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#### Bakhrushin State Central Theatre Museum

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#### THE NATIONAL INTERNET-PORTAL «THEATRE MUSEUMS OF RUSSIA» as a form of open access to the Russian theatre heritage

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#### A.A. BAKHRUSHIN STATE CENTRAL THEATRE MUSEUM



- National portal "Russian Theatre Museums" is created in 2017 by the A.A. Bakhrushin State Central Theatre Museum - the scientific and methodical centre of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation - for work with the state theatre museums, the museums of theatres and the museums possessing theatre collections. The portal is created at the expense of the grant of the President of Russia (The program of grants to support projects of the national value in the field of culture and art).
- State theatre museums are the important scientific, cultural, educational centres collecting and storing original ware, documentary and graphic materials on the history of the theatre.
  - A. A. Bakhrushin Theatre Museum, Moscow, is one of the largest museums in Russia with a unique collection of items on the history of domestic and foreign theatre. It was founded in 1894 by the famous Russian industrialist and collector Alexey Bakhrushin, who donated his collection to the state in 1913. Today, the A.A. Bakhrushin State Central Theatre Museum is a complex that includes the Main Estate, 9 branches in Moscow and in Zaraisk, the Moscow region, representative offices in Ulyanovsk and Khakassia. Its collection is 1, 5 million items.



## THE PROBLEMS THAT LED TO THIS

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#### PROJECT

Museums of theatres occupy an important place in the museum theatre space. Many of them have become no less famous than the theatres under which they were created. Among the Russian theatre and museum collections are the museums at the Bolshoi, Alexandrinsky and Maly theatres, the S.V. Obraztsov State Academic Central Theatre of Puppets and many others.

Thus, the collection of the Maly Theatre enlists 150 thousand items; the A.N. Ostrovsky State Drama Theatre in Kostroma has its own unique Museum of theatre costume.

The building and a fragment of the exposition of the Museum of theatre costume of the A.N. Ostrovsky State Drama Theatre in Kostroma.







## There are more than 1000 theatres in Russia, (state, municipal, private)

#### More than 250 theatre museums /archives / collections

Only a small part of the museums (about 50) is presented on the portal MUSEUM.RU



## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MUSEUMS OF THEATRES

There are hundreds of thousands of items of great cultural and historical value reflecting the history of all kinds of theatrical art, concentrated in the funds of the theatre museums of Russia

Among them are posters and programs of performances; portraits of outstanding actors, directors, playwrights, ballet masters, ballet dancers, composers, artists; props, objects of theatre life, set and costume designs created by the famous artists; scenic costumes of great actors, rare editions on theatre, video and film materials, photos and negatives; documentary materials representing archives of theatre figures, materials on history of theatre; personal belongings of prominent representatives of the national theatre.





#### PROBLEMS OF RUSSIAN MUSEUMS OF THEATRES

- They are not included in the centralized museum system

- museum collections as part of the national theatre heritage are not presented to the state, not introduced into the scientific and cultural circulation, in a wide public context

- museums do not have the appropriate status in many theatres

- tens of thousands of items of great artistic and cultural value do not have an internal accounting system and are not included in the State Museum Fund

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL PORTAL:**

- preservation of the unique theatre heritage of Russia in all the diversity of its genres
- Solution of the open access to theatre materials, concentrated not only in state museums, archives, libraries, but also in museums of theatres; their introduction to the scientific and cultural circulation
- creation of a single all-Russian museum theatre space

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT SOLVES THE PROBLEM OF THE STATE VALUE, PROMOTING:

> IDENTIFICATION, SYSTEMATIZATION, CLASSIFICATIONS and

PRESENTATION to the state, cultural and scientific community of theatre collections (designs of performances and costumes, scenery lay-outs, photographs, posters and programs, dolls, personal belongings and archives of theatre figures, etc.), concentrated in the museums of theatres

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# The portal structure reflects the goals and objectives set in the design

#### SECTIONS PLACED IN THE UPPER MENU:

#### • Theatre museums and archives

• Theatres and libraries (each article about a theatre/ theatre museum/archive/library includes the main milestones of the formation and development of an institution, information about a theatre building, if it is of historical and architectural value; about important achievements of the creative team, the most significant stagings; history and structure of collections)

#### • Name and geographical indexes

## INPUTS TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE PORTAL ARE PLACED IN THE CENTRE:

#### • Map of theatre museums

• Theatre museums/archives collections ("theatre unique items"). The individual, the most significant museum collections and/or collections of individual items of institutions, having museum value were presented at the stage of 2017/2018. This section is expanding.

• Collections of the A.A. Bakhrushin State Central Theatre Museum as the first and largest theatre museum in Russia.

• Theatre collections of the Russian State Archive of Literature and Arts as the largest archive of Russia, possessing rare and extensive funds of theatre figures.

## **Portal structure (continued)**

- **Theatre Library.** The section presents books about theatre and people in the theatre: books annually published by the A.A. Bakhrushin State Central Theatre Museum on the theatrical theme, information about the "Theatre Novel" Award (there is an interactive link to the award portal). The separate full-text formats of books and exhibition catalogues are laid out.
- "Virtual exhibitions", containing 38 exhibitions of exhibits from the funds of the A.A. Bakhrushin State Central Theatre Museum.
- **Dramatic art of the XXI century.** Publication of the biographies of playwrights and modern plays with copyright or authors' permission
- Auditorium. Here are the video recordings of fragments of separate performances from those transferred by the theatres within the framework of the campaign "Save the History of the Russian Theatre for Descendants!"; videos about theatre museums; video of museum events
- **Theatre tourism.** At this stage, the section contains information about theatre excursions and theatre tours organized by Russian travel agencies, theatres and museums, including the A.A. Bakhrushin State Central Theatre Museum; the principal Russian theatrical regions are presented there
- All-Russian charity event "Save the History of the Russian Theatre for Descendants!"
- Grants program of the President of the Russian Federation
- **PRESENTED IN THE LOWER MENU:**
- Terms of use of materials (the provisions of the Law on copyright, covering materials of the submitted collections and other portal materials are clarified); information about the *Project of the Portal*; section *Museum legislation*, necessary particularly for the pre-theatre museums that are being included in the all-Russian museum space

## VIRTUAL EXHIBITIONS OF THE PORTAL MAY BE COMPLEMENTED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROJECT

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"Wersal-Na-Zachepe"

"Alexandr Golovin, Silwer Century Phantasies" exibition

"The Magician of the Russian Stage" To the 170 anniversary of the driver and decorator of the Moscow Imperial Theaters K.F.Valts exibition

ADVANCED SEARCH IN THE PORTAL is carried out by: THEATRE MUSEUMS, THEATRES, EXHIBITS, NOMINAL AND GEOGRAPHIC INDICATORS. THE RESULTS OF THE SEARCH OF "STAGE SETS" AMONG THE EXHIBITS ARE PRESENTED

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## PARTICIPANTS OF THE NATIONAL PORTAL

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THEATRE HIGHER INSTITUTES

#### THE PORTAL PRESENTS:

170 theatres of Russia

• 168 state museums, archives (Russian State Archive of Literature and Art), libraries (Russian State Library of Arts, etc.), museums / archives of Russian theatres THE PORTAL PRESENTS:

more than 340 articles about theatres and theatre museums / archives / collections
about 8900 digital images of items from the museum collections ("museum unique items" with their attribute data) from more than 80 state museums / archives / libraries and museums of theatres of Russia
5543 "theatre names" - information about theatre figures (directors, actors, stage designers, etc.)



## **PROJECT VALUE**

For the first time, the NATIONAL INTERNET PORTAL presents the history and fund collections of Russian state theatre museums, museums of theatres / archives, as well as famous Russian archives and libraries that store unique theatre collections.

This is the first large-scale project, reflecting through museum collections not only the history of individual museums / theatres / archives / libraries with unique collections of theatrical art, but a retrospective of theatre historiography of Russia









## PERSPECTIVES OF PORTAL DEVELOPMENT

PERSPECTIVES FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORTAL SUPPOSE:

- the inclusion in 2019 of Russian theatres abroad (there are more than 80 such theatres in different countries of the world - Austria, Australia, Bulgaria, the Baltic States, Brazil, Germany, Georgia, Denmark, the USA, Canada, Italy, Israel, Spain, Cyprus, Costa Rica, the Netherlands, Finland, etc.), working with the Association of figures of these theatres and curators of collections on theatre history;
- inclusion in the portal of theatre collections of the state archives of Russia;
- further identification of museums / archives / collections of theatres of Russia and presentation of their materials on the portal.
- The most important task will be to resolve the issue of including materials from museums of theatres in the State Museum Fund.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!