

the word *theater* comes from the Greek word *theatron*, meaning
"seeing place."

THEATRE

В презентации использованы материалы
электронной энциклопедии "Microsoft Encarta 2006"

These two masks have come to symbolize the theater and its two major dramatic categories, comedy and tragedy.



Theater, one of the oldest and most popular forms of entertainment, in which actors perform live for an audience on a stage or in an other space designated for the performance.



D R A M A



This scene is from the Royal Shakespeare Company's 1966 production of a play by Peter Weiss called *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade*.

TRAGEDY



Modern Production of Oedipus Rex

The National Theater of Greece staged this production of the ancient Greek tragedy by Sophocles in 2000 at the Colosseum in Rome.

COMEDY



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Fairies emerge from doorways in space, and Bottom's bed hangs suspended before the moon in this 1998 production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon.

OPERA



La Traviata at La Scala

Opera, drama in which the text is set to music and staged. The texts of operas are sung, with singing and stage action nearly always given instrumental accompaniment.

BALLET



Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker

PUPPET THEATRE



Marionettes