

# IS THEATRE OUT-OF-DATE TODAY?

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# From the history :

- **The first permanent theatre in London was built by a carpenter, James Burbage.**
- **His younger son Richard was the first leading English actor.**
- **The elder Cuthbert acted as his brother`s manager.**
- **As in Greece, there were no women on the stage. Boys specially selected for their slight build and light voices were trained to play such parts as Juliet or Rosalind. All the actors had to be dancers and singers.**
- **After the age of Shakespeare the English theatre had no great success.**

# FOR OR AGAINST

- You can see actors on the stage just in front of your eyes.
- The actors are not playing to microphones and cameras but to warmly responsive audience.
- Theatre shows people and things as one person views them.
- Theatre broadens your mind, enriches your inner world.
- You can experience the community of feelings.
- Theatre is a recreation and at the same time a work of your soul.

- It is better to stay at home and have tet-a-tete with your TV-set.
- There is a great variety of film genres. They can also catch your attention from the first minute.
- You can` t see lots of special effects which films are usually packed with.

# HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE SPEND THEIR SPARE TIME NOWADAYS?

- ❖ *Listening to music in combination with such forms of group activities as discos, concerts, and café-cum-clubs.*
- ❖ *Playing computer games.*
- ❖ *Watching TV.*
- ❖ *Visiting cinemas.*
- ❖ *Visiting theatres and listening to classical music.*

# “All the world`s a stage, and all the men and women merely players” Shakespeare

A survey shows how teens  
distribute their activities:

TODAY'S YOUNG  
PEOPLE COULD  
BE CALLED THE  
COMPUTER-  
TELLY-VIEWING  
GENERATION

CINEMA- 49%

THEATRE- 21%

STAY AT HOME- 30%

# MY LAST VISIT TO THE THEATRE

**"REAL THEATRE IS ALWAYS RELIGION.  
A GOOD PLAY IS, TO THE AUDIENCE,  
AN EXPRESSION OF TRUTH"**

**Maxwell Anderson**

*The last performance I saw at our local Drama theatre by L. N. Tolstoy was "Lost in a battle." I was glad to know that it would have a historical story line. My classmates and I met at the entrance to the theatre beforehand. Our seats were in the third row of the stalls and we could see and hear everything perfectly. Presently the lights went slowly down, then the curtain rose upon a scene of the period of the Great Patriotic War. From the very first minute I was deeply impressed by events. Actors were rather young but the superb acting of the cast, beautiful costumes and sets gave a real feeling of 1945. They did play magnificently. It really touched my soul. I did enjoy the play very much!*

*Julia Kolbasova (pupil of the 11-B form)*

# WILL IT DIE OUT SOME DAY?

“ Art is not an end to itself, but a means of addressing humanity.”

M. Moussorgsky



They say, the theatre is losing its audience to films and television. But not long ago we witnessed the theatrical boom with its “all-sold” signs.



**No, it will survive.**



Direct communication with another human being is a unique property of the theatre.