

# The Moons Trick: Young In Hong

## Research Trip to South Korea

As part of the Korea/UK season 2017/2018 in the UK and with funding from Arts Council Korea Young In Hong conducted a research trip to South Korea where she visited Seoul Museum of History to research and collect archival photos of post war North and South Korea which formed the start point of developing both **Prayers** and **Looking Down from the Sky**. Her trip included a visit to Jeju island, South Korea, to research traditional Shamanic rituals, particularly its musical elements and props used in the ritual. Jeju Chilmeoridang Yeongdeunggut is the Unesco recognised ritual practised and led by Yoonsu Kim, director at Yeongdeung-gut Preservation Society and one of only two remaining Keun Simbang (grand shaman) on Jeju. As well as interviewing Yoonsu Kim to learn more about the history of Chilmeoridang Yeongdeunggut ritual, its structure and musical improvisation, she was able to observe an entire length performance at one of the auspicious sites in Jeju as well as KOUS Seoul. This research helped to develop the musical and movement aspect of the performance **Looking Down From The Sky**.