Seoul International Dance Festival

1. Festival Overview

Official Name			
Seoul International Dance Festival (SIDance)			
2009 Edition			
The 12th, (first launched in 1998), Oct 5~24, 2009			
Number of Shows Presented)2009			
(33) Shows from (15) Countries	Category	Dance	
Domestic 17	International	17 + Collaboration 15	
Program Features			
SIDance was created by South Korean Section of the International Dance Council CID			
in 1998. Led by the artistic director, LEE Jong-Ho, SIDance has since grown into a			
dance festival at the international level, marking its 10 th anniversary in 2007. SIDance			
is closely working together with governmental bodies including Ministry of Culture and			
Tourism, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Korea Foundation, and Korea Tourism			
Organization as well as embassies and official organizations abroad. SIDance has			
been also elected as a member of AAPAF(Association of Asian Performing Arts			
Festivals), being recognized of its active engagement with international exchanging			
activities in the performing arts scene of Asia. SIDance has recently reached its			
highest point to collaborate a number of joint projects with prominent festivals including			
SIDance has invested significant efforts in cultural exchange, collaboration, and			
co-productions in the field of dance, representing the dances cene in Korea to the			
international stage.			
Website			

www.sidance.org

2. Specialist Information

Name	LEE Jong-Ho	
Job Title	Artistic Director	
Fields of In	terest	
Dance as well as various genre of arts		
Work Experience in regards to Festival Programming		
He began his career as a reporter at the "Courrier de la Corée," a French weekly		
published in	Korea. During his career at YONHAP News Agency, he has been	
assigned to r	nany posts, a reporter on the city desk, a foreign correspondent in	

Brussels, and his most recent position, vice president until March, 2009. He has been active in reviewing the performing arts since 1980. He established Seoul Section of

the Int'l Dance Council CID (Conseil International de la Danse) in 1996. His tireless devotion to this group led the success of the 13th CID-UNESCO General Assembly held in Seoul in 1998. And its related event, SIDance (Seoul International Dance Festival), has been an annual event ever since, held every autumn. Now, SIDance is said to be the best dance event in Korea. In 2004 he became an executive council member of AAPAF (Association of Asian Performing Arts Festivals) as an artistic director of SIDance and strengthened a cultural exchange between Asian countries more besides worldwide cultural exchange.

Work Experience in regards to International Collaboration		
From 1996 President, CID-UNESCO Korea Chapter		
From 1997 Representative in Korea,		
PrixdeLausanneandseveralinternationalballetcompetitions		
From 1998 Founder and Artistic director, SIDance		
From 1998 Council Member of IOTPD(International Organization for the		
Transition of Professional Dancers)		
From 2001 Council Member, AsiaArtsNet		
From 2001 Korean Presenter, Little Asia Dance Exchange network		
From 2003 Committeeman, Asian Cultural Prize enacted by Fukuoka City in		
Japan		
From 1999 - 2001 Advisory member for the cultural event of FIFA World Cup		
From 2004 Executive Council Member, AAPAF(Association of Asian Performing		
Arts Festivals)		
Additional Work Experience		
Present Advisor and juror, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Arts Council Korea,		
Foreign Affaires and Trade in Korea, Korea Foundation and Performing Arts Festivals		

as well as he is a juror for various awards and numerous public funds.