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Singer Nana Mouskouri to Bring Farewell Tour Here

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Nana Mouskouri, one the best-selling female pop artists of all time, will sing for local fans next month in her first ever tour of South Korea which starts off at the Olympic Hall in Seoul on Oct. 8.

This will also be her last time in Korea, as the scheduled four concerts are part of her ``Farewell World Tour."

During a career spanning 46 years, her trademark chestnut brown hair and oversized black glasses, have become as well known to fans across the world as her gentle soprano voice singing ``Try to Remember," ``Over and Over" and ``Plasir d'amour.

Born in 1934 as Ioanna Mouskouri (Nana, a nickname given to her early on) in Crete, she studied at the Athens Academy of Music only to be expelled in 1957 after the school came to know of her singing at jazz clubs by night.

Winning first prize at the 1959 Greek Song Festival propelled her to a professional singing career. In 1961 she scored her first hit ``The White Rose of Athens" and since then has produced albums steadily into the new millennium.

She has recorded well over 1,300 songs in all the major languages of Europe and released more than 450 albums. According to Universal Music, Mouskouri's current label, more than 300 million



Nana Mouskouri



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discs have been sold worldwide.

Her repertoire is diverse, ranging from folk tunes of her native country to religious-toned songs to chansons and standard jazz numbers.

In 1993, she succeeded Audrey Hepburn as the international Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF. She was also elected to represent Greece in the European Parliament the following year, a post she kept until 1999. She now lives in Switzerland.

Her Seoul performances will be followed by a concert in Taegu on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. and Pusan on Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

Nana Mouskouri Live in Korea

When: 7 p.m. on Oct. 8,9

Where: Olympic Hall (near Olympic Park Station on subway line number 5)

How much: 66,000-275,000 won

More Info: (02) 539-0793

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