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Tragic Romance

"Ouranki"

Written and directed by Kumiko Ueda

Super Fantasy

"Dream Chaser"

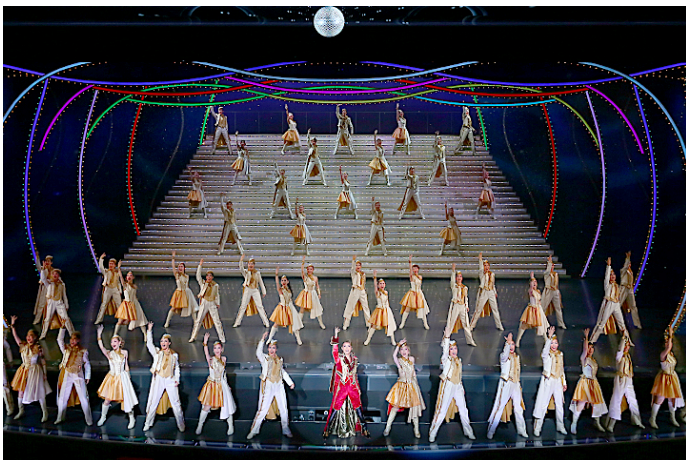
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Story

--- "Ouranki"

The story unfolds in the turbulent period in the history of Japan, where two imperial courts exist: the Northern Court set up in Kyoto by the military commander Ashikaga Takauji; and the Southern Court established in Yoshino by Emperor Go-Daigo after he fled from Kyoto. Kusunoki Masatsura, a warlord of the Southern Court, knows the court is approaching its downfall while spending his days fighting against the Northern Court along with his younger brothers: Masatoki and Masanori.

It all started back in the last days of the previous period ruled by the Kamakura shogunate. Kusunoki Masashige, the father of Masatsura, responded to Emperor Go-Daigo's call for raising an army; Masashige played an important role in the success of overthrowing the Kamakura shogunate to restore power to the emperor. However, samurai warriors from all over the country became increasingly disappointed with Emperor Go-Daigo's rule, and they rallied under the leadership of Ashikaga Takauji, a warlord from a branch family of the Minamoto clan. Eventually Takauji usurped control, drove Emperor Go-Daigo from Kyoto, and founded a new samurai government with himself at the head. Meanwhile, Emperor Go-Daigo, asserted the legitimacy of his imperial throne by claiming that Yoshino, where he had taken refuge, was the capital of Japan. It was the beginning of the battle over political power between two rival imperial factions: the Northern Court backed up by samurai families, which had seized Kyoto; and the Southern Court with court nobles, who had fled to Mt. Yoshino. The Northern Court had far superior military strength, and it was easy to predict the outcome of the battle. Emperor Go-Daigo died of illness shortly afterwards, while many supporters of the Southern Court gave up on the court. But Masashige kept fighting until the end of his life for the Southern Court, and his pursuit was carried out by his three sons: Masatsura, Masatoki, and Masanori.

Time has passed since then, it is now 1347. At the battle of Sumiyoshi-Abeno, Masatsura and his brothers are fighting well with a handful of soldiers against the large force led by Yamana and Hosokawa of the Northern Court. Masatsura goes out alone to scout the enemy's movement. On his way through a deserted mountain pass, Masatsura comes across a palanquin being attacked by minions of Ko no Moronao of the Northern Court. He fights off the attackers and rescues a lady-in-waiting of the Southern Court in the palanquin, whose court name is Ben no Naishi. The court lady is the daughter of Hino Toshimoto, who was executed for plotting to overthrow the Kamakura shogunate. Ben no Naishi yells at Masatsura for his action to save her, claiming she could imagine what the lecherous Moronao was up to by having his men abduct her, yet she deliberately intended to take him up on his scheme in order to kill him in his sleep. Seeing her strong hostility towards the samurai who killed her father, Masatsura made Ben no Naishi accompany his army to take her back to Yoshino. On the way back to Yoshino, Ben no Naishi is touched by Masatsura's rugged but noble character, and gradually becomes attracted to him.

Masatsura returns triumphantly with Ben no Naishi to the temporary palace deep in Mt. Yoshino, where he reports his army's victory to the Southern Court's nobles. Being aware of the significant difference in military strength between both sides, Masatsura urges them to make peace with the Northern Court. In contrast, the haughty court nobles are only interested in defeating the Northern Court to regain control of Kyoto. The compassionate Emperor Go-Murakami wants to avoid further sacrifices in his heart of hearts, but he chooses to keep fighting against the opposite court to fulfill the deceased Emperor Go-Daigo's last wish. The Southern Court's nobles insist that it is honorable for samurai to fight and die for the emperor. Masanori, who is the youngest of the Kusunoki brothers, takes his anger on Masatsura, demanding to know what they are fighting for. That is the question Masatsura is asking himself.

Emperor Go-Murakami suggests Masatsura take Ben no Naishi as his wife. However, precisely because of his love for her, Masatsura refuses, saying how he could promise a marriage when he would certainly die in battle.

The full-blown cherry blossom season arrives in Yoshino, while the decisive battle of Shijonawate is just around the corner. What is he fighting for? Amidst a storm of cherry blossoms, Masatsura follows the path he has chosen ...

--- "Dream Chaser"

In an endless pursuit of dreams - "Dream Chaser". This revue will showcase the vast range of talent found within the Moon Troupe performers. With each scene, this work will beckon you into a different world through music and dance. The "dream" as seen by the top star of Moon troupe, Ryo Tamaki, is the centerpiece of this dazzling and gorgeous stage performance.



Main cast

--- "Ouranki"

Kusunoki Masatsura:	Ryo Tamaki
Ben no Naishi:	Sakura Misono
Kusunoki Masanori:	Kanato Tsukishiro
Emperor Go-Daigo:	Chihiro Itsuki
Kusunoki Masanori [in old age]:	Ru Kozuki
Ben no Naishi [in old age]:	Miyako Kagetsu
Ko no Moronao:	Yuriya Shimon
Chushi / Shijo Takasuke:	Sachika Shirayuki
Jinbei:	Karan Chinami
Kusunoki Masatoki:	An Hozuki
Kusunoki Hisako:	Ran Kosaki
Kusunoki Masashige:	Yuma Kizuki
Ano Renshi:	Yuki Kaede
Meishi / Nijo Moromoto:	Aki Harune
Ota Norisuke:	Yu Harumi
Kitabatake Akiie:	Rune Yumena
Shoshi:	Ai Sakurana
Ippeita [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	Yuto Hayaki
Ko no Moroyasu:	Tsukasa Ren
Yuri:	Mitsuki Umino
Kitabatake Chikafusa:	Aoi Kashiro
Hino Toshimoto:	Makoto Asagiri
Toin Saneyo:	Mirei Himesaki
Emperor Go-Murakami:	Chisei Akatsuki
Southern Court lady:	Senri Urara
Nijo Norimoto:	Ran Kiyoka
Ninosuke [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	Seren Soma

Ota Momosuke:	<u>Kaoto Hanabusa</u>
Yoshizo [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Tsubasa Asahi</u>
Ishinosuke [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Naoki Ran</u>
Ashikaga Takauji:	<u>Yuno Kazama</u>
Southern Court lady:	<u>Yuki Momoka</u>
Southern Court lady / Retainer's child:	<u>Kiki Natsukaze</u>
Kingo [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Yu Sorashiro</u>
Southern Court nobleman / Retainer's child:	<u>Rin Hisumi</u>
Empress Kenshi:	<u>Juri Amashi</u>
Hyoroku [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Sena Ayaoto</u>
Gonshichi [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Haru Reika</u>
Aeba Ujinao:	<u>Karen Yui</u>
Southern Court lady:	<u>Yurika Yoshino</u>
Southern Court nobleman / Peasant woman:	<u>Maika Hanatoki</u>
Kihachi [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Natsuho Komi</u>
Southern Court lady / Peasant woman:	<u>Ruria Amana</u>
Shukushi / Blossom Corps member:	<u>Keito Ranze</u>
Blossom Corps member:	<u>Ari Nanano</u>
Kyubei [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Ayato Hiragi</u>
Seijuro [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Kei Issei</u>
Juichiro [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Tera Okusu</u>
Southern Court lady:	<u>Yutaka Maya</u>
Kusunoki Masatsura [as a boy]:	<u>Riri Shirakawa</u>
Juniemon [a retainer of the Kusunoki clan]:	<u>Yurika Ayaji</u>
Blossom Corps member:	<u>Mika Haon</u>
Southern Court lady:	<u>Mio Manoa</u>
Ben no Naishi [as a girl]:	<u>Haryu Kiyora</u>
Kusunoki Masatoki [as a boy]:	<u>Chizuru Uta</u>
Kusunoki Masanori [as a boy]:	<u>Rin Ichino</u>