

Korean Fan Dance



This is one of the most popular and appealing Korean folk dances both at home and abroad. This dance is performed by a troupe of youth with folding fans. The dancers open and close the fans with a lighthearted smile to a flowing rhythm. The climax is when the dancers form a big fluttering flower. They wear colorful costumes akin to those once worn by dancers of the royal court. Note the crowns of peony blossoms which are painted on their fans. It appears to have evolved under influence of both shamanic and traditional Joseon Dynasty performance.