



THEATER 86
165 WEST 86TH STREET
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ABOUT THEATER 86

Theater 86 is an award-winning, not-for-profit theater company based in New York City. Originally founded in 2004 as The Russian Arts Theater and Studio, the theater was created with the hopes of sharing the rich traditions of Slavic theater arts and literature with contemporary audiences in America. Additionally, a studio was created to pass on the unique Konstantin Stanislavsky theater training to actors. Since its founding, the company has gone on to stage numerous productions throughout stages in New York, providing critically-acclaimed plays as well as stage adaptations of beloved novels. Past works include works by Ivan Bunin, Mikhail Bulgakov, Anton Chekhov, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Nikolai Gogol, Maxim Gorky, Alexander Pushkin, George Orwell, Roald Dahl and more. Inside the intimate Pushkin Hall on West 86th street, the company built shows with actors from all backgrounds—Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Latvia, France, Germany, Italy, Guinea-Bissau, Peru, Brazil, Mexico, China, Israel, Turkey, Armenia, Australia, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Serbia. At our core, we are New York emigres—misfits who live in this cramped and over-priced city because we value its diversity, varied opinions and the freedom to express them. As our repertoire began to reflect the faces that gave voices to them, we looked for a new name that was void of a singular nationality. It is with this in mind that we changed our company to Theater 86. We look forward to sharing our journey with you.

OUR MISSION

Our mission at Theater 86 is two-fold: First, we strive to cultivate, promote, and advance theater arts on New York City's Upper West Side by exploring new theatrical works and offering bold, progressive reimaginations of Slavic classics. Second, we are committed to passing on the teachings of Konstantin Stanislavsky to the next generation of New York actors through an affordable and accessible theater education program. As an international repertory theater, we bring together artists from around the world, blending tradition with innovation to create powerful, thought-provoking performances that inspire both actors and audiences.



PAST PRODUCTIONS

2025-2026

Kholmster (Co-Production with Essence-Theatre Studio)

The Three Musketeers

The Dragon

2024-2025

Dante's Inferno

The Master and Margarita

When It Hurts, You Play

The Snow Queen

2023-2024

Mozart & Salieri

Diary of a Madman

Dante's Inferno

2022-2023

Viy

Yama, The Hellhole

Animal Farm

Moliere: 400 Years Celebration

2021-2022

The Gamblers

The Overcoat

Lambs For Slaughter

2019-2020

Enemies of the People

In Paris/The Waiter And The Slut

One Hundred Years of Macondo

The Seagull

2018-2019

The Master and Margarita

Lady With a Lapdog

Enemies of the People

2017-2018

Three Sisters

Swan Song

2016-2017

Crime and Punishment

Avenue of Wonder

The Great Nothing

2015-2016

My Uncle Chekhov

2014-2015

Uncle Vanya

The Bear