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Caucasian Chalk CircleWritten byBertolt BrechtDate premiere1948Place premiere OfCarton College, Minnesota, USOriginal languageGerman (premiere in English)Subject, property, warGenreEpicsetting theatreGeorgia Caucasian chalk circle (German: Der kaukasische Kreidekreis) is a play by German modernist playwright Bertolt Brecht. An example of Brecht's epic theatre, a play parable about a peasant girl who saves a child and becomes a better mother than his wealthy natural parents. The play was written in 1944, when Brecht was living in the United States. It was translated into English by Brecht's friend and fan Eric Bentley, and its world premiere was a student production at Carlton College, Northfield, Minnesota, in 1948. His first professional production was at the Hedrow Theatre, Philadelphia, directed by Bentley. Its German premiere of the Berlin Ensemble took place on October 7, 1954 at the Sheffield Towerdamm Theatre in Berlin. Caucasian Cretaceous Circle is one of Brecht's most famous works and one of the most regularly performed German plays. (quote needed) He reworks an earlier story by Brecht Der Augsburger Kreidekreis. Both come from a Chinese play by 14th century Mel Circle Lee Xindao. The plot resumes Prologue Brecht, in his typical anti-realist style, uses a device to play in the Soviet Union at the end of World War II. It shows a dispute between two communes, a collective farm in the Galin fruit and vegetable commune and collective farm goat farmers over who would own and manage a plot of agricultural land after the Nazis retreated from the village and left it abandoned. The parable was organized by one group, an old folk tale that will be played out to shed light on the dispute. The singer, Arkady Tcheidse, arrives with his band of musicians and then tells the peasants the fable that forms the main narrative, and intertwines for most of the characters, amplifies more dramatic scenes with a stronger narrative than simple dialogue, and is responsible for most of the scenes and time changes. Often the role is accompanied by several musicians (who include music in the end, he states that the land should go to those who will use it most productively, fruit producers, not those who had previous ownership. Scene One: The Story of the Noble Child Singer begins with Governor Georgi Abashvili and his wife Natella, frankly ignoring citizens on their way to Easter Mass. The singer shows us the show's antagonist, Arsen Kazbeki, the Tolstoy Prince. He sucks up to the couple and notices how their new child Michael is the governor from head to nose. leaving the peasants behind. Next to be introduced is Pear Vashnadze, the maid of the governor's wife. Pear, taking a goose for an Easter meal, meets soldier Simon Shashava, who says that he watched her swim in the rivers. She's storming in a rage. The singer continues the story as the soldier contacts two architects for the governor's new mansion, The Ironshirts, Gestapo-esque quards, turn it on. The fat prince orchestrated the coup and is now under control. The governor was quickly beheaded. Simon finds Pear and proposes to her, giving her his silver cross. Pear agrees. Simon runs away to perform his duty to the wife of the governor, who foolishly packs clothes for the blazing town of Nuhka and inadvertently leaves her son, Michael, behind. Pear stays with the boy and, seeing the head of the governor, nailed to the door of the church, takes him with him to the mountains. Music is often incorporated throughout much of this scene with the help of singer, musicians and possibly Pear, as Brecht incorporates actual songs into the lyrics. Scenes 2 and 3: Flight into the northern mountains/In the northern mountains Singer opens the place with air escapes. At the beginning of this act Pear tries to escape but has to stop to get milk for the child, Michael, and is forced to buy vodka expensively from an old man who claims that his goats were maimed by soldiers. This meeting slows her down and she follows soon Ironshirts. Pear finds a home for Michael to stay. Throwing him on the doorstep, he is adopted by a peasant. Pear has mixed emotions about this, which change when she meets a perverted corporal and Ironshirts who are looking for a child. He suspects something about her, and Pear is forced to knock him out to save Michael. She retreats wearily to her brother's mountain farm. Lawrence, Pear's brother, fabricates the story of his jealous wife Aniko, claiming that Michael Abashvili is Pear's child, and she goes on her way to find her father's farm. Pear catches scarlet fever and lives there for quite a while. Rumors spread in the village, and Lavrentiy convinces Pear to marry a dying peasant Jussup to suppress them. She reluctantly agrees. Guests arrive for wedding funerals, including singer and musicians who act as hired musicians for the event, and gossip endlessly. It turned out that the Grand Duke overthrows the princes and the civil war is finally over, and no one can be called anymore. At the same time, the supposedly dead villager Giussup returns to life and it becomes clear that he was sick only when there was an opportunity to be called. Pear turns out to be married. For months, Pear's new husband tries to make her a real wife through marriage, but she refuses. Years pass, and finds Pear while washing clothes in the river. They have a sweet exchange before Simon jokingly asks if she has found another person. Pear struggles to tell him that she unwittingly married, then Simon spots Michael. The next scene between them is narrated predominantly by the Singer, who speaks for the two characters, and is easily the most heartbreaking part of the play. However, The Ironshirts arrive holding Michael, and ask Pear if she is his mother, she says she is, and Simon leaves distraught. The governor's wife wants the child back, and Pear must return to court in Noha. The singer ends the act with questions about pear's future and shows that there is another story we need to learn: Azdak's story. If intermission is used, this is usually where it is located. Scene 4: The Judge's Story Scene opens as if another play is complete, but set in the same climate of war, begins. The singer introduces another character named Azdak. Azdak shelters the peasant and protects him from the authorities by demonstrating confusing logic. Later he realizes that he has sheltered the Grand Duke himself; since he thinks the uprising is a revolt against the government itself, he is being held up for his class treason. But the uprising is not populist - in fact, princes are trying to guell the populist uprising that occurs as a result of their own - and Azdak abandons his revolutionary ideas to keep Ironshirts from killing him as a radical. The fat prince enters, looking to provide support to the Ironshirts in making his nephew a new judge. Azdak invites them to stage the trial to check it; The fat prince agrees. Azdak plays the accused in court - the grand prince. He makes some very successful jabs against the corruption of princes, and amuses the Ironshirts enough that they appoint him in place of Tolstoy's nephew Prince: The judge has always been a chancer; Now let the chancer be a judge! Azdak remains on the bench. He uses a great legal book as a cushion to sit on. Below is a series of short scenes punctuated by the singer's song, in which he judges in favor of the poor, oppressed and kind bandits; In one set of cases in which all the plaintiffs and defendants are corrupt, he makes a completely meaningless set of decisions. But it doesn't last forever; The Grand Prince returns to power, the Fat Prince is beheaded, and Azdak is about to be hanged with iron shirts of the Grand Duke when the pardon comes, appointing some Azdak Nouk as a judge in gratitude for the saving of life necessary for the kingdom, i.e. the Grand Duke. His Honor Azdak is now His Honor Azdak; the wife of the decapitated governor instantly dislikes him, but decides that he will be needed for a trial in which she will recover her son from Pear. The law is closing Azdak is obsequious and afraid for his life, promising to return Michael to the governor's wife, decapitate Pear and do whatever the governor's wife wants: Everything will be arranged as you order, Your Excellency. How you order, Scene 5: Mel Circle We're Back to the Story of Pears. We meet Pear in court with the support of the former cook of the governor and Simon Shashava, who claims that he is the father of the boy. Natella Abashvili comes with two lawyers, each of whom assures that she will be taken care of. Azdak is removed and the trial begins. The trial, however, does not begin with Pear and the governor's wife, but with a very elderly couple wanting to divorce. Azdak can't decide on this case, so he pushes him aside to hear the next case in the dock. The prosecution is pressed and liberally bribes Azdak in the hope that the verdict will be announced. It turned out that Natella wants a child only because all the estates and finances of the governor are tied to her heir and can not be accessed without him. Pear's defense is not going well, as she moves into it and Simon insults Azdak for taking bribes. Azdak fines them for this, but, after review, claims that he can not find the true mother. He decides that he will have to develop a test. A circle of chalk is drawn, and Michael is in the center. If they both pull, they will tear the baby in half and get half each. The trial begins, but (akin to Solomon's Court) Pear refuses to pull because she can't hurt Michael. Azdak gives her another chance, but again she can't get Michael out. During this dilemma, the sharp song is singed by the singer as a reflection of Pear's thoughts towards Michael. Others on stage do not hear it, but they feel irresistible emotions through Pear. Azdak states that Pear is a true mother because she loves Michael too much to hurt him. The governor's wife is told that the estates will fall into the city and be made into a garden for children called Azdak Garden. Simon pays Azdak a fine. Azdak tells the old couple that he will break up with them, but accidentally divorces Pear and the peasant, leaving her the right to marry Simone. Everyone dances happily as Azdak disappears. The singer notes Azdak's wisdom and notes that in the final everyone got what he deserved. Brecht's music has written a number of songs as part of the play, and one of its main characters is called Singer. In 1944, the production was scored by Paul Dessau. Although there is no officially published score, the show is usually played with original music and songs performed Many composers have created unique original scores for the Caucasian Cretaceous Circle. One score, which is regularly performed by the American composer Mark Nichols, who based his music on traditional Georgian folk harmonies in polyphony. Georgian composer Gia Kancheli made an iconic score for the production of the Rustaveli Theatre in Tbilisi. Comments This section needs to be expanded. You can help by adding to it. (January 2011) Brecht took a decisive step away from the Chinese play that was its source. In it, it is the birth of a mother's child who lets go and wins custody of the child. Towards the end of the prologue, Singer says it's an old story of Chinese origin, but with a modern rewrite. The play is sometimes played without a prologue, and it has always played this way in the US in the McCarthy era. (quote needed) (The first production in the U.S., included in the prologue, was in 1965.) There is some debate about how integral the prologue is to Brecht's concept of the play. Some claim that he viewed it as an integral part of his play, and it was present in the earliest projects. However, there is an arrangement that he originally intended to establish in the 1930s, but later updated it. The play is clearly Georgia in the Caucasus, although in the main play it is described as Grushinia (Russian version of the name). Most of the characters have Georgian (or Georgian) names, and Tiflis and the poet Mayakovsky are mentioned in the prologue. However, the city where most of the action takes place, Nuka, is located in modern Azerbaijan, although it was under Georgian rule for some time in the play, including the name of the character Azdak, who says he comes from there. Brecht did not necessarily intend that his play was a realistic depiction of modern or medieval Georgia. Even in the Soviet Union, some people found it more German than Russian or Georgian, and pointed out that it did not accurately reflect decision-making procedures in Soviet agriculture. Inquiries: Squiers, Anthony (2014). Introduction to bertolt Brecht's sociopolitical philosophy: revolution and aesthetics. Amsterdam: Rhodopi. page 190. ISBN 9789042038998. Introduction to the student edition of Penguin Modern Classics - Mayakovsky and Brecht himself were sometimes accused of formalism in the Soviet Union. Brough, Neil; Kavanagh, R. 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