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The largest Korean cultural festival of its kind in the United States will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29, in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

The event will feature the festival's opening ceremonies, followed by a presentation of Korean costumes by Korea's foremost designer, Greta Lee; dances by Korea's 25-member Park Seo Ok Dance Company, and a reception for the artists.

San Diego Mayor Susan Golding has proclaimed the month of February as Korean Cultural Month in San Diego. Last year's celebration took place over a two-week period and presented some of Korea's finest artists.

Among events scheduled for the 1994 festival are the American premieres of four Korean contemporary films: *First Love* by Lee Nyung-sae; *Marriage Story* by Kim Ui-sik; *Our Twisted Hero* by Park Chong-won and *Sopyonje* by Im Kwon-Taek.

Also featured will be the premiere exhibition in the United States of paintings and typography from the Koryo Dynasty (918-1392 A.D.), and traditional dance performances by two of North America's best-known Korean American companies: the Korean-American Folk Dance Company and the Korean Pongsan Mask Dance Institute.

There will be lectures by Washington State representative Dr. Paul Shin; professor Young Hwan Kihl of Iowa State University and Professor Choong-Shik Chang of Dongguk University, Seoul, Korea.

The festival schedule follows:

Opening Ceremonies, Korean Costumes by Greta Lee, Park Seo Ok Dance Company and artists reception, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29, UCSD Mandeville Auditorium. G.A. \$18, students and seniors \$12.

The Koryo Dynasty Art Exhibition

Paintings and prints from Korea's Koryo Dynasty, to be held Jan. 18-Feb. 19, in the Grossmont College Hyde Gallery. Call 465-1700 for gallery hours. Free.

Exhibition Lecture -- Korean Arts in the Koryo Dynasty

Professor Choong-Shik Chang, from Dongguk University, Seoul, will lecture at 8 p.m. Feb. 2, in the Grossmont College Music Building Auditorium. Free.

Art Demonstration -- Korean Traditional Typography

Buddhist priest Do Ahe Kim, of the Kwan Eum Buddhist Temple, Los Angeles, will lecture on traditional typography, at 8:45 p.m., Feb. 2, in the Grossmont College Music Building Auditorium. Free.

Film Premiere -- First Love

Director, Lee Nyung-sae. English subtitles. Screening at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, UCSD Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets G.A. \$6, students \$4, at UCSD Price Center Box Office.

Political Science Lecture

Korean Americans in the American Political System

Dr. Paul Shin and professor Kihl Young Whan, 8 p.m. Feb. 5, Graduate School of International Relations/Pacific Studies' Robinson Auditorium, UCSD. Free.

Film Premiere -- Our Twisted Hero

Directed by Park Chong-won. A boys' school serves as a metaphor for global politics and conflict in this drama. English subtitles. Screened at 8 p.m. Feb. 8, in the UCSD Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets G.A. \$6, students \$4.

Film Premiere -- The Marriage Story,

Directed by Kim Ui-sik. A frank comedy about marital misconceptions and missteps. English subtitles. Screened at 8 p.m. Feb. 11, in the UCSD Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets G.A. \$6, students \$4.

Dance Debut

Farmers' Dances and Music, by seven of Korea's "Human Cultural Treasures." Performance at 8 p.m. Feb. 12, in UCSD Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets G.A. \$18, students and seniors \$12. Available from UCSD Price Center Box Office and at TicketMaster outlets.

Film Premiere -- Sopyonje

Directed by Im Kwon-Taek. Winner of six Korean Grand Bell awards and the Shanghai International Film Festival awards for Best Director and Best Actress--tells the story of the legendary wandering musician Dongho. English subtitles. Screens 8 p.m. Feb. 15, in the Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets G.A. \$6, students \$4.

Korean-American Folk Dance Company, Korean Pongsan Mask Institute and Closing Ceremonies

Performances by two leading Korean American dance companies, followed by the festival's closing ceremonies, at 8 p.m. Feb. 19, in UCSD Mandeville Auditorium.

A festival pass is available for \$50 G.A. and \$30 for students and seniors, at the UCSD Price Center Box Office and from TicketMaster outlets. Discounts are available for groups of 30 or more for performances on Jan. 29 and Feb. 12: G.A. \$15, students and seniors, \$10; Feb. 19, G.A. \$10, students and seniors, \$6.

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