

South Korea's Evolving Festival Landscape: From Ancient Rituals to Digital A

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1. The 2025 Jeju Fire Festival is adapting to environmental concerns by replacing its traditional hillside burning with what innovative approach?

- A) A virtual fire display using media art and digital technology.**
- B) A symbolic extinguishing of a large bonfire.
- C) A controlled burn using eco-friendly accelerants.
- D) A drone light show mimicking flames.

2. The 15th Gwangju Biennale, themed 'Pansori, a soundscape of the 21st century,' draws its title and conceptual framework from which traditional Korean art form?

- A) Pansori (a genre of musical storytelling).**
- B) Gukak (traditional Korean music).
- C) Tae Kwon Do (martial art).
- D) Hanbok (traditional clothing).

3. Which three regional festivals in South Korea have been designated as new "global festivals" by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in 2026 to boost tourism?

- A) Boryeong Mud Festival, Andong International Mask Dance Festival, and Jinju Namgang Lantern Festival.**
- B) Jeonju International Film Festival, Gwangju Biennale, and Tongyeong International Music Festival.
- C) Daegu Chimac Festival, Busan International Rock Festival, and Hwacheon Sancheoneo Ice Festival.
- D) Jinhae Cherry Blossom Festival, Lotus Lantern Festival, and Gurye Cornus officinalis Flower Festival.

4. The Tongyeong International Music Festival (TIMF) 2025, themed 'Journey Inwards,' commemorates the anniversary of which influential German-Korean composer's passing?

- A) Isang Yun.**
- B) Hanns Eisler.
- C) Paul Hindemith.
- D) Kurt Weill.

5. For the 2024 Andong International Mask Dance Festival, which country was the guest of honor, influencing some of the cultural performances and exhibitions?

- A) Peru.**
- B) Mexico.
- C) Brazil.
- D) Spain.

6. The 2024 Daegu International Musical Festival (DIMF) featured musicals from seven countries. Which of these was NOT among them?

A) Russia.

B) China.

C) Japan.

D) U.S.

7. In 2025, the Jeju Fire Festival will be held in the Saebyeol Oreum area. This location is a significant example of what type of geological formation common in Jeju?

A) Oreum (small extinct volcanic cones).

B) Coastal caves.

C) Lava tubes.

D) Tectonic fault lines.

8. The 25th Jeonju International Film Festival in 2024 included a special series of screenings to mark the 10th anniversary of which significant event in South Korean history?

A) The Sewol ferry disaster.

B) The Gwangju Uprising.

C) The Korean War Armistice.

D) The Sampoong Department Store collapse.

9. The 29th Busan International Film Festival in 2024 featured a special program in focus titled 'In Memory of Lee Sun-kyun.' Lee Sun-kyun was notably recognized for his role in which Academy Award-winning film?

A) Parasite.

B) Minari.

C) Burning.

D) The Handmaiden.

10. The 2024 Andong International Mask Dance Festival saw a record-breaking attendance. What was the approximate number of visitors over the ten-day event?

A) 1.48 million.

B) 880,000.

C) 1.2 million.

D) 300,000.