KOREA DISABILITY ARTS & CULTURE CENTER

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Established on March 11, 2015, the Korea Disability Arts and Culture Center (KDAC) operates IEUM, the first specialized cultural and arts center for persons with disabilities established under a government-commissioned arrangement, and promotes arts and culture for persons with disabilities.

The KDAC supports Disability Art through diverse initiatives, including artistic creation and production, performances, education, international exchanges, and research, to strengthen their creative capacities and foster their artistic activities.

In 2021, under the <Act on the Support for Cultural and Artistic Activities of Artists with Disabilities>, the KDAC was designated as the institution dedicated to supporting Disability Art. Since then, it has expanded its programs to include creative-skills development, employment support, and improved access to cultural activities, establishing itself as a key institution in this field.

History

2015

Mar. Establishment of the Korea Disability Arts & Culture Center

Nov. Opening of IEUM, the cultural and arts center for persons with disabilities

2017

Jul. Designated as a public-service-related organization

2020

Dec. Implementation of the <Act on the Support for Cultural and Artistic Activities of Artists with Disabilities>

2021

Mar. Designation as the dedicated institution for supporting the cultural and artistic activities of Artists with Disabilities

2022

Sep. Establishment of the <First Basic Plan for Supporting the Cultural and Artistic Activities of Artists with Disabilities (2022–2026)> by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism

2023

Jan. Establishment of the Korea Disability Arts and Culture Center's future vision and mid- to long-term strategies

Oct. Opening of Modu Art Theater

2024

Dec. Opening of Modu Art Space

2025

Mar. Appointment of Bang Guihee as the KDAC's fourth president

Nov. 10th Anniversary of the Korea Disability Arts & Culture Center

Mission & Vision

Mission

Creating an Ecosystem for Arts and Culture of Disability Art

Vision

A Key Platform for the Creative Development and Growth of Disability Art

Core Values

- Creativity and Change
- Collaboration and Mutual Growth
- Professionalism and Communication

Strategic Goals

Expanding the Reach of Disability Art	Fostering Growth and Development across the Entire Arts Ecosystem for Disability Art
Promoting the Social Value of Disability Art	Celebrating the Distinctiveness of Disability Art and Creating Social Value
Building a Foundation for the Sustainable Development of Disability Art	Building a Sustainable Support System for Disability Art

Mascots

SolLa



A curious bird that travels the world in search of light and hope.

SolLa symbolizes the growth and limitless potential of Disability Art, inspiring people worldwide.

DoRe



A gentle, warm-hearted whale whose soothing voice embraces all.

DoRe symbolizes the untapped potential of Disability Art, heralding a new wave of change worldwide.

1 Support for Artistic Creation, Production, and Access to Arts and Culture



Support for Promoting Disability Art

This open-call grant supports artistic creation of Disability Art and expands cultural access for persons with disabilities.

Building a Foundation for Artistic Creation and Production

We support research, criticism, arts clubs, and emerging Disability Art to foster artistic growth and future creative endeavors.

Expanding Access to Arts and Culture

We provide arts education and cultural programs for persons with disabilities, supporting artistic growth and expanding cultural access and participation.

Artistic Creation and Production Activities

We support Disability Art and their organizations in creating and presenting work, strengthening artistic skills and fostering collaboration.

Distribution and Promotion

We support art fairs and festivals that showcase Disability Art' work and expand its reach to wider audiences.

International Exchanges and Collaboration

We support international exchanges and collaboration, helping Disability Art and their organizations build global networks and opportunities.

Strengthening Arts Organizations for Disability Art

We support leading Disability Arts organizations, performance groups, festivals, and competitions to strengthen their capacity and foster new works and programs.

2 Arts and Culture Education and Workforce Development





IEUM Creative Academy

An educational program for Disability Art to strengthen the creative skills and their connections with the wider community.

Artist-Development Program

We offer workshops, project-based courses, lectures, and artist talks to strengthen Disability Art' creative skills, encourage peer exchange, and foster artistic growth.

University-Partnership Program

Leveraging university expertise and resources, we provide discipline-specific arts education for Disability Art and expand arts education for students with disabilities.

IEUM Creative Academy

Arts-Facilitator Program

We offer practical training to strengthen Disability Art' arts-facilitation skills and community connections.

Tailored Employment Support for Disability Art

We support arts ensembles for persons with disabilities and build cross-sector networks to expand quality arts employment opportunities.

Support for the Establishment and Operation of Arts Ensembles for Persons with Disabilities

We fund employers establishing arts ensembles for persons with disabilities, covering staffing, training, operations, and event costs during the initial setup phase.

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Improving Accessibility and Strengthening the Foundations for Disability Art Activities



Support for Improving Accessibility at Cultural Facilities

Support for artistic creation and cultural access for Disability Art

Support for Creative Hubs for Disability Art

We support creative hubs that nurture Disability Art through local spaces, research, education, artistic creation, and presentation opportunities.

Support for Arts-Market Development for Disability Art

This program promotes the distribution of works of Disability Art and fosters a self-sustaining arts and culture ecosystem, building on the 2023 introduction of the <Preferential Purchase of Creative Works by Artists with Disabilities> and the <Mandatory Performances and Exhibitions by Artists with Disabilities >

Operation of the Distribution-Support System for Works of Disability Art

We inform public institutions subject to preferential purchase about the system, encourage purchases of works of Disability Art, and organize art markets to support its effective implementation.

Operation of the IEUM Art Platform (Online Distribution Platform)

We promote high-quality works of Disability Art by compiling artist and artwork information and facilitating sales and distribution.

IEUM Art Platform

4 Exchanges and Collaboration



Disability Art Week in Seoul

Exploring the aesthetics of Disability Art and promoting its value

Lectures and Forums with Korean and International Experts

We host lectures and forums with Korean and international experts on contemporary aesthetic, social, and practical issues performed of Disability Art.

Roundtable Discussions

We facilitate small group discussions to explore ways to bridge discourse and practice in the field and identify experimental models.

Workshops with Korean and International Guest Artists

We host workshops led by invited artists from Korea and abroad that explore questions of artistic value and identity in Disability Art.

IEUM ONLINE

A knowledge platform advancing Disability Arts and amplifying diverse voices

Sharing Information and Knowledge about Disability Art

We share information on Disability Arts, including performances, exhibitions, cultural events, news, and media resources.

Planning and Production of Online Content

We produce online content showcasing Disability Art and create accessible formats, including audio description, sign-language interpretation, easy-to-understand content, and captions.

IEUM ONLINE

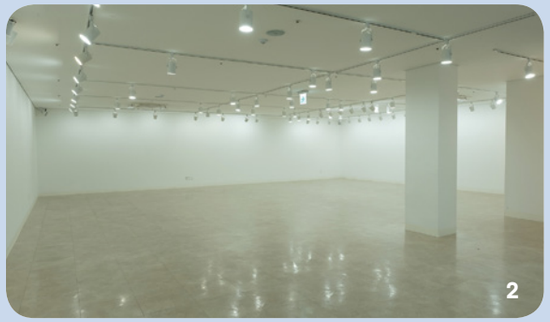
Publishing Webzine IEUM

We publish Webzine IEUM, a monthly online magazine exploring emerging themes in Disability Arts and sparking discussion.

5 Operation of Arts and Culture Facilities




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IEUM Center

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We provide rental facilities for a wide range of arts and cultural activities by persons with disabilities across diverse artistic disciplines.

1 IEUM Art Hall

A multipurpose facility for small-scale performances and events

Area: **168 m²** | Capacity: **80 people**

2 IEUM Art Gallery

A white-cube gallery for works in diverse artistic genres

Area: **139 m²** | Capacity: **40 people**

3 Rehearsal Room

A small rehearsal room equipped with full-length mirrors and audio-visual equipment

Area: **86 m²** | Capacity: **15 people**

4 IEUM Outdoor Stage

An outdoor stage for performances and events, including concerts and talk-shows

Facilities for Persons with Disabilities


Guiding Handrails


Accessible Elevator


Accessible Restroom



Powered Wheelchair Charger


Ramp


Step-Free Space


Braille Guide Map

Modu Art Theater

MODU ART THEATER

Home. moduarttheater.or.kr
Add. Chungjeong-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 03737, Republic of Korea


Original Performance:
Jellyfish(2025, Original)

Performance Programs

We advance artistic quality and professional standards in Disability Arts through inclusive collaboration, co-creation, international showcases, and open calls for emerging artists. We also present theater, dance, music, and multidisciplinary performances, developing accessible productions for audiences with diverse sensory and physical needs.

Venue-Rental Services

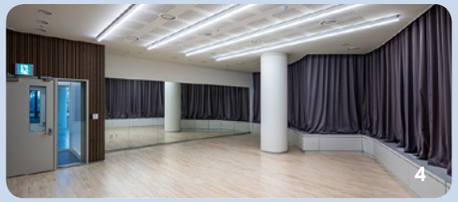
We provide year-round rehearsal rooms, performance venues, studios, lounges, and meeting rooms to support Disability Art' creative work, presentations, education, and networking.



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1 Black Box Theater

The venue is equipped with lighting and sound systems, live-streaming equipment, and booths for audio description and text-based interpretation.
The retractable seating can be configured in a variety of layouts.

Area: **508.25 m²** | Level 1 Seating: **Up to 209 seats***

*Wheelchair-seating capacity can be adjusted, as needed.

2 Modu Studio

A multipurpose creative studio for small-scale performances, seminars, workshops, and other events.

Area: **209 m²**

3 Dressing Rooms

The dressing rooms are equipped with accessibility features, including accessible restrooms, showers, and changing rooms. A dedicated elevator connects the dressing room on Level 1 directly to the stage on Level 2.

4 Rehearsal Rooms

The centers boasts three rehearsal rooms for group meetings, rehearsals, and other activities.

Area: **Rehearsal Room 1: 72 m² / Rehearsal Room 2: 78 m² / Large Rehearsal Room: 96 m²**

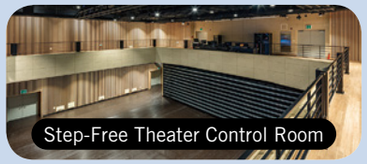
Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

Step-Free Area

- A step-free theater control room accessible to technical staff with disabilities
- A step-free area with level access throughout

Pocket Space

- A pocket space where one user can pause briefly to allow wheelchair or stroller users approaching from opposite directions to pass


Step-Free Theater Control Room

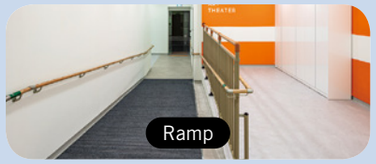



Accessible Restroom


Wheelchair-Accessible Information Desk


Step-Free Space

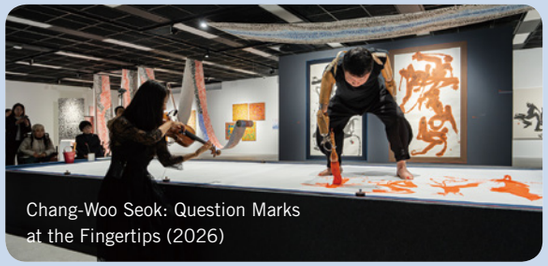


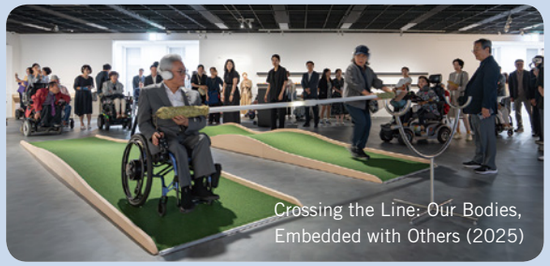

Ramp

Modu Art Space

MODU ART SPACE

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Chang-Woo Seok: Question Marks at the Fingertips (2026)


Crossing the Line: Our Bodies, Embedded with Others (2025)


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1 Exhibition Galleries

These galleries feature a flexible layout that can accommodate different exhibition formats. The open-plan space can be divided into two separate galleries using movable partition walls.

Combined Area: **407.2 m² / Gallery 1: 164.3 m² / Gallery 2: 242.9 m²)**

2 Community Facilities

Comprising a seminar room and two meeting rooms, this venue hosts exhibition-related programs and encourages communication and exchange.

Seminar Room: **127.1 m² / Conference Room 1: 52.7 m² / Conference Room 2: 32.6 m²)**

Exhibition

Through exhibitions that take different types of disabilities into account and programs that enhance accessibility, we offer diverse experiences for visitors while supporting the sustainable growth of Disability Art.

Gallery-Rental Services

We offer exhibition spaces for visual Disability Art and accessible exhibitions, along with a seminar room for related educational programs and events.

Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

1. A fully step-free area
2. Wheelchair-accessible information desk
3. Accessible restroom
4. Powered wheelchair charger
5. Lounge
6. Quiet room and nursing room

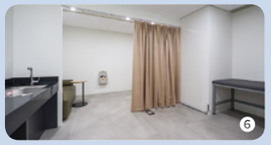

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