

Moon Village – a Global Science Opera

(preliminary sketch Synopsis, Libretto and country-based participations) version2 - not final

Characters:

Sofia (a girl)
 4 astronauts: Anna (Sofia’s mother) and 3 more
 Sofia’s friends - a group of children born on the Moon
 A European Space Agency (ESA) official

Synopsis:

It is the year 2040. 100 persons of different backgrounds (scientists, artists, farmers, teachers, engineers) are living on the Moon Village. Two of them are expecting a child. Soon a girl, Sofia, is the first child born in space. The year after another child is born, and several more shortly after that. As they grow, these children have a strong need to explore and experience their surroundings. Some of them leave back to Earth. The children who stayed behind on the Moon gradually grow more curious of what is outside their own Moon village-world. The need for a School-on-the-Moon emerges. Sofia decides to establish one. They learn about troubles on Earth, and then decide to declare independence from Earth so they will be free to send the right message to Earthlings.

Libretto Structure				
Scene #	Time and place of scene	Background information	The scene’s story	Country creating this scene
Introductory scene by Slovakia? Slovenia? China? Japan? Principe? India? Sweden?				
Act 1 “BABIES ON THE MOON!”				
1(1)	The year is 2030 on the sustainable lunar base	<i>10 people are orbiting the Moon in 6-month rotations.</i>	Astronauts are preparing for a 6-month rotation of the moon	Mexico
1(2)	Year 2030 in the spaceship		There are social and emotional interactions amongst the astronauts (they’re from different countries/languages). A simple discussion leads to some confusion because of language differences, but in the end they all understand this and start laughing. One of the astronauts, Anna, asks a question about gravity.	Italy
2(1)	<i>The year is 2040.</i>	<i>100 people live permanently</i>	Anna and the other parents of the soon-to-born babies are worried with scientific questions and emotional	Brazil

		<i>on the moon. First babies are about to be born.</i>	worries about embryology, gravity, radiation	
2(2)	2040		First BABIES ON THE MOON!	Norway
3(1)	<i>The year is 2050.</i>	<i>The babies have grown. Sofia (main character) and her friends live an isolated but interesting life.</i>	One of the children is terribly sad and lonely on the Moon. When they study the Earth – and get worried (show troubles on Earth) – he decides that he is going to return to Earth. Script for younger child looking and studying Earth through the telescope: "I wanna play with the telescope! Oh, I see something green and blue, there's so much blue. Is that normal? And it's moving, why is it moving? And the colour is changing, it becomes white. It's so shiny! Is that a star? "	Canada (libretto suggestions by Norway)
3(2)	They year is 2055.	This is the big crisis and BREAKING POINT of the story!	A group of children is leaving to go back to Earth. HUGE CRISIS! Sofia stays, her boyfriend leaves. Sofia cries. (Chile)	Chile
Act 2 "School on the Moon"				
1(1)	2055 on the Moon	The kids who stayed behind on the Moon are sad. They miss their friends.	A sad melody and dance. At the end of the song, one of the children tells Sofia that they can cheer up by learning about the Sun	Uganda
1(2)	2055 on the Moon		A fun song about the Sun	Kenya
2(1)	?	?	?	Portugal
2(2)	2055 on the Moon	The Moon Village children learn more about the Moon:	The Moon Village children learn more about the Moon: <i>Earth doesn't see moon rotate (only sees one side). Maybe only see "one side" of the story? IDEA: Person who lived on light side of moon for a long time tells one side of the story while a new person who has to live on the dark side gives the other side of the story</i>	USA
3(1)	2055 on the Moon	This is a resolution (solution) to the sad crisis after some of the children left back to Earth	Sofia decides to start a school on the Moon	Spain

3(2)	2055 on the Moon		A school on the Moon is created and starts working...	Slovenia or Slovakia
Act 3 "CREATIONS"				
1(1)	2055 on the Moon	The intention of the message from the Moon children to the Earth children: "Save the Earth"	<i>Picture/film of a beach and the ocean/waves, sound of the oceanwaves, wind etc.</i> Text starts like this: "If I could turn back time. If I could be born again on earth. I would swim forever and ever in the blue, blue sea I can only know from afar."	Germany (some libretto by Norway)
1(2)			Mixed emotions amongst the kids who stayed on the Moon – great adaptation challenges and scientific successes (half and half)	Australia
2(1)	Time: The year 2069. Place: on the Moon	The kids have now grown and are now in their 30's.	Sofia leads the others to declare independence for the Moon, to create a peaceful good environment, the creative school, being humane (and peace) so that those on Earth may learn from us here on the Moon	Afghanistan
2(2)	Time: 2069. Place: All over the Earth and Moon		Song: Bring Peace (worldwide and Lunar choir)	UK and worldwide
3(1)	Time: 2070. Place: On the Moon		"CREATIONS" – an aria about creative learning by Sofia, who is now in her 30's.	Greece (LSTT? GSOrt?)
3(2)	Time: 2017 or 2070. Place: European Space Agency (Noordwijk, Holland)	"Zooming out" of the Moon Village story to encounter its masterminds	Sofia and friends interview the European Space Agency (Holland)	Holland
FINALE: The Moon Village – composition by Galactic Echo				Serbia