

Korean Samulnori Drummers

Samulnori means the play of four things.

It was started when the Kim DeogSu Samulnori Band created and performed a new style of music in 1978 consisting of four instruments of Kkwaenggwari, Jing, Jang-go, and Buk.

Pungmul, which has been performed traditionally to promote efficiency of labor in farming, is a way of playing standing up, while Samulnori is performed sitting down.

Samul (four things) is compared to the sounds of nature; Kkwaenggwari: thunder and lightning, Jing: wind, Jang-go: rain, and Buk: cloud. Of the Pungmul tunes, the most famous are: Utdari, YeongnNam, and Honam.