

CLOC

for kids

PRESENTS ...



RUNTIME or: how long does this last?

50 min.

20 min.

**1 hour,
20 min.**

WELCOME TO THE HIGHFIELD THEATER!

Thanks for coming to our production of *La Perichole*! Here at CLOC, we consider kids like you some of our most special guests, and so, before the show starts, we wanted to share a few things with you...

PLOT what's going on?

Sometimes operettas (or short, funny operas) can be hard to follow. Here's little preview to help!

La Perichole and Piquillo are two street singers who are in love! Unfortunately, they don't make too much money singing on the street and cannot afford to get married. When the Viceroy (town royalty) wants La Perichole to live with him, she is forced to leave Piquillo to avoid starvation. To their luck, the Viceroy forces the two to get married so that Le Perichole is not a single woman staying in his palace, but Piquillo doesn't know who he's married!

After intermission, Piquillo is sentenced to the dungeon and La Perichole is also locked up for trying to save him. The two are saved by the Old Prisoner and escape. When the Viceroy finds them, he has a change of heart and forgives the couple and frees the Old Prisoner!

CHARACTERS who is who?

Confused on which character is which? We hope this helps:

COMMON PEOPLE

La Perichole and Piquillo

Two lovers who sing on the street, hoping to get married

Old Prisoner

Has been locked up for years for a crime that the Viceroy forgets!

ROYALTY

Viceroy

Most powerful man in Peru

Guadalena, Berginella, Mastrilla

The Viceroy's cousins

Don Miguel, Don Pedro

The viceroy's righthand men

theatre history:
WHO IS
**JACQUES
OFFENBACH?**



Jacques Offenbach (pronounced *shock OFF-in-bok*) is the composer of *La Perichole* (the person who writes all the music that you hear). He was very famous for writing operettas (short, funny operas) in the mid-1800s. Even though he wrote music over 150 years ago, his works are still performed today, and he even inspired future composers to write operettas (like W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan). Other famous operettas by Jacques Offenbach are *Orpheus in the Underworld* and *The Tales of Hoffmann*.

WEEKLY PUZZLE

Solve the maze to help Piquillo and La Perichole get their marriage license!



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