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## Takarazuka Grand Theater(HYOGO) Oct.1-Nov.7 2022

Grand Musical

### "The Pleiades in the Blue"

Adapted from "The Pleiades in the Blue" by Jiro Asada (published by Kodansha Ltd.)

Script and direction by Ryo Harada

**On sale from: August 27, 2022, at 10:00 AM(JST) -**

### Price

SS Seat : 12,500 / S Seat : 8,800 / A Seat : 5,500 / B Seat : 3,500

Unit: Japanese Yen (tax included)



## Story

### --- "The Pleiades in the Blue"

"Liang Wenxiu, you will be allowed to enter the Forbidden City when you grow up and will eventually become the emperor's trusted confidant in running the country. You are destined to engage in learning, spread knowledge, and support the emperor." ——

The story starts in Hebei, China, during the end of the Qing dynasty in the late 19th century.

Wenxiu, the second son of the landowner of Liangjiatun village, who has fallen asleep after drinking at a tavern at the edge of the village, is awakened by what he hears as he slumbers. It is the prophecy that was once given to him by an old Tartar fortune-teller Bai Tai Tai, and it has been stuck in his head ever since. Being teased by his friends for passing the entry-level exam for the imperial examination, Wenxiu decides to pass the final exam at any cost. At the very moment, a destitute boy Li Chun'er makes an appearance, whom Wenxiu once made a pledge of brotherhood with. Chun'er, too, believes the prophecy he received from Bai Tai Tai that he would gain treasure beyond his wildest dreams.

Not long after, Wenxiu passes the cutthroat final imperial examination with the top score, followed by Shungui and Wang Yi who come second and third respectively. They pay a courtesy call to Emperor Guangxu and his aunt Empress Dowager Cixi, the de facto ruler of the Forbidden City. The Forbidden City, where archaic customs are still practiced, immediately confronts Wenxiu with the current reality in the Qing dynasty. At this rate, the country will fall prey to the Western powers ——. Wenxiu and his capable colleagues vow to fulfill their missions. But would it be so easy to achieve the transfer of power to Emperor Guangxu? It is obvious that the emperor needs strong backing to match Empress Dowager Cixi. The great scholar Yang Xizhen, who is a teacher of Wenxiu and his colleagues, intends to entrust the role to General Li Hongzhang, the Governor-General of Tianjin.

Meanwhile, Chun'er, who came to Beijing to accompany Wenxiu for his examination but fell out with him after a quarrel, is wandering around the town at night, where he comes across a blind "erhu" fiddle player. The encounter with the man leads Chun'er to the conclusion that the only way for him to make a living is to become a eunuch.

Returning to his hometown, Wenxiu meets Lingling who is the younger sister of Chun'er. He learns from Lingling that her mother died and Chun'er has become a eunuch. Just when Wenxiu decides to bring her with him to Beijing, Bai Tai Tai appears to give him another mysterious prophecy: "You two are connected by a strange thread of fate." Then the fortune-teller disappears...



## Main cast

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Liang Wenxiu:	<a href="#">Sakina Ayakaze</a>
Li Lingling:	<a href="#">Kiwa Asazuki</a>
Li Chun'er:	<a href="#">Jun Asami</a>
Li Hongzhang:	<a href="#">Ruumi Nagina</a>
Shungui:	<a href="#">Sora Kazuki</a>
Emperor Guangxu (Zaitian):	<a href="#">Sen Agata</a>
Mrs. Zhang:	<a href="#">Aya Yumeshiro</a>
Bai Tai Tai:	<a href="#">Misa Kyo</a>
Ito Hirobumi:	<a href="#">Rei Natori</a>
Empress Dowager Cixi:	<a href="#">Chihiro Itsuki</a>
Yang Xizhen:	<a href="#">Yo Natsumi</a>
Ronglu:	<a href="#">Rin Yuma</a>
Kang Youwei:	<a href="#">Haruto Sono</a>
Deling:	<a href="#">Karen Chikaze</a>
Li Lianying:	<a href="#">Kazuki Toma</a>
Yuan Shikai:	<a href="#">Haruto Mana</a>
Oka Keinosuke :	<a href="#">Asu Kujo</a>
Court lady to the Empress Dowager Cixi:	<a href="#">Konomi Anno</a>
Court lady to the Empress Dowager Cixi:	<a href="#">Sumire Ai</a>
Chang Lianzhong:	<a href="#">Kaoru Oji</a>
An Dehai:	<a href="#">Tsubasa Amatsuki</a>
Court lady to the Empress Dowager Cixi:	<a href="#">Yuri Shiramine</a>
Court lady to the Empress Dowager Cixi:	<a href="#">Yukino Himehana</a>
Consort Jin:	<a href="#">Anna Sara</a>
Prince Chun / Shiba Goro:	<a href="#">Yuri Kano</a>
Tan Sitong:	<a href="#">Saki Suwa</a>
Empress Longyu:	<a href="#">Himari Nonoka</a>

Court lady to the Empress Dowager Cixi:	<a href="#"><u>Umi Kirara</u></a>
Rongling:	<a href="#"><u>Yuka Haori</u></a>
Hei Mudan:	<a href="#"><u>Rui Manomiya</u></a>
Master Zhao (Leader of the theater group):	<a href="#"><u>Rian Seika</u></a>
Prince Gong:	<a href="#"><u>Haruma Hiyori</u></a>
Court lady to the Empress Dowager Cixi:	<a href="#"><u>Riri Kotohane</u></a>
Cui Yugui:	<a href="#"><u>Mire Asato</u></a>
Wang Yi:	<a href="#"><u>Ao Ichika</u></a>
Grace Defender Duke Zaize:	<a href="#"><u>Kei Sakishiro</u></a>
Zhou Mazi:	<a href="#"><u>Rea Mayuzuki</u></a>
Jin Ba:	<a href="#"><u>Rinto Mareha</u></a>
Lanqin:	<a href="#"><u>Yu Seimi</u></a>
Thomas Burton:	<a href="#"><u>Haruma Somi</u></a>
Consort Zhen:	<a href="#"><u>Yui Neiro</u></a>
Lin Xu:	<a href="#"><u>Yuriya Kishiro</u></a>
Liu Guangdi:	<a href="#"><u>Kyo Kase</u></a>