



A Korean Drum and Dance Ensemble

“slick, polished, talented and vastly entertaining” Paula Citron, The Globe and Mail

**ENSEMBLE JENG YI** is a Korean drum and dance group based in Toronto. Since their formation in 1998, the group has entertained audiences with their exciting repertoire of original compositions and traditional pieces. Building upon the conventions of Korean performing arts, Ensemble Jeng Yi has created a variety of innovative productions including intimate music recitals, site-specific works, interactive performances for young audiences, and ambitious multi-disciplinary productions. Their touring highlights include: Guelph Jazz Festival, Nuit Blanche Toronto, Eastman School of Music Concert Series, Canada Opera Company Free Concert Series.

Ensemble Jeng Yi has collaborated frequently with zither performer Joo Hyung Kim and dancer-choreographer Soojung Kwon. They are pleased to have them join the ensemble again in this special production for the 2022 Toronto Fringe Festival.

### **Guest Artists**

**JOO HYUNG KIM** is an accomplished performer of the Kayagum, the traditional Korean zither. Born in Korea, she began her traditional Korean music training at the age of six. She majored in traditional Korean music at Kyung Buk University, and completed her M.A. in traditional music at Sook Myung University. She immigrated to Canada in 2005 and has been an active performer and composer.

Joo Hyung Kim, along with frequent collaborator Charles Hong, won the 2008 Dora award for Outstanding Sound Design/ Composition in the dance category for their work on Soojung Kwon's dance work *Choonengmu*.

**SOOJUNG KWON** was born in Seoul, South Korea and has been dancing since the age of four. She immigrated to Toronto in 1990 and continued to dance in Canada. She was a member of the Mi Young Kim Dance Company for eleven years from 1991 to 2002. In 2002 she embarked on a solo career as a dancer and choreographer, exploring new expressions of Korean dance. She has performed at Nuit Blanche Toronto, the Canada Opera Company's Free Concert Series, and the CanAsian International Dance Festival.