

## Rootmerge (Korea) Gukak Wears a New Flow



**A contemporary take on traditional Korean music, Rootmerge embraces a new flow.**

**Rootmerge** creates contemporary compositions inspired by traditional, 18th century Joseon era music. Drawing from classical, free-form Sanjo style orchestra, Rootmerge reinvigorates traditional music with their contemporary flair. This fresh perspective on the past immerses audiences into the entrancing music of past Korea, regardless of knowledge of Korean traditions, music or culture.

A 'new flow' of Korean traditional music, the melodies merge between an expansive range of styles and rhythm. With an exciting fusion of Korean and western instrument infuses elements of jazz, pop and Sanjo.

Mixing contemporary and modern dress, this 11 piece band will take you on a journey through culture, times and styles.

**Rootmerge** is both band and social enterprise. A union of 'Root,' meaning 'tradition, root' and 'Merge' meaning 'get together,' they aim to create contemporary interpretations of Gukak to share their cultural heritage and the community values it encompasses. Performing a only three concerts in this years Fringe, each show responds to the theme of 'wearing a new flow.'

A fun and sophisticated experience into the delightful sounds of Korea, this is a wonderful dive into past and contemporary music alike.

### Notes to editors

**Rootmerge** aims to revitalise and reinvigorate century-old styles.

**Sanjo** was the popular music of the 18th century Joseon era. It is the instrumental facet of Gukak, or, 'national' music. With a large improvisational quality, these traditional modes of music are often newly composed.

### Listings Information

Venue C viva, 130 George Street/Charlotte Square, venue 16  
 Dates 14-16 Aug  
 Time 15:45 (Ohr45)  
 Ticket prices £7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / under 18s £3.50-£5.50  
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