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A Taste of Seoul – Bereishit Dance Company from April 8 through April 11, 2021 Dance Victoria's Virtual Home Season

VICTORIA, B.C. – [Bereishit Dance Company](http://BereishitDanceCompany.com) from South Korea concludes Dance Victoria's 2020/21 Virtual Home Season with a double program from April 8 through to April 11, 2021 on DanceVictoria.com.

Artistic Director Soon-ho Park's choreography has been acclaimed for its perfect harmony of music and dance, and for its creation of something new, transcending the East and the West, dance and martial arts, and tradition and contemporary. Bereishit (which means genesis or new beginning and is pronounced BRESH-it) Dance Company has toured internationally including a sold out performance at the Arts Center at NYU Abu Dhabi and in the US at the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Pittsburgh Dance Council, ArtPower at UC San Diego, Strathmore and Celebrity Series of Boston. Their virtual program with Dance Victoria showcases Park's intricate choreography which draws from many sources including hip hop and judo.

The intensely physical *Balance and Imbalance* features brilliant and fun interplay among five contemporary dancers, a pair of Korean traditional drummers, and one traditional *pansori* (musical storytelling) singer. Together they express the dialectic of human relationships revolving continuously around the wheel of opposition and harmony.

Bow_Control, a rigorous male duet inspired by the tradition of archery, blurs the boundaries of sport and dance. The bow and arrow show states of tension and relaxation to demonstrate will and determination, and thoughts and struggles of one's self with one's alter ego.

Ticket holders to the virtual Bereishit Dance Company program enjoy a password-protected HD video presentation available from Thursday, April 8 at 5 pm until Sunday, April 11 at 10 pm. Online extras include a pre-recorded video conversation with Artistic Director/Choreographer Soon-ho Park and Jacob Pillow's Scholar-in-Residence Maura Keefe, detailed program notes with complete casting, a signature cocktail demonstration with [Cascadia Liquor](http://CascadiaLiquor.com), a sneak peek at works that Dance Victoria resident dance artists are creating in our studios, messages from the show's sponsors, discount offers from local retailers and more – all accessible from DanceVictoria.com.



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"Mr. Park seems more interested in offering something unfamiliar than in telling us exactly what to see. What comes across is a sense of the ancient propelling the new." THE NEW YORK TIMES

"The street style in dress and movement disguises finely honed skill in balancing bodies at extraordinary angles and in extraordinary configurations...It proved a winning selection." CRITICAL DANCE

Bereishit Dance Company

Thurs, April 8 – Available 5 pm

Friday, April 9 – All Day

Saturday, April 10 – All Day

Sunday, April 11 – Ends 10 pm

Optional Watch Together/Chat After: Saturday, April 10, 5 pm

How To Buy

Online at DanceVictoria.com • \$25

About Bereishit Dance Company

Founded in 2011 by Soon-ho Park, Bereishit is a Seoul-based dance company that approaches the Korean traditional culture from a contemporary perspective, maintaining the fundamental value of practices, rather than borrowing or transforming them. The work blends innovative partnering, extraordinary isolations, and moments of theatricality with a fresh perspective. It displays a sensitivity towards space and rhythms and is always delivered with kinesthetic clarity and power. The company's work focuses on the dynamic relationship related to humanity and sociality.

About Dance Victoria

Dance Victoria brings the *World's Best Dance* to the Royal Theatre and to your home and supports the development of new dance for the international stage from its studios in Quadra Village. Dance Victoria is a non-profit charitable society. DanceVictoria.com

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