

# Journey to the Eternal Ball of Melpomene and Minerva

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# The ancient theater

**534 BC** the Heyday of the ancient theater

The goddess of tragedy Melpomena, Minerva is the patroness of all kinds of arts and crafts.



# XVIII CENTURY ST.PETERSBURG



- **1708.** Queen Natalia Alekseevna, sister of Peter the Great, moved to St. Petersburg and brought her own home theater
- Development of Russian national theater- **1756** year  
The first Imperial theater in Russia. Alexandrian theatre became the scene of it
- In **1782** in St. Petersburg staged the first political and social comedy by D.I. Fonvizin «Nedorosl»
- **1783** - the advent of the Mariinsky theater in Russia began to flourish ballet and opera



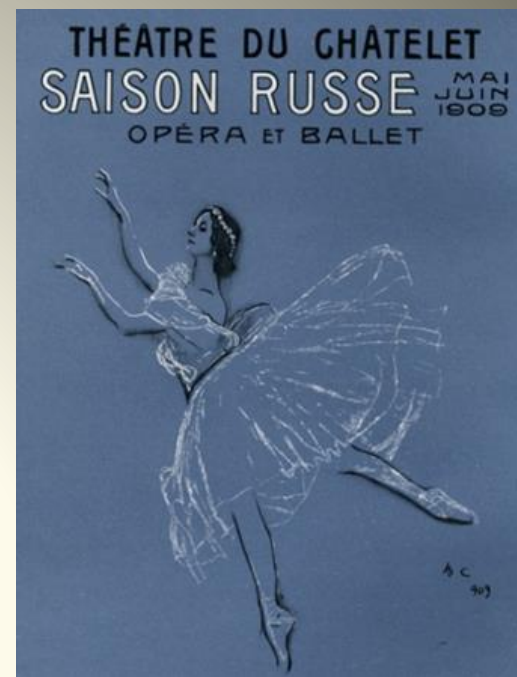
# XIX century

- The center of theatrical life was the Bolshoi Stone Theater
- Alexander Brullov erects the building of the Mikhailovsky theater in 1883, on the Square of Arts
- Mobile theaters-buffoons



# XX CENTURY

- The premiere of the Opera "Life for the Tsar" or "Ivan Susanin" took place at the Bolshoi Theater of St. Petersburg in 1836
- Anna Pavlova danced "The Dying Swan" at the stage of the Mariinsky Theater
- The Bolshoi Drama Theater named after G.A. Tovstonogov was opened in 1919
- There is a play "Seagull" based on the play by Anton Chekhov, the play "Inspector" (1926), staged by Vsevolod Meyerhold
- Miniature theatres have gained immense popularity:  
«Theater-cabaret»



# 2019 YEAR. OUR DAYS

- According to experts, the Petersburg theater is quite conservative, and it tends to be academic, unlike the Moscow theater
- Contemporary theatrical projects which develop new directions: «Space of the flat», «Upsala-Circus», «Cloud theatre».
- Theatrical festival: «Access Point»





# FAVORITE PERFORMANCE

- Its name is "The Fires". The director - Canadian playwrighter Haji Muawad
- The theme of the performance was the Canadian Civil War



The great and unique fate of the theater in St.Petersburg has become a good basis for world modern art

