

## "The Ballad of Makka hníf": Dreigroschenoper Finds its Way to New Parts of the World



Poster for *Kolmen Pennin Ooppera* in Finland

Three new productions of *Die Dreigroschenoper* are being staged this season in countries whose audiences may be unfamiliar with the moon over Soho. Beginning in Reykjavik at the National Theatre of Iceland, Stefán Jónsson directed an Icelandic *Threepenny*, or *Túskildingsóperan*, for local audiences. Premiering on 26 December 2005, the production was conducted by Jóhann G. Jónsson, and recounted the story of *Makka hníf*. Opening on 19 April 2006 at the Teatteri Monikasvot, director Minna Liettyä-Tyni and conductor Pekka Tyni exposed the citizens of Pori, Finland to a staging of *Kolmen Pennin Ooppera*. Mack, Jenny, and the Peachums had appeared previously in a 1978 production in Helsinki, but under a different moniker: *Kerjäläisoppera*. Finally, Timisoara, Romania will see *Die Dreigroschenoper* performed in German beginning 9 May 2006. Victor Ioan Frunzâ will serve as musical director for the production taking place at the Deutsches Staatstheater.



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