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## Brecht at Sea and in America



Monday, April 13  
5:00pm  
Chosky Theater

In the Summer of 1941, the exiled German playwright Bertolt Brecht crossed the Pacific from Vladivostok in the Soviet Union to San Pedro, California, aboard the Swedish freighter the "Annie Johnson." In this lecture, Teschke describes the journey by sea that Brecht and his small entourage took through, and to, the Pacific "paradise" Brecht had often imagined and figured in his writing, and looks at the ways Brecht's experience in the United States and the "dream factory" of Hollywood sharpened and shaped his understanding of social relations and class in modern society.

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