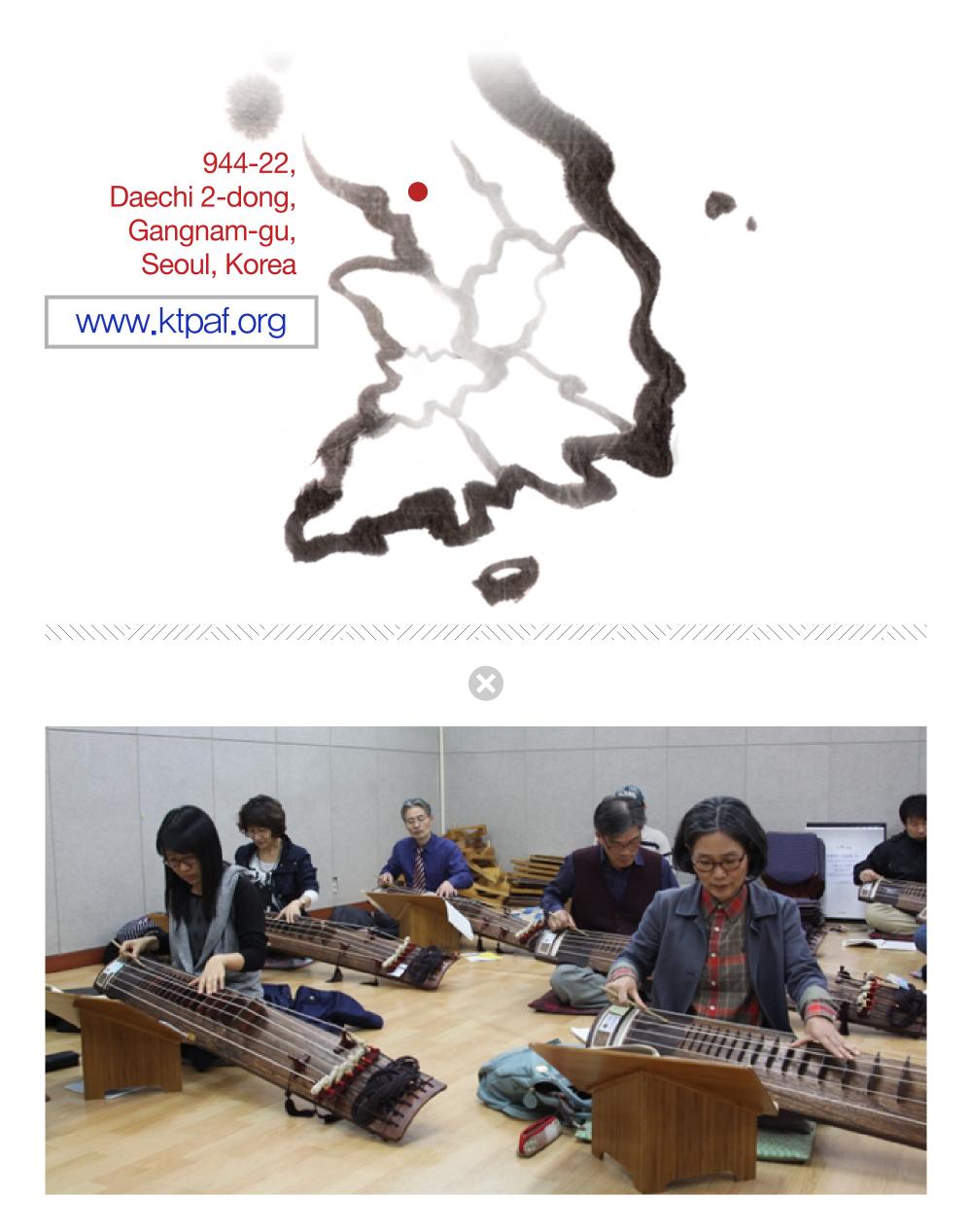
#### **Nangye Gugak Experience Hall**



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Located in Yeongdong-gun, Chungbuk province, this hall has reproduced workrooms for string and percussion instruments where you can also experience playing diverse instruments. Furthermore, if you visit the "Nangye Gugak Instrument Manufacturing Village" or "Nangye Gugak Museum," located near the hall, you can also see various traditional Korean music instruments, as well as the whole manufacturing process. For more information, please visit homepage.



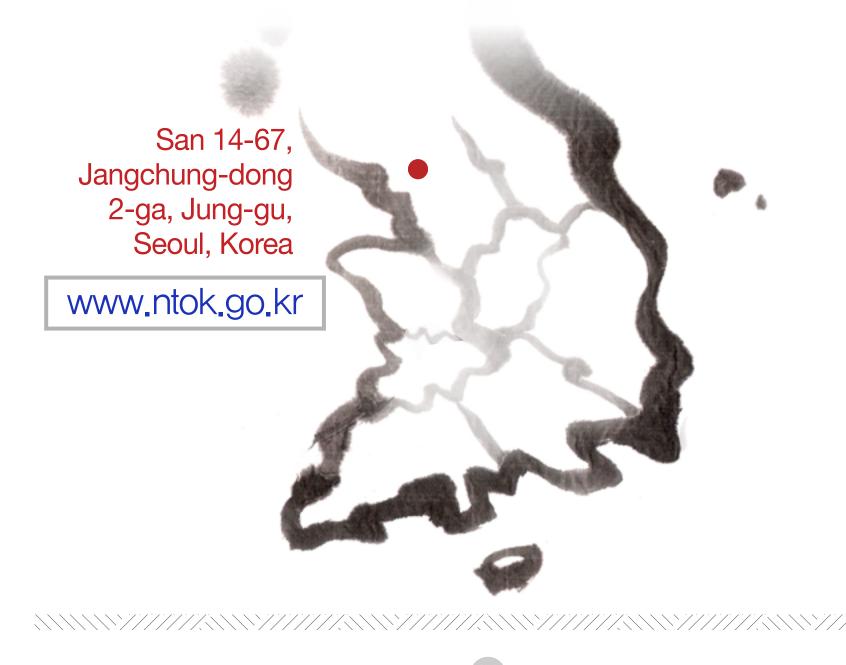
#### Korean Traditional Performing Arts Culture School



The Korean Traditional Performing Arts Foundation runs a culture school and offers courses for the general public in order to help spread knowledge of traditional Korean arts as well as raise public awareness of the importance of traditional culture. Within this school, students can learn a variety of Korean traditional music instruments through a systematic program that progresses from introductory courses for beginners, to intermediatelevel courses, to master-level courses for advanced learners. If you are interested in such courses, please visit the homepage or call 02-580-3141.



### Traditional Arts Academy at the National Theater of Korea



Located in Jung-gu, Seoul, the National Theater of Korea runs diverse gugak courses for the general audiences who have a passion and interest in traditional arts and music. Opportunities exist for learning gugak via professional lectures. Students may participate in level-appropriate programs from beginner to advanced courses. As the program is updated every year, prospective students need to check for new information on the program schedule, application method, and tuition fee at the following homepage.

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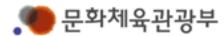
This school is located in Buyeo-gun, South Chungcheong Province. Within this school, you

can experience diverse traditional Korean cultures through such programs as learning "exciting samulnori," where you can experience rubbing a stone inscription, pottery making, or woodcraft. Enjoy the genuine value of the arts and the authenticity of traditional Korean culture. For more detailed information, please call (041) 832-0190 or access online at homepage.



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