

# The Korean Folk Ballet „The Little Angels“ in Vienna

Vienna, Austria, 6. - 12. May 2015



The Little Angels Ballet Group toured Vienna from May 6th-12th, 2015. In preparation of their performances Dr. No-Hi Pak and Dr. Lan-Young Moon, together with the local representatives of UPF and the Family Federation, visited the Head of Association of Koreans in Austria in order to inform and inspire the local Korean community to support and attend the Little Angels event.

The event was also advertised through the distribution of thousands of leaflets and 240 posters all over Vienna.

Mrs. Daniela They, a 2nd generation young mother, was the Little Angels guide and manager during their whole stay in Vienna. The Little Angels stayed in the hotel „Pyramide“ in the south of Vienna.

The reason for their tour was the 70. Anniversary of Korea's liberation from the Japanese occupation after the Second World War. Also, they came to support Dr. Hak-Ja Han's visit to Vienna, where she addressed more than 2400 members of the European Unification Movement, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of the movement in Europe.

On their arrival in Vienna, the Little Angels were welcomed by a group of Unificationists. Wearing their uniforms and singing songs in the arrival hall of the airport, the Little Angels immediately attracted the attention of many people present.



Already the next day the Little Angels visited the famous Viennese cultural institution of the Vienna Boys' Choir at their home, the Augarten Palais. The sons of several Unification families of Vienna

attended the institution in their childhood, that's why it was possible to make the contact this time. The Little Angels attended their choir praxis and joined in singing together. Later they were informed about the history of the Choir and the Palais.

On May 8th, one day before their public performance at the Austria Center, the Little Angels had a rehearsal at the Vienna Family Federation's Center. In the evening they were treated to a beautiful Korean dinner, prepared by members/mothers of the Viennese Family Federation. Also, the Little Angels could make contact with young members of Vienna's Family Federation. Before the Little Angels departed, they sang some of their beautiful songs.



Their main performance was on the 9th of May in the Austria Center: the hall with the capacity of 3000 people was completely full, when the performance started. The uniqueness and beauty of the Korean dances and songs evoked an enthusiastic response by the audience, so that they had to dance and sing several more times.



Among the guests were the South-Korean Ambassador to Austria, the president of the Korean company „KIA“ and numerous Ambassadors of Peace who play a public role in Austria's society.

Before the Little Angels left the stage the Flame of Peace award was presented to them by Mrs. Hertha and Mr. Sandor Habsburg-Lothringen, descendants of the former Royal Family in Austria, as a sign of appreciation for the Little Angels great work for peace and understanding among cultures and nations.



Already next day, the Little Angels had another performance at the Austria Center at the 50 Years Celebration of the European Unification Movement. They danced and sung for more than 2400 members from all over Europe during the banquet

The Little Angels last performance was on Monday, 11th of May at the UPF Conference on the topic „The UN at 70: Toward a Resolution of Tensions on the Korean Peninsula” in the Vienna International Centre, the UN office.

After Dr. Hak-Ja Han’s keynote address they sang Korean and international folk songs. Their presentations were received enthusiastically by the participants of the conference. Already the next day the Little Angels left Vienna for Frankfurt, Germany, where they had a performance for another 3000 people.

Thank you Little Angels for bringing so much joy into our lives!

