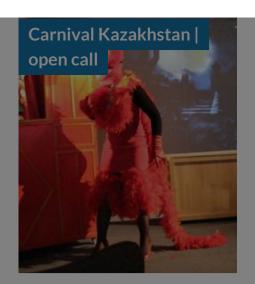


Moscow State Puppet Theatre named after Sergey Obraztsov was founded in 1931. In 1981 it was granted the title of "academic", thus becoming Central State Academic Puppet theatre named after Sergey Obraztsov. The founder of the theatre is the prominent Russian artist, actor, director, painter and writer Sergey Obraztsov, who directed his theatre until the last days of his life.

During 80 years of existence, the Obraztsov Puppet Theatre has turned into the biggest centre of puppet art, a unique academy of puppet art and a palace of arts for children, youth and adults. Being the only one well-known in this artistic discipline, registered in reference books, dictionaries and encyclopaedias, it is an important national property of Russia. Sergey Obraztsov taught several generations of actors, directors, scene painters, artists and play writers of the puppet shows, who are currently working in a list of puppet theatres in Russia and other countries.

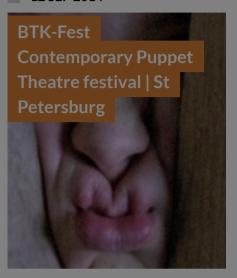
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