

# Universal Ballet

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The **Universal Ballet** was founded in Seoul, South Korea in 1984. One of only four professional ballet companies in South Korea, the company performs a repertory that includes many full length classical story ballets, together with shorter contemporary works and original full-length Korean ballets created especially for the company. The company is supported by followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, with Moon's daughter-in-law Julia H. Moon, who was the company's prima ballerina until 2001, now serving as General Director.<sup>[1][2][3][4]</sup>

According to the *New York Times* the Universal Ballet is considered to be one of Asia's leading ballet companies.<sup>[5]</sup>

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## External links

- Official website (<http://universalballet.com/english/>)
- Interview with Julia Moon (<http://joongangdaily.joins.com/article/view.asp?aid=2924361>)
- Interview (<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20141128000741>) with Julia Moon, *Korea Herald*, 2014

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