

ANNEX – SOME EXAMPLES OF KEY ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS IN SOUTH KOREA

October 2025: Arts & Culture Festivals

1. Seoul Performing Arts Festival (SPAF)

- **Dates:** October 1–20 (est.) 2025
- **Location:** Seoul (various venues including Seoul Arts Center, Daehakro)
- **Highlights:** Flagship performing arts festival in Korea, hosted by KAMS (Korea Arts Management Service).
- **Includes:**
 - Contemporary theater, dance, opera, interdisciplinary works
 - International productions
 - Premieres of experimental Korean stage works

2. Jarasum International Jazz Festival

- **Dates:** October 17–19, 2025
- **Location:** Jarasum, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do
- **Highlights:** Over 100,000 attendees enjoy performances by international jazz artists. Features a diverse lineup of global jazz musicians.

3. Seoul Mediacity Biennale

- **Dates:** August 26 – November 23, 2025
- **Location:** Seoul Museum of Art (SeMA), Seoul
- **Highlights:** Themed around new media and digital culture, the 13th edition is curated by global figures Anton Vidokle, Hallie Ayres, and Lukas Brasiskis. It features international artists and explores urban, social, and technological issues

November 2025: Arts & Culture Festivals

1. Jeonju International Sori Festival

- **Dates:** Typically held in October
- **Location:** Jeonju, Jeollabuk-do
- **Highlights:** Celebrates traditional Korean music (gugak) and world music, featuring performances and workshops.
- **International Collaboration:** Hosts artists from various countries, fostering cultural exchange.

3. Daegu International Opera Festival

- **Dates:** Typically held in mid-October
- **Location:** Daegu Opera House, Daegu
- **Highlights:** Asia's largest international opera festival, featuring grand opera performances and various programs.
- **International Collaboration:** Hosts foreign productions and renowned artists from around the world.