

KOREAN CULTURE NIGHT



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April 6, 2023

Welcome to UCLA's Korean Culture Night!

This year marks our campus' 31st annual Korean Culture Night showcase — the largest Korean-American student production in the nation — hosted by the Hanoolim Korean Cultural Awareness Group. Each year, students proudly recognize and celebrate traditional and modern aspects of Korean and Korean American culture through a rich array of dance, music and theatrical performances.

Tonight's program will shine a light on the unique experiences of first-generation Korean Americans, delving into the challenges they face from generational trauma and their triumphs in navigating dual cultures. Through these performances, students will explore a variety of emotions and share the profound impact these life-changing moments have on individuals and their families.

Thank you to our students and to Hanoolim for this annual production. I am incredibly grateful to our Korean and Korean American students for expressing and sharing their perspectives and incredible talents with our community.

Sincerely,

Gene D. Block
Chancellor



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It is with great excitement that I present to you this year's UCLA Korean Culture Night "Meet Me Where I Am". A play that explores the complex relationships between generations of Korean immigrants and their parents.

Through this play, we aim to shed light on the struggles that many of us face when trying to bridge the gap between our Korean parent's heritage and our personal American upbringing. We hope to capture the essence of the cultural clashes that often arise between parents and their children, particularly when it comes to issues such as education, career choices, and relationships.

At its core, this play is a provoking exploration of the intricate relationships between mother and daughter, and the challenges that arise when there are no efforts to compromise on either side. Through humor, heartache, and everything in between, we hope to take you on a journey that is both thought-provoking and emotionally resonant. We recognize that the themes explored in this play are deeply personal and may be difficult for some members of our audience. However, we believe that it is important to have these conversations, to explore the nuances of these relationships, and to foster greater understanding between different generations and cultures.

We are incredibly grateful to our talented cast and crew, who have poured their hearts and souls into this production. We hope that you will join us in experiencing the joys and challenges of the first-generation Korean-American experience.

Sincerely,
Lauren Lee



PRODUCER'S NOTE

Dearest family, friends, and the UCLA community,

I'd like to give you all a warm welcome to the 31st annual Korean Culture Night production, "Meet Me Where I Am".

Last year was our first production in 3 years due to the pandemic, and I'm happy that we are able to continue our yearly production once again like we did in the past. Each year, KCN aims to focus and highlight a different aspect of Korean culture, society, or history. This year, we chose to focus on a topic that many of us likely resonate with and have personal experiences with ourselves: the first-generation Korean-American immigrant experience and the sacrifices and hardships that result from it. Oftentimes with this experience also comes generational trauma and strict expectations for the generations that follow. Therefore, we hope to present a story of hope and healing as each character takes a step towards understanding each others' perspectives and mending their relationships with one another.

It has been an honor to have the privilege of producing this year's production and seeing everyone's hard work being put into making this show a reality. Having been part of KCN for the past 3 years, it's been so rewarding to see how much KCN has grown year after year. My first year, KCN was a docuseries due to the pandemic, and last year, numbers were smaller than past productions as it was our first year back in-person. This year, we have grown to over 100 members participating in our production, all who have dedicated their hard work and time these past 3 months into preparing for today's show.

I want to thank you all once again for joining us tonight for our 31st annual Korean Culture Night at Royce Hall. All of our members prepared very hard for this night, so I hope you enjoy the show!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lim

Act I

1. Morning Routine
2. Cafe Date
3. Drinks? You Went Drinking?
4. Walk in the Park
5. Cooking Together
6. Thunder

K-Pop: Storm

7. Where Are We?
8. Sunghee's House
9. A Bowl of Tteokbokki
10. Reunion
11. Study Date

Taekwondo: 1988

Intermission

Act II

1. Family Ties
2. Missing Person's Ad
3. Complicated Bonding
4. The Plan
5. Girl's Night

KCN Modern: Life

6. THE Birthday Party
7. Listen
8. Die Hard

KCN Traditional : New Chapter

9. Home



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Cast

Jonathan Chi Natalie Sung
as Kang Eugene as Park Sunghee

Lauren Lee Evan Cho
as Kang Jaewon as Kang Won

Clara Kang Ellis Kim
as Shin Eunseo as Lee Yuree

Daniel Hong Gene Jeoung
as Kim Daehwan as Park Youngi

Seoyeon Hong Elaine Yan
as Chung Haneul as Ha Haru

Traditional

Ashley Kim Linette Choi

Alice Yoon Melodie Ahn

Chloe Kim Min Choi

Daisie Lee Sherine Kim

Jamie Park Victoria Yu

Jordyn Lee

Set

Joanne Yuh Jun Ryu

Jasmine Chung Madeline Lee

Isaiah Han Esther Lee

Caitlin McCurdy Toby Yang

Matthew Lee Samuel Chun

Erin Kwak Jonah Jung

Irene Kim Kayleen Chang

Joyce Lee Jamie Choi

Modern

Seoyeon Hong Renee Ma

Julieta Martinez Sarah Chi

Joyce Li Sarah Yoon

Aaron Jun Momo Solano

Toby Ryu Hannah Song

Joseph Moon Lynne Duong

Noelan Hum Andrew Nguyen

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Taekwondo

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Derrick Kwak Jeremiah Leonor
Eugene Kimura Aiden Begole
Erica Seo Yejin Lee
Justin Dao Sandhya Seetharaman
Rachel Chan Olivia Guan
Michael Song Allison Chen
Renee Zhao Kimberly Maynard
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TRAVEL

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Visit Jeollanamdo and discover its many charms such as wide open tidal flats, ancient temples and folk villages, clean waters, and unique cultural experiences. It is home to Naju city, a hub for natural textile dyes, Gangjin county, the historic center for Korean ceramics, and Yeosu city, famous for its nightlife by the sea, to name a few.

FOOD

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PERFORMANCE TEAMS



MODERN

KCN Modern fits into UCLA's thriving hip-hop dance culture in a unique way. With open auditions, KCN Modern allows dancers from varying skill sets, dance teams, and cultural backgrounds to unite in celebrating Korean culture.



TRADITIONAL

The traditional Korean fan dance is based on the history of the Joseon Dynasty court dances and ceremonial dances performed by shamans. The dancers, adorned in colorful traditional Korean hanboks, utilize fans to portray powerful flora imagery.



K-POP

Launched in September 2016, KBM is a UCLA-based team under the K-Pop International Student Association. KBM features a group of UCLA students who wish to share their love for K-Pop and Korean hip-hop dance culture through their dance covers.



TAEKWONDO



Founded in 2005, UCLA Taekwondo is part of the UCLA Club Sports program and is governed by the National Collegiate Taekwondo Association. Taekwondo predominately focuses on kicking and includes both sparring and poomsae (forms). UCLA Taekwondo attends a variety of competitions so members can showcase their abilities and connect with other people passionate about Taekwondo.

Cast



Jonathan Chi

Thank you BCD for your kind donation to this production.



Lauren Lee

Thank you to my family, my community, Kiko and Riley, and most importantly, thank you Jesus for always meeting me where I am.



Natalie Sung

Thank you 엄마, 아빠, and 언니 for always loving and supporting me! Thank you to my apartment girls and friends for everything as well, and thank you God!



Ellis Kim

Thank you Jesus that I can celebrate and bring voice to my Korean-American identity. God, you made me ~PERFECTLY~ ... in your image.



Clara Kang

Love you so much fam!



Evan Cho

hi friends and fam! thanks for coming out to watch! you're awesome- no, we're awesome! i love us!



Daniel Hong

To all generations of Koreans and Korean Americans who have paved the way for our generation and future generations, thank you.



Gene Jeoung

Thanks mom and dad!

Executive



Soyeon Hong

Thank you KCN
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Elaine Yan

My deepest gratitude to my family, my friends, and KCN for everything. Special thanks to Ben, Daniel, and the usual crew. Much love! #uclakcn2023 #kcn31



Jennifer Lim

all glory to God for making this production happen! thank you to my family & friends for the support, and KCN members for all your hard work <3



Lauren Lee

I cannot thank my family (esp you oppa :) and friends (jos&hanna) enough for encouraging and pushing me when I most needed it. This one's for you guys!



Clara Kang

Love you so much fam!



Jenny Yoo

Thank you KCN
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Euna Lee

thank you to my family,
friends, and kcn ! <3



Praus Paek

Thank you KCN
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Joanna George

Thank You God for
bringing this production to
life, and thank you to
family, friends, and
everyone who's here to
see our work!



Jessica Son

Thank you KCN
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Young Kim

TYSM to my 9th floor
olympians family and
friends. my chair may be
broken but yall help me
standing the past few
quarters ~~~.



Nicole Myung

I had so much fun working
on KCN. Thank you
everyone for coming and
seeing all the hard work
we put into this!! Enjoy the
show!

Creative



Erin Kwak

Good job to everyone in
KCN for creating such a
wonderful production.
Thank you to Mini, family,
and friends for being in my
life!



Victoria Yu

shoutout to my sister
joyce, if she's even here



Jonathan Park



Brian Kim

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Hailey Jeon

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Yeon Joo Nam

ily Jenny Yoo <3



Jennifer Lee

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Albert Hsu

Thank you KCN
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Ashton Chung

I edit on my LeapFrog 2-
in-1 LeapTop Touch !



Ted Song

i love the theater! also
shoutout to my fam, you
know who you are!

Set



Joanne Yuh

Thank you KCN for the
wonderful memories and
experience!



Jun Ryu

shoutout set best team
lets goooo



Jasmine Chung

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Isaiah Han

howdy



Matthew Lee

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Caitlin McCurdy

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Joyce Lee

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Erin Kwak

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Irene Kim

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Madeline Lee

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Esther Lee

SHOUTOUT TO ODCC



Tobias Yang

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Samuel Chun

Thank you KCN
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Jonah Jung

shoutout my ops

Traditional



Kayleen Chang

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Jamie Choi

ball blast



Ashley Kim

life's a party! thank you to
all you lovely people for
one last lovely year! <3



Victoria Yu

shoutout to my sister
joyce, if she's even here

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Alice Yoon

Thank you KCN
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Chloe Kim

Thank you to my loving and supportive family, friends, and team. I love you all endlessly!!! Huge shoutout to UCLA KCM and Citizens Church LA. All glory to God! ♡



Daisie Lee

Shoutout to my TRADDIE BADDIES!! Thank you Ashley and KCN for this special opportunity~ Sending lots of love to my parents, rosie, friends, and SOON <3



Jamie Park

to my family, friends, and God who remind me that life is good: thank you! ♡



Jordyn Lee

To my amazing family and friends, thank you for your endless love and support! I am so grateful to share this moment with you. All glory to God!



Linette Choi

shoutout to traddie baddies c: love u mom & dad <3



Melodie Ahn

Shoutout to the Ahn FamBam! You guys are truly FANTastic ;)



Min Choi

thank you to my family and friends <3 and thank you God, all glory to you

Modern



Sherine Kim

thank you God for KCN & thank you trad girls for the mems : D and thank you for being here!



Seoyeon Hong

Celebrating our beautiful culture! Thank you Modern <3



Lynne Duong

Thank you KCN
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Julieta Martinez

Go hard like! Hit the stage like! KCN MODERN W('O')W

wang KOREA and SURASANG 수라상 and Sukina are family.

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Hope to see your faces soon!



Joyce Li

Thank you everyone on the team for working so hard and getting pushed to your limits! Ty Seoyeon and Julieta for always going along with my shenanigans and balancing me out Alexxa & Sophie, tysm for helping me with the creative process and your guidance. #AlldaylikeWOOOOO



Aaron Jun

Shoutout Modern team, KCM peeps, and Open Door fam!!!



Toby Ryu

thank you ma pa and bra



Joseph Moon

엄마 아빠! 온 마음다해 사랑해요! 공연 재밌게 봐요! swag



Noelan Hum

Thank you KCN #uclakcn2023 #kcn31



Andrew Nguyen

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Renee Ma

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Sarah Chi

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Sarah Yoon

Thanks Modern! I've learned so much from my time with you guys, hope we hit the stage like-



Momo Solano

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Hannah Song

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Alexa Pham

Thank you KCN for giving my team (KBM Dance) this opportunity! Especially thank you to all the people that planned and led our Kpop set (Leila, Valerie, Angela, Rita, Amber, and Jenna)! Although my dad and uncle couldn't make it to the show, I'd like to shout out to them as well!



Alix Maung

thank u KBM!!



Allison Lee

Thank you KCN
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Amber Tsao

thunder



Angela Wang

do it one more time 🌈🌈🌈



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Dahlia Liu

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Erin deCasongrene

Thank you KCN
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Grace Lee

i'll meet you at 5:53 ♡



Helen Feng

Thanks KBM for being my first dance team! Looking forward to the great experiences to come <3



Jason Ma

Thanks to KCN and KBM I-ship for this opportunity to perform!!!



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Jenna Shigeta

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Jessica Chen

Thank you KCN for having us perform, and thank you to our dance leads for their hard work planning and leading our set!! <3.



Jess Waybright

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Kiara Okuwaki

"KBM's going all the way"



Kyungmin Lee

Thank you KCN
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Leila Okahata

Thanks to KBM Dance and all my lovely friends and family members who have supported me throughout my journey as a performer!



Nandana Suresh

Thank you KCN
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Rita Yang

Thank you KCN
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Sandra Foxx

Thank you KCN
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Shannon Yep

Thank you KCN
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Shirley Cao

woohoo !



Sophie Kim

stan ateez :D



Sunny Wu

Thank you to the KBM directors and dance leads for making this possible!
ILY <3

TKD!



Valerie Chang

KBM, let's do it one more time~ Thanks y'all for all your hard work <3



Vy Tran

Never let me cook.



Wasil Wahi

Shout out to my #BrownBoyz for coming out and supporting me always -- y'all the best! #meatlove4ever



Sharlene Duong

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Derrick Kwak

Shoutout to my mom



Eugene Kimura

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Erica Seo

Thank you KCN #uclakcn2023 #kcn31



Justin Dao

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Rachel Chan

Y'all idk why Victoria is so obsessed with me... y'all better watch out for this criminal. Anyways, s/o to myself because I'm the realest person i know <3



Michael Song

Thank you KCN #uclakcn2023 #kcn31



Renee Zhao

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Holly Huang

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Christina Chang

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Reika Gong

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Euan Tseng

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Kaylana Lee

I'm so excited to be in KCN, and I would like to thank my family, friends, and fellow tkd members for supporting me! Love you all <3.



**Gayathri
Eleswarapu**

Thank you KCN
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Collin Le

Thank you KCN
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Victoria Lee

If having too much rizz was a crime then I'd be facing the death penalty!! Anyways, s/o to my fellow KCN participant Rachel for being the love of my life <3



Yejin Lee

Thank you KCN
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Adarsh Chilkunda

hi friends! Thanks for coming, y'all are great :)



Jeremiah Leonor

woohoo !



Aiden Begole

Thank you KCN
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Shilin Chen

Thank you KCN
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**Sandhya
Seetharaman**

Thank you KCN, and my
teammates! #uclakcn2023



Olivia Guan

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Allison Chen

Thank you KCN
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**Kimberly
Maynard**

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Nithya Madhu

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Aireyon Meza

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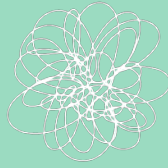
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Brandon Cho

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