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Korean Show and Attractions for Dance Enthusiasts

The Korean entertainment industry is gaining increasing global recognition. While there are many international fans of K-pop idols, this can be taken to a new level by following and admiring their backup dancers and choreographers.

To give more background, MNET, a Korean television channel, premiered a dance competition programme named 'Street Woman Fighter' in 2021. Previously, most people accessed dance content only through K-pop. However, during the show, people were exposed to another level of dance performances produced by professional dancers of various genres, such as choreography, hip-hop, waacking, krump, and locking. As a result, the show participants gained celebrity-like attention. Previously, dance-related occupations lacked recognition and were even viewed negatively by some people.

However, the dance boom has contributed to increasing general awareness of dancers. The influence has continued through subsequent seasons. For Kiwi dance enthusiasts, you may have heard about New Zealand dancers' (Kirsten Dodgen, Ling Zhang and Emma Huch) participation in Street Woman Fighter 2 in 2023.



Jamsil Sports Complex, Seoul Venue of Street Woman Fighter 2021

This year, Stage Fighter will premiere in September. Unlike the previous seasons which introduced street dance, male dancers from ballet, contemporary dance and Korean dance backgrounds will make appearances in the upcoming season. Many new attractions are expected to become popular due to the new series. The following are recommended destinations for people who wish to engage with this unique emerging dance trend.

Dance Studios

Recently, Korean dance studio classes taught by the show's participants and other talented dancers experienced a significant increase in bookings. A one-day lesson is a way to experience Korean's passion for dance. It offers a range of levels (including beginner level) and instructors. 1MILLION Dance Studio in Seongdong-gu, Seoul, YGX and JustJerk Dance Academy in Mapo-gu, Seoul are the most renowned, having also made appearances in the previous seasons.



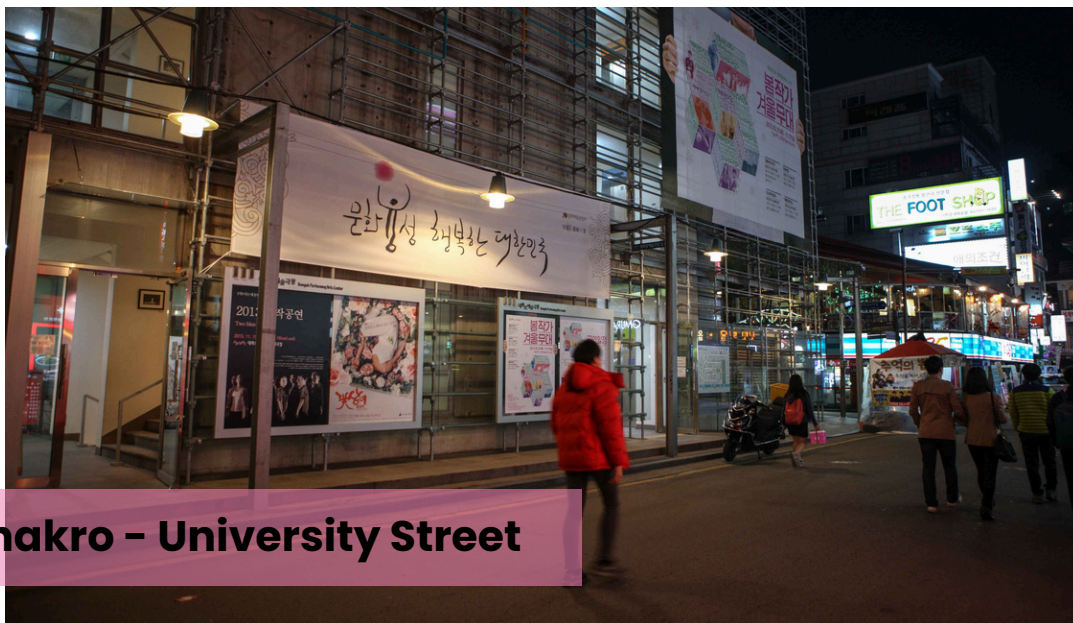
1MILLION Dance Studio

Street Stage Fighter Concert

In previous seasons, nationwide concerts were held at the end of each year. Hence, it is highly likely for Stage Fighter to have special concerts as well. Compared to other dance performances, the special concerts gather performers from various dance backgrounds in one place, and they perform what was showcased during the show.

Daehakro

Daehakro, meaning University Street, is a cultural hub in Jongno-gu, Seoul. For many Koreans, Daehakro is considered an iconic place for performing arts. The area is concentrated with art halls and offers various performances, including dance performances, plays and musicals.



Daehakro - University Street

National Jeongdong Theatre of Korea

For people who are looking for performances unique to Korea, National Jeongdong Theatre of Korea in Jung-gu, Seoul is renowned for showcasing performances that fuse modern and traditional elements.



Deoksugung sidewalk leading to Jeongdong Theatre of Korea

Other Art Centres & Halls

Other than places listed above, there are many art centres and art halls in Korea. For people who want to engage with the theme of Stage Fighter, Seoul Arts Centre in Seocho-gu, Seoul and Sejong Centre in Jongro-gu, Seoul are renowned venues for ballet and contemporary dance.



Sejong Centre and Gwanghwamun Plaza