

Theater Seoul & The Patron Company
presents

CHOON-HYANG: A LOVE STORY OF THE FAR EAST

E4 UdderBELLY, Bristo Square (venue 300)

Friday 11 – Monday 28 August
11:50 (12:50)

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Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2006



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The talented young performers of Theater Seoul's Youth Musical Company proudly present Choon-Hyang, one of Korea's most beloved love stories of the past. Following in the footsteps of other great lovers throughout the centuries, the beautiful Choon Hyang and her true love Mong Ryong must overcome great treachery and deceit to defend what is most important to them...each other!

Choon Hyang is one of the most famous and beloved traditional stories in Korea, similar in importance as Romeo and Juliet is in the West. This story was written by an anonymous author in the mid-period of Chosun Dynasty, (1392-1910). It has been endlessly recreated in various art forms such as films, plays and Pansori (Korean traditional narrative song). This is a story of fidelity, feminine virtue and love which transcended the boundaries of traditional classes.

The story takes its name from the heroine, Choon Hyang who happened to meet with Lee Mong Ryong, a son of a noble family who instantly fell in love with her and received her mother's permission for them to marry. Mong Ryong is called away to the capital city and in the meantime a new governor named Pyon, who has heard about the beauty of Choon Hyang arrives and demands her love. But Choon Hyang repeatedly refuses his order and is finally put into jail and later sentenced to death. Will Mong Ryong arrive back in time to save his beloved? How will he defeat the corrupt and cruel Pyon? And will Choon Hyang still be waiting for him after all this time?

Theater Seoul was established in October 1995 to produce English language musicals as part of the education of Korean teenagers learning English. English musicals are used as an expedient for live linguistic education by reciting the play over and over. Theater Seoul's teenage members have performed many English musicals for the first time in Korea whilst building confidence and skills. Choon Hyang was first staged as a special project in 2002 to celebrate the Seoul World Cup and was remounted in 2005 to go on tour in the USA before its European premiere at the E4 UdderBELLY on the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

This visually stunning show is performed by the company of 20 teenagers using a mixture of painted pictures, Korean traditional dance and songs. The dance concentrates on expressing Korean traditional folding fans and ceremonial coronet dance which are very magnificent.

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Listings Information:

Musicals & Opera

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Venue 300: E4 UdderBELLY, Bristo Square

Preview: 9 – 10 August

Dates: 11 – 28 August

Time: 11:50 (12:50)

Tickets:

£5: Preview 9 – 10 August

£11 and (£9): 11 – 13, 18 – 20, 25 – 28 August

£10 and (£8): 14 – 17, 21 – 24 August

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