

Heart & Seoul Programming

February

Made in Chicago Presents: K-pop Dance Festival

February 22 at 5:30 pm

All Ages

K-pop, the abbreviated name for Korean popular music, is eclectic, fun, and incredibly danceable. After checking out the K-pop studio in our Heart & Seoul exhibit, stick around for our Thursday night K-pop dance party!

Partner Organization: Move for God, youth dance troupe.

Korean Calligraphy

February 25 at 11 am & 2 pm

Ages four and up

Watch a demonstration of Korean calligraphy, and practice writing your name on rice paper in this traditional style.

Partner Organization: Korean Cultural Center of Chicago

March

Dol: A traditional birthday celebration

March 4 at 11 am

All Ages

Learn about dol, or doljanchi, a traditional Korean first birthday celebration. The highlight of the dol is a custom called the doljabi where the child is placed in front of a table of objects and urged to pick one. It is believed the one selected will foretell the child's future.

Partner Organization: Korean Cultural Center of Chicago

Taekwondo Demo

March 4 at 2 pm

All Ages

Watch a real-life Taekwondo demo and learn more about this ancient martial art form.

Organizational Partner: Korean American Sports Association

Taste of Korea

March 11, 11 am – 12:30 pm

All Ages

Ever tried Guimbop? This exploration of Korean cuisine will give you the chance. Watch cooking demonstrations and taste for yourself!

Partner Organization: Korean Women's International Network

Traditional Korean Games

March 18 at 11 am and 2 pm

All Ages

Kick, toss, aim and catch by playing games like Jegichagi, Tuho, Ttakji and Gongginor—just like Korean kids (and grown-ups) do.

Partner Organization: Korean American Association of Chicago

Korean Wood Carving Demo

March 25 at 11 am and 2 pm

Ages four and up

Come learn about this ancient art from—from its long history in Asia to its influence on current printing technology—and watch an artist in action.

Partner Organization: Korean Cultural Center of Chicago

Drumming Up Power

March 29 at 5:30 pm

All Ages

Experience the power of traditional Korean drumming! Youth drummers will teach families about the roots of traditional Korean drumming, the various instruments involved, and drumming as part of social change movements. Families will learn a number of basic rhythms using Janggu and Buk drums and practice a song together!

Partner Organization: The HANA Center After School Matters Youth Team

April

Hangeul: The Korean Alphabet

April 1 at 11 am & 2 pm

Ages four and up

Learn the history of Hangeul, the Korean alphabet and language. We'll look at samples of Korean books, make and decorate lanterns, design Korean names and more.

Partner Organization: Korean School Association of the Midwest

Korean Folk Tale & Immigrant Story

April 8 at 11 am and 2 pm

All Ages

Experience the past and the present with two stories! The first is a traditional Korean folk tale and the second is a modern-day story about life for kids in the US. Children will participate in an engaging reading and have a chance to share how they can be positive role models and leaders for other children.

Partner Organization: HANA Center

Korean Lanterns

April 22 at 11 am and 2 pm

Ages four and up

Korean lanterns are used to announce a marriage. Learn what the colors and fabrics symbolize and make your own beautiful lantern to take home.

Partner Organization: Korean Cultural Center of Chicago

Made In Chicago Presents: Traditional Taekwondo

Thursday, April 26 at 5:30 pm

Ages four and up

Children and youth from The Peace School will demonstrate the powerful actions of Traditional Taekwondo, a program rooted in ancient Korea that builds confidence, discipline and strength of mind and body. Master Charles Kim, President of The Peace School, will invite children in the audience to learn step-by-step self-defense moves.

Partner Organization: The Peace School

Paper Flowers & Spinning Tops

April 29 at 11 am and 2 pm

Ages four and up

We'll be celebrating Mu Gun Hwa, the Korean national flower, by creating folded paper flowers, making spinning tops, and decorating a map of Korea.

Partner Organization: National Unification Advisory Council

May

Korean Children's Day Holiday

May 5

Join us as we close out our Heart & Seoul exhibit with a Korean Children's Day Festival celebration!

The first 300 visitors will receive a special token gift from the National Folk Museum of Korea.

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