

InKo Centre - Theatre Seoul's Musical Heungbu Nolbu



"This is a universal story that speaks, through song and movement, of the power of love, the value of family and of our ability to individually and collectively make this world a better place to live in..."

Heungbu Nolbu is InKo Centre's first co-commissioned Indo-Korean Children's Theatre production which brings together 17 children from Chennai and Seoul and an artistic team drawn from Korea and India. This production co-commissioned with Theatre Seoul opened to critical acclaim at the Ujeongbu Arts Center in Korea on June 9, 2011. The show will premiere in India at the little festival in Chennai on July 7, 2011.

The Story

Heungbu - Nolbu is the story of two brothers. One good and kind and willing to share what he has. The other is his opposite: mean minded and miserly. They are watched over by goblins that find the mean minded brother's behavior completely despicable and decide to punish him, but at the same time reward the kind hearted brother. How they manage to do this forms the crux of the story. The play is based on a Korean folk tale which echoes in every culture. It was chosen for its universal theme and its message of cooperation and goodwill. This is the spirit in which this collaborative production was born. One team worked in Seoul while the other worked in Chennai. It was put together in Seoul for the first series of shows in Seoul followed by shows in Chennai and Bangalore...

Cast

Kim Yebin: Nolbu
Sanjana Sridhar: Nolbu's Wife
Lee Gaeun: Nolbu's Kid-1
Vijay Ramnathan: Nolbu's Kid-2
Lee Jaewook: Heungbu
Sanjana Divaker Kaimanje: Heungbu's Wife
Jayanth Venkatasubramaniam: Heungbu's kid-1
Lee Wonjin: Heungbu's kid-2
Vasundhara Gautam: Heungbu's kid-3
Kim Haedeun: Heungbu's kid-4
Lakshmi Ramesh: Heungbu's kid-5
Kim Yeonju: Heungbu's kid-6
Cho Seokhee: Heungbu's kid-7
Saswat Sundar Behera: Goblin-1 and Snake
Paik Seohee: Goblin-2 and Swallow
Sri Gayatri sundara Padmanabhan: Goblin-3 and Swallow
Lee Seoyeon: Swallow

Korean Team

Producer : Natia Lee
Director : Kevin Kim
Acting coach : Bradly Philip Curtin
Choreographer : Cheon Changhoon
Set Designer : Park Bongsoo
Costume Designer : Shim Hyunsup
Make up artist : Lee Jihye
Lighting Designer : Lee Junghoon
Composer : Kim Tekn
Vocal Coach : Oh Eunhye
Design : Maru
Company Manager : Kim Dongeui
Indian Team
Assistant Director : Hans Kaushik
Assistant Choreographer : M Palani
Music : Anil Srinivasan
Sound : Kalai Selvan
Light : J Jaya Kumar

Theatre Seoul is Korea's first and largest English Musical Theatre Company. Ever since it began in 1995 it has been producing Musicals in English for children. In 1996 it performed Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. Since then the Company has presented a number of musicals based on well known Korean and international folk and fairy tales. Theatre Seoul is a Company that creates work that combines education and drama. Its focus is theatre for children, by children and of children. It is Korea's first and largest English Musical Theatre Company for children. It has a membership of 100 children from 4 to 19 years.

InKo Centre aims to promote inter-cultural dialogue by facilitating a consistent programme that draws on the rich traditions of both India and Korea. With a focus on language, culture and information through performances, conversations, research and collaborations, the Centre looks at global dimensions of such a dialogue even while showcasing local and national characteristics that underpin such exchange.

The Performing Arts is an integral strand of our work and we aim through our programmes to raise awareness of the richness and range of Korean and Indian performing art forms. For a comprehensive overview of our activities and services please log onto www.inkocentre.org

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Directed by: Kevin Kim