

FOOLS

The action of the comic fable *Fools* occurs in the mythical and remote Ukrainian village of Kulyenchikov circa 1890.

ACT I Scene 1: ONE DAY.

LEON TOLCHINSKY (THE SCHOOL TEACHER):

Brown [when available] or neutral two-piece sack suit; coordinated vest or sweater vest; shirt; bow tie; soft cap.

SNETSKY (THE 43-YEAR-OLD SHEPHERD): Colorful ethnic or Russian shirt; vest; balloon pants; colorful sash; faux fur leg wraps; faux fur cap.

SLOVITCH (A 41-YEAR-OLD BUTCHER): Colorful peasant shirt; knee breeches; sash; shoe buckles; butcher apron; straw boater or skimmer hat.

MISHKIN (THE 51-YEAR-OLD POSTMAN): Blue-gray uniform-type bolero jacket with red trim; matching trousers; white collarless shirt; red sash; boot tops; cap or hat.

ACT I Scene 2.

YENCHNA (A 26-YEAR-OLD VENDOR): Colorful floral print head rag; long sleeved blouse; jumper dress; pinafore apron; petticoat.

ACT I Scene 3.

DR ZUBRITSKY:

- 1) White lab coat; wing tip shirt; red bow tie; gray vest; black trousers.
- 2) Red or colored nightshirt and cap.

MAGISTRATE KUPCHIK (79-YEARS OLD): Black frock coat; colorful waist sash; wing tip shirt; dark cravat or ascot; dark vest and trousers; gray gloves; black top hat.

LENYA ZUBRITSKY (DR ZUBRITSKY'S WIFE):

- 1) Headpiece with ribbons and flowers; white blouse; colorful basque; floral print skirt; white ethnic apron.
- 2) Colorful nightgown; mob cap.

SOPHIA ZUBRITSKY (THEIR DAUGHTER):

- 1) Ribbioned floral headpiece; green or yellow peasant blouse; green or gold basque or bodice; blue skirt; petticoat
- 2) White nightgown; mob cap.

ACT I Scene 4.

COUNT GREGOR YOUSEKEVITCH: White wing collared shirt; cravat or ascot; ethnic embroidered vest; dark balloon trousers; sash; baldric; cape or cloak; black high hat.

ACT II Scene 1: THE NEXT MORNING.

SNETSKY:

- 1) Repeat.
- 2) Change for wedding at end of scene: White shirt; red Byron tie

SLOVITCH:

- 1) Repeat.
- 2) Change for wedding at end of scene: White shirt; pink Byron tie; derby hat.

YENCHNA:

- 1) Repeat.
- 2) Change for wedding at end of scene: Strike head rag and apron.
Add ribboned floral headdress

LENYA: Repeat I-3 [#1].

SOPHIA: Colored blouse; colorful striped skirt; sash; white organza pinafore.
Repeat petticoat.

LEON & MAGISTRATE: Repeat.

MISHKIN:

- 1) Repeat.
- 2) Change for wedding at end of scene: White peasant shirt;
green Byron tie; green sash. Repeat trousers.

ACT II Scene 2: THE WEDDING.

LEON: White ethnic blouse sleeved shirt; black vest with metallic trim;
colorful sash; white balloon pants.

SOPHIA: White wedding dress; petticoat; ribboned floral headpiece with veil;
floral bouquet.

MAGISTRATE: Strike coat. Add black velvet robe with gold trim.

COUNT GREGOR: Strike cape. Add cutaway coat.

LENYA: Ethnic dress; floral headpiece; white gloves; clutch purse.

DR ZUBRITSKY: Strike lab coat. Add black frock coat with flower in lapel

CODA.

SNETSKY: Faux sheepskin fur vest.

MISHKIN & SLOVITCH: Repeat I-2.

SOPHIA: Repeat II-1. Strike pinafore.

COUNT GREGOR: Brown monk robe; surplice; cord tie; hooded cowl.

LENYA: Repeat I-2. Add baldric with pinned on medals.