

Global Minnesota

Hangeul Festival: A New Way of Exploring Korea — All ages welcome!

Both a living art and the Korean alphabet, Hangeul is a delicate dance between lines and spaces transformed to build designs that convey the profound range of human expression. Much more than just a written alphabet, Hangeul connects the horizons of poetry and visual art.

Unfold your senses in the movement of the brush and patterns of ink, and explore Korean art and culture in a completely new light. Join us for a unique hands-on Korean Hangeul calligraphy demonstration, with master Korean calligraphist Byung Chul Park. A great event for the entire family, the afternoon includes a calligraphy workshop using special brushes on Hanji, Korean paper; the opportunity to create your own design with guidance from Park; and authentic Korean food.

Through his poetic art, Park illuminates how a traditional language can become contemporary art with global relevance. Recognized around the world, his work is featured at Gwanghwamun, the largest gate of Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to **Global Minnesota**



s we welcome the arrival of spring, it's the perfect time to celebrate new beginnings. In early March, we launched the new Global Minnesota identity and website, embarking on our biggest change in years. And please consider this note an official welcome to our redesigned newsletter featuring the latest Global Minnesota events, program updates, and member information. While we've

significantly transformed our public image, we are committed to providing the same meaningful opportunities for Minnesotans to explore the world, especially as the world experiences change of its own.

In the past year, communities across the globe - and in the U.S. - have weathered complex and difficult economic, political, and humanitarian issues. From the continued global migration crisis to the critical impending U.S. presidential election, we as an international community face many unknowns. But as your local global resource, we've lined up a variety of programs to help you track these issues, understand potential outcomes, and connect you to what matters most. I invite you to be part of upcoming conversations on international migration and foreign policy implications in an election year through our free monthly Global Conversations series, and learn about immigrant integration and building resilient communities when we host the national Global Ties U.S. Diplomacy Begins Here Summit in August.

Change - whether it happens inside an individual organization or across an entire nation — is not always easy to navigate. But growth and exploration are about fine-tuning what has always worked and incorporating the best of what's new and innovative. Stay connected and join us in the year ahead as we continue to build the Global Minnesota community.

and

Carol Engebretson Byrne

Global Minnesota staff celebrate the launch of our new name and identity.



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events





11:30 am-1:30 pm

RESCHEDULED: The Korea Connection with Ambassador Ahn

Marked by significant points in world history, the Republic of Korea's (South Korea) relationship with the U.S. has evolved into a comprehensive strategic alliance that has provided tangible benefits for both nations. Strong cultural, economic, and political ties continue to play major



roles in developing bilateral initiatives and setting the framework for future development. Today, our partnership holds important

significance as North Korea ramps up its nuclear threats. **FEATURING:** At a three-course public luncheon, Ahn Ho-Young, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea and former First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, will speak about the historic relationship between our nations, South Korea's unique ties to Minnesota, and shared opposition to North Korea's recent military action.

Windows on Minnesota, IDS Center • 80 S 8th St., Minneapolis Members \$45, Nonmembers \$60, Corporate tables \$450; Advanced registration required

Wednesday, APRIL 13 5:30-7:30 pm



GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS: The Future of Kurdistan

Kurdistan, a region made up of parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria, is home to one of the largest ethnic groups in West Asia: the Kurds. Now, most in the West know them for the small, oil-rich autonomous region in northern Iraq called Iraqi Kurdistan — one of the U.S.' closest allies in the Middle East, and a bulwark against the expansion of the so-called Islamic State. **FEATURING:** Newzad Brifki, Founder and Director of the Kurdish Community of America, will lead a discussion on what the success of Iraqi Kurdistan means for Kurds in the surrounding region.

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global**minnesota**.org

Monday, MAY 9 6:00-8:00 pm



CULTURE THROUGH CUISINE: South Korea

Known for its kimchi fried rice and creative cocktails in a funky setting, the Rabbit Hole is shaping up to be the hottest Koreanfusion restaurant the Twin Cities has seen in years. But fried dumplings with whipped goat cheese and pan-seared udon noodles with vegetables are not the only things on the menu. With strong ties to his Korean heritage, owner and head chef Thomas Kim serves up dishes inspired by the story of his life. Join us for a truly unique culinary adventure as Chef Kim shares how he bridges culture with cuisine and ended up going down the Rabbit Hole. Photo credit: Julia Merle-Smith

The Rabbit Hole • 920 E Lake St., Suite 101, Minneapolis Members \$40, Nonmembers \$55; includes dinner, nonalcoholic beverages, tax, and gratuity. Advance registration required

Wednesday, MAY 18 5:30-7:30 pm



GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS: Foreign Policy in an Election Year

This year's race for the White House is proving anything is possible. Anything. And voters are learning more about where candidates stand on important issues, including the international role of the U.S. With foreign policy rhetoric as unique as the presidential hopefuls themselves, the remaining months leading up to the 2016 election are critical to defining the U.S.' global role and persona. **FEATURING:** Tom Hanson, former U.S. Foreign Service Officer and Diplomat in Residence at the University of Minnesota – Duluth, will discuss the five key foreign policy challenges facing the candidates and what they mean for the U.S.

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GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS is a monthly program series on issues significant to the United States' role in the global community. Global Conversations is based on Great Decisions, a citizen education and discussion program sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association. And, Global Conversations is brought to you in partnership with the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library.

Make Minnesota Global Spring member campaign

The arrival of spring is the perfect time to celebrate new beginnings and new members. Members are at the heart of our mission and values, and we work every day to help you get the most out of your membership. And Global Minnesota membership means more than just being part of an organization. Join us in this spring membership campaign by becoming a new member, giving an additional gift, or introducing others to Global Minnesota.

MEMBERSHIP MEANS:

making Minnesota better

supporting programs that inspire Minnesotans to learn about the world

connecting to a community that cares about how Minnesotans engage with other cultures

JOIN OR RENEW

at globalminnesota.org/membership or contact Kristi Pogatchnik, Individual Membership Manager, at kpogatchnik@globalminnesota.org or 612.625.0620.



Leave a Legacy

Create a lasting memorial by making a charitable bequest to Global Minnesota. A gift through your will or living trust can continue your support of Global Minnesota as an important legacy in our community. Please let us know if you have included us in your estate planning and we will provide you the appropriate information in regards to our name change.

Contact Anne Hanson at 612.625.2101 or ahanson@globalminnesota.org to learn more.

Celebration of Korea Gala

Saturday, June 11 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Fine Korean cuisine. Authentic Korean entertainment. Auction items that will take you around the world. These are all reasons why you won't want to miss this year's Celebration of the Republic of Korea Gala. Reserve your place now for this unique cultural and fundraising event that draws more than 300 of Global Minnesota's well-traveled supporters, including Minnesota community and business leaders. This highly anticipated evening raises needed funds for ongoing educational and cultural programs designed to help Minnesotans live, work, and lead globally. Individual tickets start at \$200.

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2016 Academic WorldQuest champions Edina High School, with emcee Mark Wheat of the Current and Global Minnesota K-12 Education Manager, Ann Smith.

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2016 Academic WorldQuest Winners!

Congratulations to Academic WorldQuest champions, Edina High School! Up next: the national competition in Washington, D.C., where they will proudly represent Minnesota. Good luck! Many thanks to participating teams from across the state and sponsor David Winton Bell Foundation for making this year a success.

Visit globalminnesota.org for 2016 top 10 team standings and details on next year's competition.