

Great and new melodies to introduce Mongolia to you

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When all Mongolians are celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Great Mongol State, a flow of tourists have already poured in to witness the homeland of the great emperor. What places they are visiting to learn more about Mongolian history and cultural heritage? The list is short, including museums like the National Museum of Mongolian History and few performances by folk music ensembles at clubs, but we have some good news.

This June there will be new and more importantly, regular performances by National Song and Dance Ensemble, Tumen ekh and Moon Stone ensembles and probably more will come in July.

The National Song and Dance Ensemble, consisting of over 100 highly professional performing artists, will introduce you 'The Wonders of Mongolian arts' of authentic folk arts in line with "The Legend of the Sun" and other best pieces in their repertoire. Their performance will be at 6pm on June 4, 8, 9, 15-17, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29 and 30. Unfortunately their performance is not available everyday as they share their venue with the State Drama Theater.

Established in 1989, Tumen ekh is one of the most experienced folk song and dance ensemble. The ensemble started their 'Mongol Melody' performance everyday and their special program 'The Ode to Eternal Heaven' in coincidence with the 800th anniversary of the Great Mongol Empire. Tumen ekh is located in the Children's Park, near the Seoul restaurant, 500meters walk to the south from the National Folk Song and Dance Ensemble.

The Moon Stone ensemble, located in the Tsuki house in the Seoul street offers two performances for anybody who's interested in Mongolian folk arts. The 'Mongol Melody of Great Steppe' is available everyday at 4pm, 6pm and 8pm and the Sun Worshipping historical performance is available on reservation. It's on the same street with the State Drama Theater, 500 m walk to the west, right behind the State Circus.

About the State Circus, they introduce this summer a completely new program, a Joint performance of Best circus performances and Mongolian folk art during June 5th – September 1, for the 800th anniversary of the Great Mongol State. And now walk some 600 meters to the west on Seoul street, you'll find the bd's Mongolian barbeque, which offers one and only theater in a restaurant performed by children. The 'Legends of the Steppe' band will tell you Mongolian history in a delightful combination of music, song and dance, puppets and film. The performance will start on June 2 till September 1, during the summer holiday of young performers.

The other feature of the month is the 'Roaring Hooves-9-10' International Music Festival, to be held during June 5-18 in Ulaanbaatar, Uvurkhangai and Khuvsgul provinces. The festival is a unique blend of countryside and city, foreign and Mongolian, contemporary and traditional. The majority of the festival will take place in the countryside, but three concerts will be preformed in UB for opening and closing ceremony. On June 5, at 4pm, the opening concert will be at the Choijin Lama Temple Museum, on 12th at 6pm at the State Philharmonic Hall and on 18th at 11am the closing concert at the Natural History Museum.

The Philharmonic Hall will start their performance in July and for more information, please refer to 'What's On' monthly arts events calendar developed by the Arts Council of Mongolia.