

Moon Village – a Global Science Opera

(preliminary sketch Synopsis, Libretto and country-based participations) version4 - not final

Characters:

Sofia (a girl born on the Moon)
 Bernard (a boy born on the Moon)
 a group of children born on the Moon
 Anna (Sofia’s mother and an astronaut)
 Luc (Sofia’s father and an astronaut)
 Liv (female astronaut)
 Takumi (male astronaut)
 A European Space Agency (ESA) official
 1-2 real astronauts on the International Space Station

Synopsis:

It is the year 2040. 100 persons of different backgrounds (scientists, artists, farmers, teachers, engineers) live on the Moon Village. Two of them are expecting a child. Soon a girl, Sofia, is the first child born in space. More children are born on the Moon shortly after. As they grow, they have a strong need to explore their surroundings, and the Universe around them. When they learn about pollution, climate change and wars on Earth, some of them (including Sofia’s boyfriend) decide to leave the Moon and return back to Earth. Sofia decides to stay on the Moon. The departure of her boyfriend and the others is the saddest and most difficult day in the lives of Sofia and her friends. But now, because their friend have left the Moon, the children who stayed on the Moon grow even more curious and emotional about the Space around them. They need a school on the Moon! They decide to establish one. They study the troubles on Earth more carefully, and finally Sofia leads the Moon children to declare independence from Earth.

Libretto Structure				
Scene #	Time and place of scene	Background information	The scene’s story	Country creating this scene
Musical Overture by Portugal				
Introductory scene about the Moon by China				
Act 1 “BABIES ON THE MOON!”				
Pre-scene	The year is 2017 on the International Space Station	<i>1-2 astronauts on the ISS</i>	Astronauts talking about the future Moon Village	In space (live or pre-recorded astronauts)
1(1)	The year is 2030 on the	<i>10 people are orbiting the</i>	Astronauts are preparing for a 6-month rotation of the moon. Anna and	Mexico

	sustainable lunar base	<i>Moon in 6-month rotations.</i>	Luc share a task while preparing the technical equipment.	
1(2)	Year 2030 in the spaceship		There are 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 on the moon. First babies are about to be born.</i>	Anna and the other parents of the soon-to-born babies are worried with scientific questions and emotional worries about embryology, gravity, radiation	Brazil
2(2)			First BABIES ON THE MOON!	Norway
2(3)	The year is 2050	<i>The babies have grown. Sofia (main character) and her friends live an isolated but interesting life.</i>	The babies have grown to be 10-year old children. Bernard looks and studies 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? "	Ethiopia
3(1)	<i>The year is 2054.</i>		The children are now 14 years old. Bernard and Sofia have become sweethearts. Bernard is happy, but when he thinks about the many people on Earth, he becomes sad and lonely on the Moon. When the Moon-children study the Earth, they get worried, and he decides he is going to return to Earth.	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. The scene's scenography is made with MITAKA software...the scene moves between Earth and the Moon constantly through MITAKA	Japan
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)	2055 on the Moon			Slovenia (?) Argentina (?)
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 and her friends decide 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
3(3)	2055 on the Moon	A dance	Celebration of the Moon telescope array	Chile
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.	The kids have now grown	Sofia leads the others to declare independence for the Moon, to create a peaceful good environment, the	Afghanistan

	Place: on the Moon	and are now in their 30's.	creative school, being humane (and peace) so that those on Earth may learn from us here on the Moon	
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
3(3)	Time: 2017	Song	Song about Humanity and the Moon	Zambia
FINALE: The Moon Village – composition by Galactic Echo				Serbia