

## Program Notes

With one foot in the world of tradition and another in glitzy upbeat pop, ADG7 (Ak Dan Gwang Chil) is a multi-award winning group featuring three powerhouse female folk singers and a rich repertoire inspired by Korea's sacred, shamanic ritual music (gut) and beloved folk songs (minyo) of Hwanghae Province in the northern reaches of the Peninsula. Their powerful performances engage and immerse like no other, presenting the spiritual blessings and positive energy of traditional music in a thoroughly modern and often comical style.

ADG7 was organized in 2015, the year Korea commemorated its 70th anniversary of national liberation. By reconnecting with and reimagining shared Korean cultural roots, ADG7 expresses the true meaning of liberation and the desire for unification. The group's recognitions include Best Group at the 2018 KBS Korean Traditional Music Awards and the Sori Frontier Award at the 2017 Jeongju International Sori Festival, plus recent performances at WOMEX (World Music Expo) 2019 and globalFEST 2020 and as official artists on the Mid Atlantic Tours' 2020-2021 touring roster.

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Town Hall Seattle, in association with Seattle Sacred Arts & Music, presents

## Global Rhythms Ak Dan Gwang Chil – ADG7

June 17, 2022  
7:30 pm in The Great Hall  
Curated by Jon Kertzer



## Performers

Hong Ok, *vocals*

Myeong Wol, *vocals*

Yoo Wol, *vocals*

Kim Yak Dae, *daeguem (bamboo flute)*

Lee Man Wol, *piri (bamboo double reed instrument) and saenghwang (free reed mouth organ)*

Aaron Chung, *electric bass*

Woen Meon Dong Maru, *gayaguem (zither)*

Chun Gung Dal, *percussion*

Sunwoo Barabarabarabam, *percussion*

## Staff

Chun Jae Hyun, *director*

Jung Sae Rom, *sound engineer*

Bae Sung Hee, *producer*

ADG7's June, 2022 tour is supported by the Korea Arts Management Service (KAMS) and organized by SORI Artists.

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### Whatever

Taking the motif from the traditional Gyeong Province folk song "Nunshiltaryeong," ADG7 allows us to face many of life's hardships with their cheerful rhythms and melodies — it's a song to console us and persuade us to let things go.

### Aucha

A shortened version of a traditional rowing song from the west coast that evokes visions of sailors working hard, rowing with all their might, rousing us with hope and high spirits.

### Yeong Jeong Geo Ri

This piece was inspired by spirit ritual music from the Hwanghae province. The Korean ancestors believed that small gods lived in every part of the house. Before starting a concert or ritual ceremony, all the small gods are picked up and treated with joyful music.

### Gga Bee

A powerful, cute, and mysterious but friendly Korean goblin. ADG7's cheerfulness playing with goblins gives the audience joy.

### Nan Bong Ga (A Prodigal Song)

This piece was created under the background of a Casanova's love story. This exemplary folk song from the Hwanghae province meets the minimalism of the instrumentalist which provides accompaniment to form a passionate mood.

### The Dance of Lions (Instrumental)

ADG7 have taken the rhythms of the traditional Bukcheong Lion Dance and the melody of the tungso (a traditional Korean flute) and interpreted them in their own unique style.

### Hee Hee

This short melody repeats, going deeper and deeper, describing a difficult life with no way out.

### NOZA NOZA

Like "Carpe Diem" in an old old Korean saying, "When you are young you are knocked down by love and work, and when you are old you miss your youth. The passing of time and your age don't matter, instead enjoy the present moment."

### Hey Hey Rise Up

Released in support of the people of Ukraine by Pink Floyd and reinterpreted in the style of ADG7, this song conveys solidarity and support for Ukraine.

### Eulssa

Coming from Pyeongsan in Hwanghae province, this traditional ritual for oxen had been adapted by ADG7 with special instrumental solos, each with their own unique characteristics. A piece of music that wishes everyone's dreams to come true.

### Rock Gwant

A song that started with the question, "What happens when ADG7 do rock music with their own sound?" They added an intense beat to sincerity and earnestness, wishing for blessings in everyone's lives.

