



Fine Arts:

kunqu Opera

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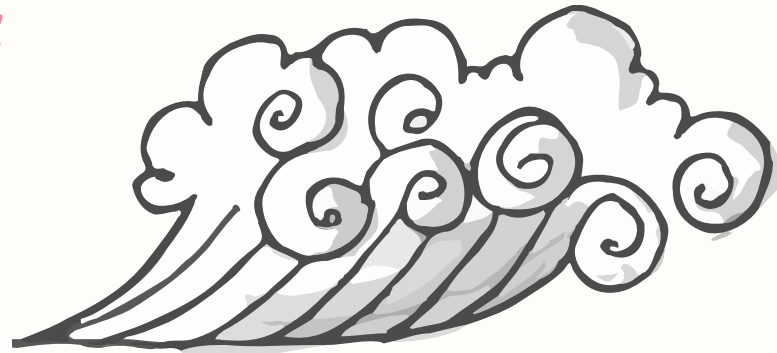
Part 1

Introduction

Introduction



Kunqu Opera is *one of the oldest existing opera* in China



It is known as the "*Master of Hundreds of Operas*" and "*Ancestor of Hundreds of Operas*".



Part 2

History

History



Kunqu Opera originated in the *Kunshan area of Jiangsu Province* in the late Yuan and early Ming Dynasty, and has a history of more than 600 years.

Formation period

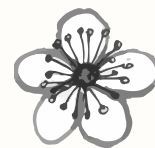
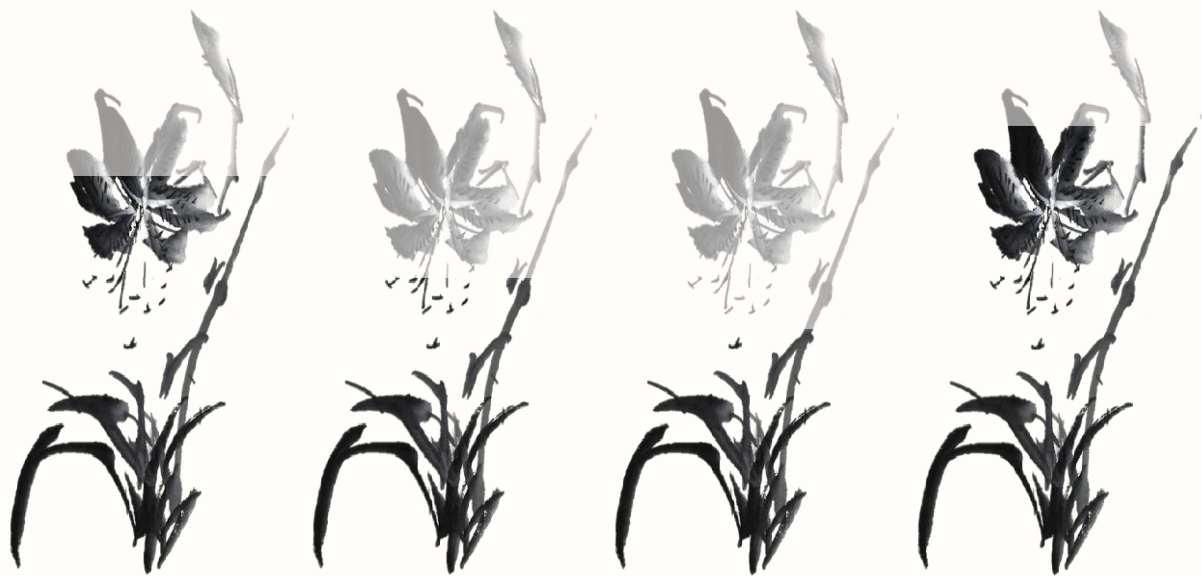
The water mill tune 水磨调

China's earliest Kunqu Opera "Huan Sha Ji" 《黄沙记》

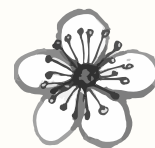


History 

Prosperous period



Palace of Eternal Life
长生殿



Peach Blossom Fan
桃花扇



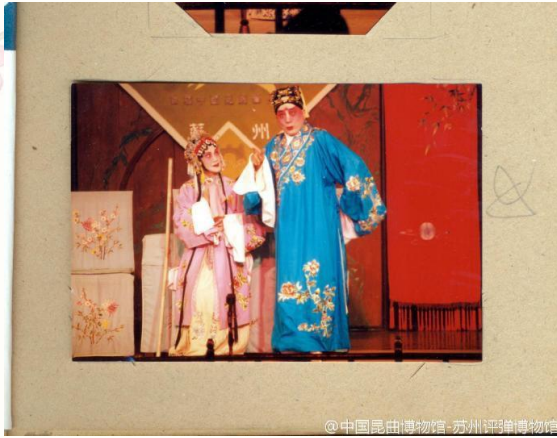
History 

Decline period

The powerful, high-pitched Peking Opera.



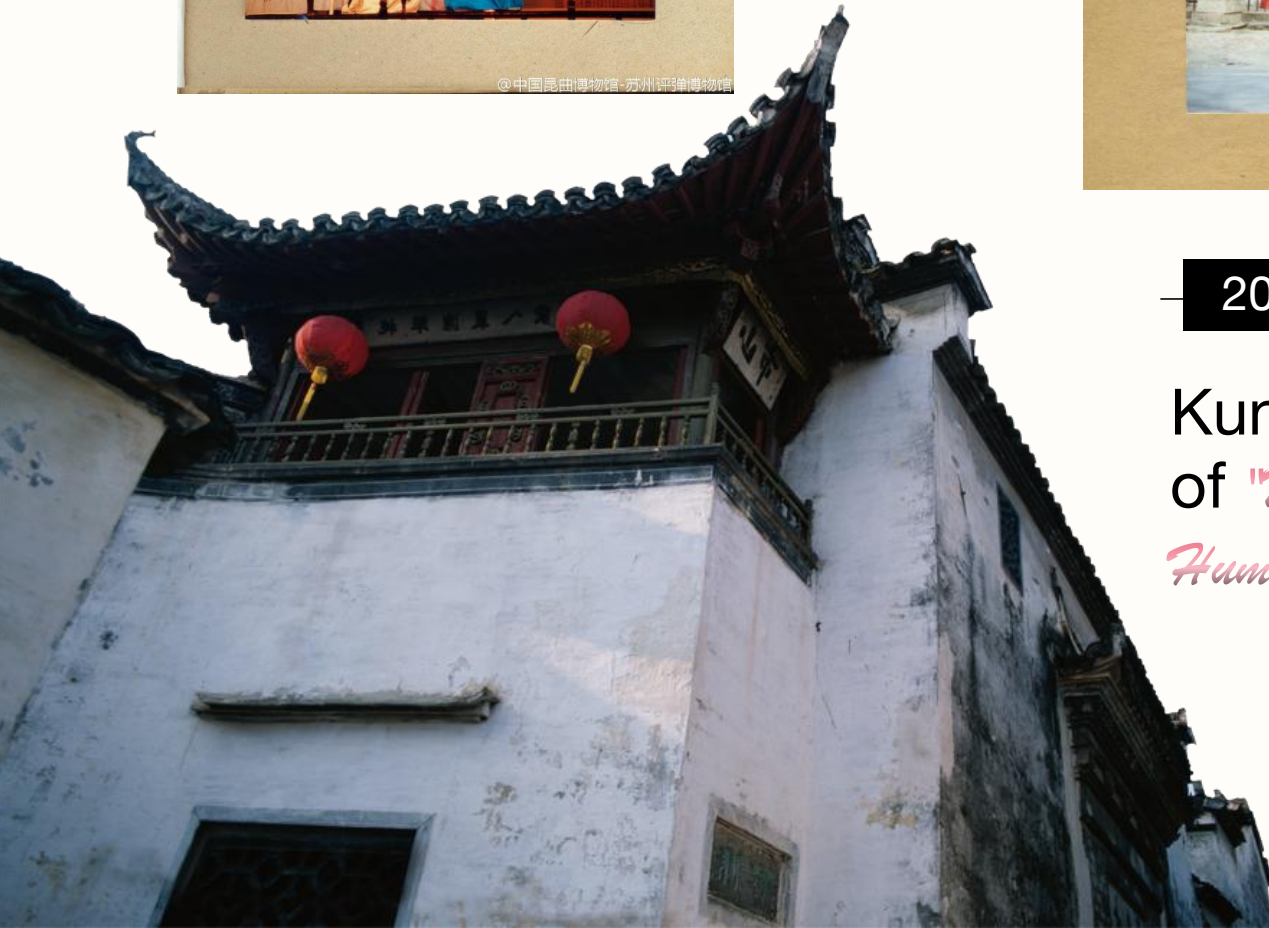
History



New 
period

2001

Kunqu Opera was included in the list of *"Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity"* by UNESCO





Part 3

Features

Features



- Kunqu Opera is a combination of *singing, reciting, playing, dancing and martial arts.*
- Qudi 曲笛 Sanxian 三弦 as the main accompaniment instruments.
- The singing of Kunqu Opera can be divided into “huo 豁” “die 叠” “sou 擞” “huo 嚯”, etc.
- The rhythm of Kunqu Opera music is typical of the three-eye board 三眼板, one-eye board 一眼板, flowing water board 流水板, scattered board 散板.
- Aria 咏叹调





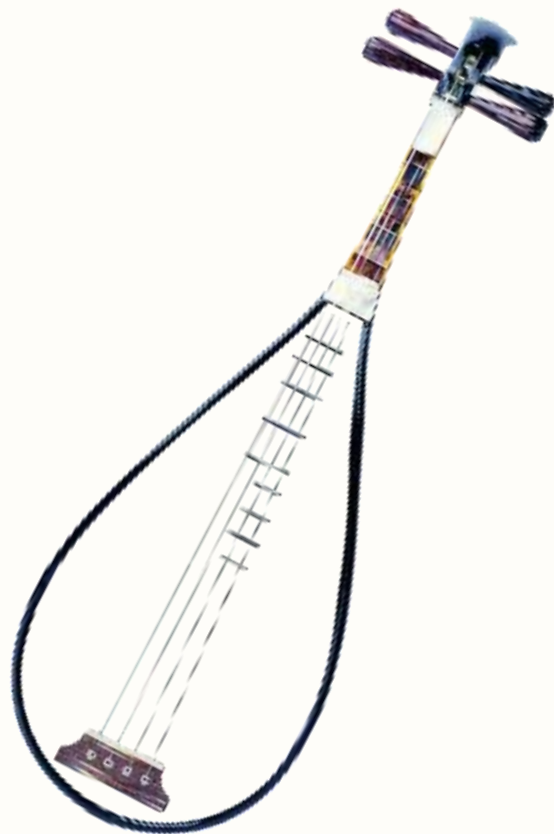
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Classical
works

Classical works



The Peony Pavilion



The palace of eternal life



How to promote Kunqu opera to compose contemporary chapters

Inherit the classics

Innovative classics

Beyond tradition

Cultivate masters

Cultivate audiences

1

Innovate classics in inheriting classics and promote the contemporary transformation of Kunqu classics.



2022年8月20日晚，高蕾蕾导演的《三生路》和赵以导演的《梦中人》成功上演，开启《牡丹亭》文戏“现代化转译”的序幕，邀你一同“游园惊梦”。演出得到了观众的热烈追捧，留言评论“笑点满场飞”，剧情“感同身受”。

——中国国家话剧院



2

Go beyond tradition in the inheritance of tradition and launch more excellent works of Kunqu Opera.



《梅兰芳·当年梅郎》



《瞿秋白》



《春江城》

3

Cultivate masters in tribute to masters and strengthen the construction of Kunqu talent team


4

Cultivate the audience in serving the audience and consolidate the foundation for the inheritance and development of Kunqu Opera.





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A watercolor illustration of pink cherry blossoms and two small blue birds flying. The blossoms are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The birds are small and blue, flying in the air. The background is white.

Thank you