

BRITISH THEATRE

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Britain has long traditions of drama. The most famous British theatres are the National Theatre and the Barbican.



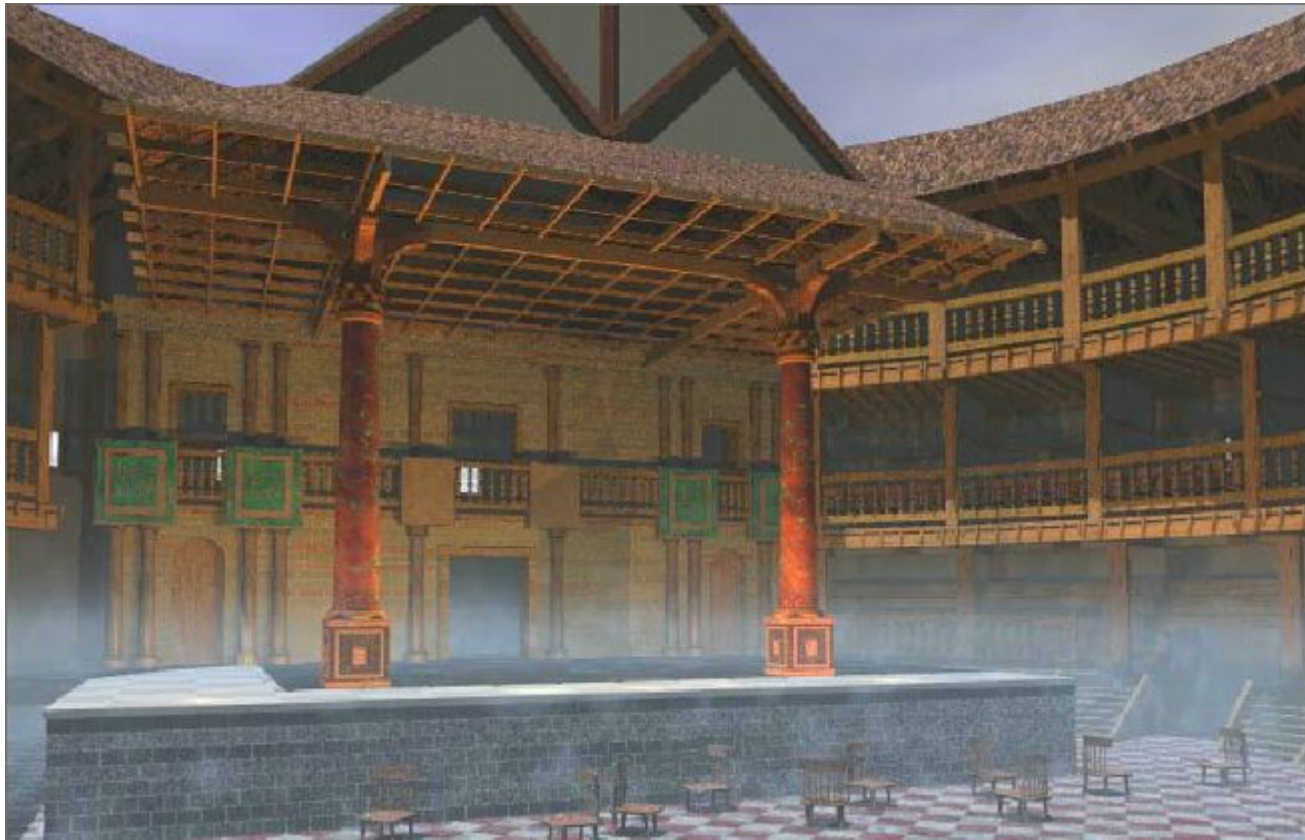
Royal National Theatre a government-funded repertory company based in London.



In the early 1590s Shakespeare and his company set up his own theatre, the Swan, where his company performed his plays.



Nowadays an exact reconstruction of the Globe is being built and visitors can show experience what it was like to go to the theatre 400 years ago.



*Acting, both by amateurs and professionals,
is still very much alive in Britain.*



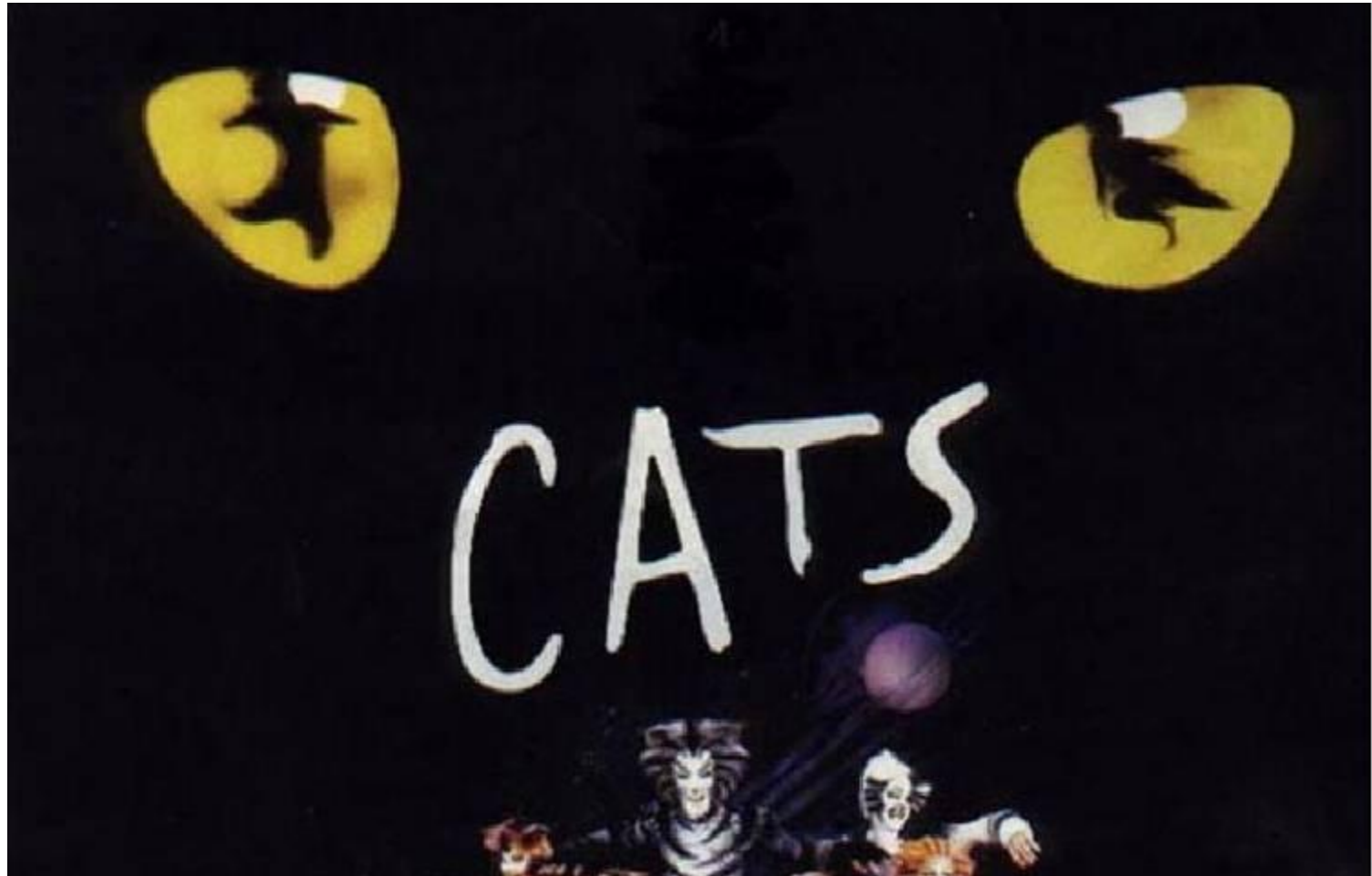
The National Theatre complex opened in 1976-1977 in its new building.



About 5% million people, many of them tourists, go to see a musical every year in London.



The show's most popular song, Memory, has now become one of the most successful songs in musical history.



Eight years later it became the longest-running musical in the history of the British theatre.
On June 1997, the musical became the longest-running show in the history of Broadway.



No musical has been more popular with theatre goers than Cats.

Based on a collection of poems by T.S.Eliot, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.



**There are over 50 theatres in London's West End,
the area in London with most theatres, and
about 35 smaller fringe theatres.**



There are many smaller theatre groups in Britain.



The Royal Shakespeare Company performs at the Barbican in London and in Stratford-on-Avon where Shakespeare was born.



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