

Ehon Taikoki: Amagasaki Kankyo
絵本太功記十段目 尼ヶ崎閑居の場

performed by Yokaichi-machi 八日市町

Showtimes: 15:30-16:30, 18:00-19:00

Synopsis

*(*The 10th act of the Ehon Taikoki series, revolving around the real-life historical figures of Akechi Mitsuhide, Oda Nobunaga and Toyotomi Hideyoshi, whose names were modified in the play due to censorship back then. Only this act has been retained as a kabuki classic.)*

Takechi Mitsuhide's disloyalty in murdering his master Oda Harunaga angers his mother, Satsuki, who runs away to Amagasaki. She is visited by Mitsuhide's son, Jujiro, who brings along his mother Misao, and fiancée Hatsugiku to bid farewell before leaving for the battlefield. Recognising that her grandson is prepared to die on the battlefield, Satsuki gets Jujiro and Hatsugiku to exchange sake cups as a toast to their marriage.

After Jujiro leaves, Mitsuhide arrives, having chased his enemy Hisayoshi there, who has disguised as a travelling monk. He stabs Hisayoshi with his bamboo spear while he is in the bath, but realizes from the cry that proceeds that it is actually his mother, who willingly took Hisayoshi's place. She tries to convince him that rebelling against his master, but he does not listen.

At that moment, Jujiro returns, heavily wounded. He reports the depressing developments of the battle to Mitsuhide before breathing his last. Satsuki then dies as well. Losing both his son and mother at the same time, Mitsuhide is reduced to tears.