Migrants' Arirang Multicultural Festival - Dazzling Performance By Little Angels

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Korea's largest cultural diversity festival, MAMF 2024, opened under the theme "Together to Gather (United World Citizens Festival)" from October 11 to 13, 2024. The event took place at the Seongsan Art Hall Theater in Changwon, South Gyeongsang Province, with over 1,500 participants from 21 countries.

The MAMF (Migrants' Arirang Multicultural Festival) began in Seoul in May 2005, coinciding with the Korean government's declaration of the inaugural year of multicultural society. This multicultural festival aims to unite people as "all of us" under one roof, transcending differences in skin color and nationality.



Each year, MAMF selects a participating country as the guest of honor, focusing on cultural and artistic exchange. This year's guest country was the Philippines, celebrating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic

relations between Korea and the Philippines.

The opening ceremony featured a special cultural performance titled "75 Years of Friendship, Connected by Asian Art and Joy," showcasing collaborations between the Bayanihan National Dance Company of the Philippines and the Korean Little Angels.



The Bayanihan National Dance Company, the first non-American dance group to perform at New York's Lincoln Center and on Broadway, has received the prestigious "Ramon Magsaysay Award," known as the Asian Nobel Prize.

The Little Angels, founded in 1962 under the motto "Korea's Flag to the World," aims to spread Korean culture and pacifist spirit globally. It has elevated Korea's international cultural standing and received presidential recognition four times for its contributions to art and culture.



On October 2, the Little Angels performed with a military band at the 56th Infantry Division, commemorating the 76th anniversary of the Republic of Korea and Armed Forces Day, expressing gratitude to Korean soldiers.