Research on the Value Construction of Lingnan Dance Culture in the New Era

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Abstract: Lingnan dance culture, as an important art form, holds significant value in the construction of common human values in the new era. Through education and training, we can inherit and promote Lingnan dance culture, allowing more people to understand, appreciate, and participate in it. Innovation and preservation are key to driving the development of Lingnan dance culture, as we need to creatively adapt it to meet the needs of modern audiences while preserving its traditional characteristics. Additionally, cross-cultural exchange and cooperation serve as vital pathways to fostering common human values. By engaging in cultural and artistic exchanges with other regions, we can learn from and inspire one another, promoting understanding and integration between different cultures. The utilization of media and technology can enhance the dissemination and promotion of Lingnan dance culture. Through online platforms and digital technologies, it can reach a wider audience, allowing more people to experience its unique charm. With its distinctive artistic expression and profound historical heritage, Lingnan dance culture guides people in their pursuit of beauty, exploration of truth, and search for common values. It is not only an art form but also a symbol of culture and a manifestation of spirit. In the process of constructing a harmonious, diverse, and mutually respectful common human values in the new era, Lingnan dance culture provides us with valuable resources and insights, making a positive contribution to the progress and development of human society.

1. Introduction

In the context of globalization, the connections between different countries and cultures are becoming increasingly close, and cultural exchange and dialogue have become important ways to promote social development and human progress. In the new era, common human values are gradually becoming our shared guide and belief in moving forward. As a traditional art form, the inheritance of Lingnan dance culture plays an important role in promoting the construction of common human values in the new era, with its unique artistic expression and profound historical heritage. Lingnan dance, as a unique dance form in the Lingnan region, carries the history, way of life, and values of the region. By inheriting and promoting Lingnan dance culture, we can promote the recognition and protection of cultural diversity, facilitate equal dialogue among different cultures, and break down cultural barriers. At the same time, traditional culture faces the threat of rapid disappearance with the changes of the times and the development of society. By inheriting Lingnan dance culture, we can not only protect and inherit valuable cultural heritage but also integrate it into
the new context of the times, combining it with the values and needs of modern society, and promoting
the construction of common human values in the new era. Through cross-cultural exchange, respect
for cultural diversity, protection and integration of traditional culture, as well as the power and
influence of art, the inheritance of Lingnan dance culture can provide rich resources and paths for the
construction of common human values[1].

2. Common human values in the new era and their requirements for the inheritance of Lingnan
dance culture.

2.1 The significant importance of Lingnan dance and its cultural inheritance.

Lingnan dance is a unique traditional dance and art form in the Lingnan region, with a long history,
profound cultural heritage, and distinctive style and features. This regional dance culture blends
elements of folk dance, court dance, and opera dance, and is known for its beautiful posture, exquisite
movements, and gorgeous costumes, often expressing praise and interpretation of nature, life, and
traditional values. In Lingnan dance culture, there are many classic dance forms, such as the "Qian
Gu Dance" in Lufeng, the "Yingge Dance" in Chaoshan, the "Crane Dance" in Sanzao, Zhuhai, the
"Tiao Huapeng Dance" in Huazhou, and the "Da Changgu Dance" in Liannan Pai Yao, which are
usually based on storylines, conveying emotions and narrating stories through the body language and
stage performance of dancers. At the same time, this type of dance also emphasizes dance music and
stage design, often using traditional instruments such as erhu, pipa, xiao, and percussion instruments,
and pays attention to vivid colors and exquisite details to enhance the visual effect of dance
performance [2].

Lingnan dance culture has a wide influence in Guangdong and Guangxi regions, not only being
widely displayed in traditional festivals and celebrations among people, but also playing an important
role in dance performances, art education, and cultural exchange, representing the rich and diverse
artistic traditions of the Lingnan region, and showcasing one of the treasures of Chinese culture. As
a traditional art form, Lingnan dance carries rich historical and cultural memories, and its inheritance
helps to deepen the understanding of past cultures, values, and lifestyles, and to construct the
cognitive of global cultural diversity, promoting dialogue, understanding, and respect between
different cultures. Through cross-cultural dance exchanges with other regions and countries, Lingnan
dance culture can be enriched and expanded, thereby promoting the formation of common human
values in the new era, and strengthening mutual learning and cooperation between different cultures
[3]. The inheritance of Lingnan dance culture is an important part of a diverse cultural society, which
can reflect and respect the diversity of different cultures, seek common identification in the
communication and dialogue of diverse cultures, and help to promote the construction of common
human values in the new era and enhance the harmony and coexistence of global society.

2.2 The fundamental connotations of the common values of humanity in the new era

The fundamental connotations of the common values of humanity in the new era were first
proposed by General Secretary President Xi in his speech at the United Nations General Assembly in
September 2015. He pointed out that "peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy, and freedom
are the common values of all humanity and the lofty goals of the United Nations." Among them,
peace is the cornerstone of the common values of humanity in the new era, emphasizing the peaceful
coexistence of all member states of the international community, the resolution of disputes and
conflicts through reconciliation, and the construction of a stable international order [4]. Development
is an important goal of the common values of humanity in the new era, reflecting humanity's pursuit
of sustainable economic, social, and environmental development. Fairness is one of the core
principles of the common values of humanity in the new era, calling for the fair distribution of resources and opportunities in society and international relations, reducing wealth disparities, and promoting social justice. Justice is one of the basic principles of the common values of humanity in the new era, requiring the correction and punishment of inequality, injustice, and illegal behavior to ensure that everyone enjoys basic human rights and fair treatment. Democracy is an important manifestation of the common values of humanity in the new era, emphasizing the rights and freedoms of the people, including freedom of speech, the right to vote, and the right to participate in decision-making. Freedom is one of the core elements of the common values of humanity in the new era, encompassing freedom of thought, belief, speech, and action. The common values of humanity in the new era are the shared goals pursued by all of humanity and the foundation for building a community with a shared future for mankind. They reflect the common pursuit of progress and civilization in human society and provide guidance and initiatives for promoting international cooperation and building a just and harmonious world. In the new era, the realization of the common values of humanity requires the joint efforts of countries and various levels, achieving common development and prosperity through dialogue, cooperation, and sharing[5].

2.3 The requirements of the common values of humanity in the new era for the inheritance of Lingnan dance culture

The construction of the common values of humanity in the new era has put forward requirements for the inheritance of Lingnan dance culture, emphasizing the importance of both preservation and innovation, the promotion of cultural diversity and inclusivity, the advancement of social fairness and justice, and the promotion of peace and friendship. Firstly, there is a requirement to prioritize both preservation and innovation in the inheritance of Lingnan dance culture. It is necessary to not only focus on the protection and inheritance of traditional practices but also encourage innovation and development. Based on the inheritance of Lingnan dance, it should adapt to the needs of contemporary society by creating new dance forms and styles. Secondly, there is a requirement to promote cultural diversity and inclusivity. The construction of the common values of humanity in the new era advocates for respect and appreciation of the diversity between different cultures. The inheritance of Lingnan dance culture should not only focus on preserving and promoting the unique dance traditions of the Lingnan region but also be open and inclusive in incorporating elements from other regions and cultures to enrich and expand the expression of dance. Thirdly, there is a requirement to promote social fairness and justice. The inheritance of Lingnan dance culture needs to promote the popularization and equal access to dance education, providing equal opportunities for people from all social strata to participate and develop. Attention should also be given to the standardization and protection of the rights and interests of dancers, ensuring their reasonable rights and social status. Lastly, there is a requirement to promote peace and the spirit of friendship. The inheritance of Lingnan dance culture should convey messages of peace, unity, and friendship through dance performances, while dance performances and exchange activities help to facilitate cross-cultural dialogue and understanding, strengthening harmony and friendship between different cultures.

3. Analysis of the new era’s common human values in lingnan dance culture

3.1 The inheritance of values of peace and development

Lingnan dance culture inherits the values of peace and development through cultural exchange and integration, the spirit of harmony and cooperation, artistic expression and cultural heritage, as well as cross-cultural communication and understanding. With its unique artistic forms and cultural characteristics, Lingnan dance culture conveys the concept of pursuing peace and development to
people, promoting social harmony and progress. As a unique form of dance in the Guangdong region, Lingnan dance culture has absorbed elements of various foreign cultures since ancient times, integrating with the local culture, reflecting the spirit of peace and development. In terms of dance movements and choreography, Lingnan dance is influenced by dances from other regions, integrating a variety of elements in music, costumes, and stage performances, demonstrating the harmonious coexistence between different cultures and expressing the pursuit of peace and development values. In the performance of Lingnan dance, dancers need to cooperate closely, coordinate with each other, and jointly present wonderful dance works, embodying the spirit of cooperation, which reflects people's belief in achieving peace and development through harmony and joint efforts. Lingnan dance often showcases people's pursuit of peace and development through graceful dance postures, harmonious music, and compelling performances. At the same time, through the inheritance and education of dance, Lingnan dance culture passes on these values from generation to generation, providing important cultural support for future generations to promote the concept of peace and development. In the exchanges at home and abroad, Lingnan dance culture promotes mutual understanding and respect between different cultures. Through exchanges and performances with dance groups and dancers from other regions and countries, Lingnan dance culture broadens perspectives and enhances cross-cultural understanding.

3.2 Inheriting the values of fairness and justice

Lingnan dance culture inheritance plays an active role in promoting social justice and progress through mechanisms for selection and cultivation, principles of performance and choreography, dance education and inheritance, as well as participation in social welfare activities, driving people's pursuit and realization of fairness and justice. In the process of selecting dancers, Lingnan dance typically ensures that every potential dancer has the opportunity to showcase their talents through methods such as open recruitment, competitions, and evaluations, promoting the values of fairness and justice. In dance choreography, Lingnan dance often adopts collective choreography, where the division of labor and role assignment among dancers is fair and equal, providing each individual with the opportunity to showcase their talents and express their personalities. In the process of inheritance, educators of Lingnan dance are dedicated to imparting dance skills and knowledge, nurturing students' talents, and providing equal development opportunities for each student, cultivating a large number of dancers. Additionally, Lingnan dance groups often participate in public performances, charity events, and educational projects, advocating for equality, justice, and respect through concrete actions, aiming to guide people to think and act through the power of dance art, and promote social fairness and justice.

3.3 Inheriting the values of democracy and freedom

The inheritance of Lingnan dance culture encourages individual pursuit of freedom and innovation, promotes equality and cooperation, and nurtures open and inclusive thinking through freedom of creativity and expression, as well as intercultural exchange and open-mindedness. Lingnan dance allows dancers to showcase their unique styles and personalities in performances, demonstrating their innovation and imagination, embodying the values of individual rights and freedom of development, and encouraging people to actively pursue their dreams and goals. Lingnan dance groups and dancers often engage in cross-cultural exchanges and collaborations with dancers from other regions and countries, fostering dialogue and collision between different cultures and ideas, encouraging people to contemplate and respect diversity, and helping to broaden perspectives and open minds, making society more inclusive and open.
4. Strategies for promoting the construction of a new era of human common values through the inheritance of Lingnan dance culture

4.1 Establishing and improving the dance education system

In the process of dance education and training, Lingnan dance teachers should actively guide students to reflect on and discuss the importance of common values in the new era, helping them understand and apply these values in practical life. This can be achieved through imparting relevant knowledge, analyzing related dance works, and engaging in discussions and debates during the educational process, thereby stimulating students' interest in and understanding of the values of the new era. Educators should emphasize providing students with more freedom of expression in dance, encouraging the expression of thoughts and emotions, cultivating independent thinking, and fostering the ability for autonomous creation, all of which help students build confidence, develop personal strengths, and promote the transmission and expression of the values of the new era.

Furthermore, educators should also encourage students to collaborate in practice and co-creation, share dance knowledge and experiences, cultivate a sense of teamwork, and promote mutual learning and growth. Additionally, educators should broaden students' horizons by encouraging them to understand and learn about dance cultures from other regions and countries, fostering respect and understanding of different cultures, nurturing global awareness and an international perspective. Through dance performances, charity events, community service, and other means, educators should encourage the integration of Lingnan dance's artistic power with the values of the new era, contributing to society and facilitating its better integration into a diverse society, thereby advancing the construction of common values for humanity in the new era.

4.2 Encouraging innovation and preservation in dance culture

Lingnan dance should, while preserving tradition, contemporaneously convey the common values of humanity in the new era to better propel Lingnan dance culture onto the global stage, influencing and inspiring more people. The premise of inheriting Lingnan dance culture lies in providing full protection for traditional Lingnan dance forms and techniques, and through research, documentation, and inheritance of traditional dance, safeguarding the core values and cultural characteristics of Lingnan dance. Building upon this foundation, Lingnan dance should incorporate modern dance elements, techniques, and music, integrating Lingnan dance with contemporary art to drive innovation in dance forms and expressions, making it more modern and in tune with the times, thereby attracting a broader audience and conveying the values of the new era.

Lingnan dance can leverage technologies such as virtual reality, augmented reality, interactive stages, and other means to create entirely new dance experiences and modes of expression. Through online platforms, social media, and other channels, the innovative works and concepts of Lingnan dance can be disseminated to a wider audience, promoting the transmission and construction of common values for humanity in the new era. In terms of dance themes and content, Lingnan dance should focus on and present contemporary social issues and topics, such as peace, environmental protection, social equity, and more, in order to attract greater attention and contemplation from the audience on these issues through the creation and performance of dance works, thereby promoting positive societal change.

4.3 Promoting cross-cultural exchange and cooperation

Lingnan dance, through its interaction with other cultural arts, can promote the understanding, dissemination, and construction of common human values in the new era. Cross-cultural exchanges
not only enrich Lingnan dance itself but also contribute to the diverse development and harmonious coexistence of global society. By organizing cross-regional dance exchange activities, performances, and touring shows, Lingnan dance can create more opportunities for dancers and artists from different cultural backgrounds to communicate, learn, and collaborate. At the same time, Lingnan dance should also encourage cross-cultural collaborative creation of dance works by inviting dancers, choreographers, and musicians from different cultural backgrounds to jointly create dance works, using art as a means to convey cross-cultural understanding and resonance[6].

To ensure the smooth development of cross-cultural dance performances and creations, Lingnan dance should focus on establishing a cross-cultural dance education and training exchange mechanism. This can be achieved through organizing exchange programs for dance teachers and students, allowing educators and learners of Lingnan dance to engage in mutual learning and cross-cultural experiences in dance education methods and teaching approaches, broadening dancers’ horizons, and nurturing their understanding and tolerance of cross-cultural dance. Additionally, Lingnan dance can organize international dance festivals, cultural arts exhibitions, and other activities, inviting dance groups from different countries and regions to participate, showcasing their respective dance arts, promoting cultural interaction and exchange. Meanwhile, government departments can actively promote cultural exchange projects, artistic exchange programs, etc., to build bridges for cooperation between Lingnan dance and other cultures.

4.4 Making full use of media and technology

Lingnan dance can utilize media and technological means to break through the limitations of time and space, delivering the art of dance to a wider audience and engaging in dialogue and exchange with other art forms and cultural values, thus promoting the dissemination, recognition, and construction of common human values in the new era. The internet and social media platforms provide effective technical means for disseminating Lingnan dance performances, teaching, and creative content to a broader audience, allowing Lingnan dance to showcase its charm and uniqueness to global audiences through online videos, live broadcasts, and other forms. In recent years, the rapid development of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies has created immersive dance experiences for audiences, enhancing audience engagement and resonance, and facilitating the better transmission and construction of common human values in the new era.

In terms of education and training, online platforms and applications provide dancers and the public with access to online education and training courses in Lingnan dance, enabling them to learn the techniques and art of Lingnan dance through online teaching resources. In the preservation, inheritance, and innovation of Lingnan dance culture, the application of high-definition photography, video recording, and other technological means helps to better document and archive the traditional forms and techniques of Lingnan dance. Furthermore, the integration of Lingnan dance with music, images, animation, and other art forms can create entirely new dance experiences, further driving the modernization of Lingnan dance.

Overall, the use of media and technology not only expands the reach of Lingnan dance but also enhances its artistic expression and cultural impact, contributing to the promotion and development of Lingnan dance in the contemporary era.

5. Conclusion

The inheritance of Lingnan dance culture has a profound influence and significant importance in the construction of common human values in the new era. Lingnan dance culture not only preserves the treasures of history and culture but also plays a positive role in the construction of common human values in the new era, contributing to the dissemination and promotion of values such as peace and
development, fairness and justice, democracy and freedom.

Lingnan dance culture carries the essence of traditional Chinese dance and embodies the wisdom and aesthetics of the Lingnan region. It reflects the unique cultural characteristics and historical heritage of the Lingnan area, showcasing the diversity and richness of Chinese culture. By inheriting Lingnan dance culture, we can deepen our understanding and respect for cultural diversity. Appreciating and embracing different cultural expressions can foster mutual understanding and strengthen the bonds among different communities.

Furthermore, the inheritance and promotion of Lingnan dance culture provide a platform for cross-cultural exchange and cooperation. Through international collaborations, dancers and choreographers can learn from each other’s techniques, styles, and artistic expressions. This cultural exchange not only enriches the repertoire of Lingnan dance but also promotes mutual understanding and integration among different cultures. It serves as a bridge that connects people from diverse backgrounds and fosters global cultural harmony.

In the digital age, media and technology play a vital role in promoting and preserving Lingnan dance culture. The use of multimedia platforms, such as online performances and virtual exhibitions, allows for wider access and appreciation of Lingnan dance globally. Through the power of social media and online communication, Lingnan dance can reach a broader audience and inspire more individuals to appreciate and participate in its preservation and development.

The inheritance of Lingnan dance culture not only leads people to pursue beauty but also encourages them to explore truth and seek common values. By incorporating contemporary elements and innovative approaches, Lingnan dance can remain relevant and resonate with audiences in the new era. It serves as a medium for expressing and conveying common human values, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose among individuals across different cultures and backgrounds.

In conclusion, the inheritance and promotion of Lingnan dance culture contribute significantly to the construction of common human values in the new era. By deepening our understanding of cultural diversity, promoting cross-cultural exchange, and leveraging media and technology, we can effectively convey and promote common human values such as peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy, and freedom. Through the preservation and innovation of Lingnan dance, we contribute to the construction of a better and more harmonious world, where cultural diversity is celebrated, and common values are embraced by all.

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