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## ERNST WICHERT THEATER OF PRIEKULE ART AND CULTURE CENTER URTE

Drama "Urte" Based on Ieva Simonaityte's novel "The Fate of the Šimoniai from Aukštujai".

The drama "Urte," inspired by Ieva Simonaityte's novel "The Fate of the Šimoniai from Aukštujai," is a special gift for fans of theater and Simonaityte's literary work. The performance, presented by the Ernst Wichert Theater at the Priekule Art and Cultural Center, captivates audiences with its unique directorial approach, metaphorical set design, emotional musical score, and powerful acting. Together, these elements transport viewers into the world of Simonaityte's characters, allowing them to experience love, fear, and hatred alongside the heroine, Urte. Simonaityte's 1935 novel is a significant work of Lithuanian literature, portraying life in a rural village of Lithuania Minor between the 18th and early 20th centuries. The central Šimoniai family reflects not only personal struggles but also the broader community's fight to preserve their national identity and culture. Through the family's history, the novel explores the challenges of cultural assimilation, relationships with Germans, and the moral and spiritual strength needed to overcome adversity.

The story places strong emphasis on generational conflict: while the older generation clings to the land and traditions, the younger generation seeks change and modernization. The novel's rich, archaic language helps to recreate the atmosphere and lifestyle of that era, and the "Urte" production captures these themes, immersing the audience in the dramatic and emotional world of Simonaityte's narrative.



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