



de la première guerre mondiale, soviétiques et Polonais s'arrachèrent les bouts de territoires désormais libres. De nombreux trésors culturels notamment juifs furent détruits et des régions entières dévastées dans les luttes qui s'ensuivirent.

Dans les années quarante, les Allemands envahirent la République populaire ukrainienne et y détruisirent systématiquement toute trace de vie juive. Dans la gorge de Babi Yar (Babyn Yar) près de Kiev, ce sont plus de

30.000 juifs de Kiev qui furent assassinés en deux jours.

C'est ainsi qu'une grande partie de la vie culturelle et des traditions juives furent perdues à jamais. Aujourd'hui, l'antisémitisme est répandu en Ukraine, et le stéréotype négatif du «juif» trouve son content d'adeptes parmi les Ukrainiens. Il existe cependant toujours des communautés juives dans de nombreuses villes ukrainiennes qui s'agrandissent, trouvant des soutiens parmi les juifs en-dehors de l'Ukraine.

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OLHA KOBLYANSKA CHERNIVTSI ACADEMIC MUSIC AND DRAMA THEATRE: FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

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Chernivtsi is one of the most beautiful and unique places in Ukraine. This beautiful city with wonderful architecture, museums, shady alleys in its parks and gardens, summer cafes, which can be found round every corner, attracts tourists from all over the country and abroad. They come to admire the past and the present, which blend so harmoniously together. Chernivtsi has been the home for many outstanding authors and artists. Ukrainian classical writers Yuriy Fedkovych and Olha Koblyanska lived and worked for some time here. The citizens keep memory of the famous people: there are two memorial museums dedicated to the life and literary activity of these outstanding personalities. The most beautiful street in the city centre and the Academic Music and Drama Theatre of Chernivtsi were named after Olha Koblyanska. The building of the theatre is one of the most beautiful architectural monuments in the city. It was built in 1905 by the Austrian architects F. Fellner and G. Hellmer who also built Vienna (Austria) and Odessa (Ukraine) opera houses, due to this fact Chernivtsi theatre looks quite similar to them.

In our research we are trying to investigate the history of the theatre and to show its development and growth from the past up to the present days. We examine the history and the development of Olha Koblyanska Chernivtsi Academic Music and Drama Theatre, considering not only its architecture but also such things as its first troupe of actors and its importance in the social and cultural life of the city. In our paper we used mostly historical notes, journals, periodicals and books on Chernivtsi history, books and journals on the city architecture and mass media information, concerning contemporary events in the city like, for example, the

former first lady visit to participate in the theatre's 80th anniversary and the issue of the coin, dedicated to the theatre's 100th anniversary, by the National Bank of Ukraine.

The history of the professional theatre started in Kharkiv, when a new troupe of actors was organized in November 1931. In July 1940 the troupe moved to Chernivtsi. Olha Koblyanska Academic Music and Drama Theatre of Chernivtsi was built in 1904-1905 by Fellner and Hellmer architect bureau. The firm specialized in theatre construction and designed 48 theatre buildings in Europe. The building of the theatre has Vienna modernist features with the elements of baroque style. Initially the city coat of arms was placed above the pediment. The facade is decorated with sculpture compositions placed above the entrance and side windows. Above the front windows busts of William Shakespeare and Richard Wagner and placed. Other walls show busts of Shevchenko, Pushkin, Goethe, Schiller, Beethoven, Schubert, Mozart, Haydn. However, the real pearl of the theatre is the magic mirror, which is located on the second floor of the theatre and is believed to make the wishes come true.

Olha Koblyanska Chernivtsi Academic Music and Drama Theatre is an architectural masterpiece of the beginning of 20th century and a real adornment of the city. The Austrian publicist G. Heinzen said about this magnificent building the following: "Chernivtsi Theatre is a dream made of emerald and gold, designed by Vienna architects Hellmer and Fellner." Nowadays, this wonderful architectural masterpiece turned into a city's main touristic spots and truly became a city's monument of architecture and fabulous history.

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DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH SCHOOLS IN CHERNIVTSI

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Contemporary changes and reforms in Ukraine we are witnessing every day cannot but touch upon the system of education as well, both secondary and higher. For 20 years of its existence the young state has been trying to find the best possible ways to create a valuable system of education equal to the world standards. Ukrainian

education is undergoing substantial changes to be completely adapted to new social, cultural, economic and political realities of European space in accordance with contemporary requirements of science and public practice. Considering abundant experience of the previous generations, to reform the secondary education in Ukraine