THE IMAGE OF WOMEN in DAVID HENRY HWANG'S PLAYS

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黄哲倫劇作中的女性形象

華美劇作家黃哲倫 (Henry David Hwang) 因蝴蝶君 (M.Butterfly) 一劇在百老匯成功的演出,及該劇於一九八八年獲最佳劇作東尼獎,成功的橫渡華一美之間的破折號,躋身美國劇場主流。由於是第一齣,也是唯一一齣登入美國劇場中心的亞裔劇作,蝴蝶君引起了廣泛的研究興趣。

此劇創作初衷在解構蒲契尼歌劇蝴蝶夫人裏潛藏在種族歧視,帝國主義之中的性別歧視意識,然而深究該劇中的女性角色,不難發現她們幾乎全屬負面造型,不是裝腔作勢的二流演員,便是淪爲舞台上的道具或佈景。

本文旨在探索蝴蝶君一劇,以及劇作者早先的六部劇作 FOB(1980), The Dance and the Railroad(1981), Family Devotion(1981), The House of Sleeping Beauties (1983), The Sound and a Voice (1983), 和 Rich Relations (1986) 中之女性形象,企圖爲劇作者的性別意識型態畫出較完整的藍圖。

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