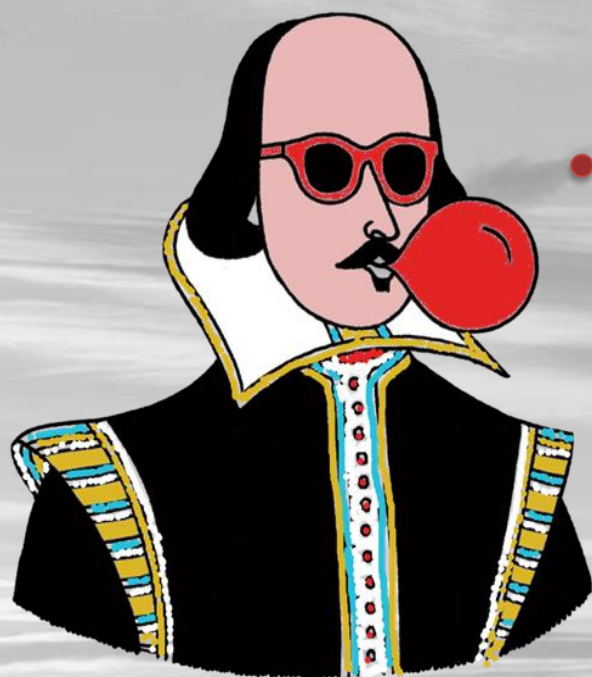




# *The Globe*





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...but they were so  
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Let me show you  
why.....





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- However, the **profits dropped in the winter**  
**WHY?**
- These open arenas were **too cold**
- An indoor structure was clearly required and it was called **Playhouse**.
- Playhouses were therefore used for many winter productions.
- Many of the playhouses were converted from the old coaching inns or other existing buildings .
- All productions were staged in the warmth of the indoor design of the Elizabethan Theatre.







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And even people  
could have fun  
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# The Theatre Era

- The very first theatre in Elizabethan London was introduced by an entrepreneur called James Burbage and it was called 'The Theatre'!
- The Globe was built from the timbers of the 'Theatre' .
- William Shakespeare and his company of actors helped with the construction!
- The Globe Theatre was an amazing success!
- The audience clamoured for more and more new plays.







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# The Yard

- The Globe Theatre Yard, or pit, was the area designed for people **to stand** to watch the plays being performed.
- This was **the cheapest part** of the theatre
- There were **no seats** and the entrance price was 1d which was equivalent to about 10% of a day wage.
- Similar to the amphitheatres which showed animal sports such as bear baiting.
- In fact the “Bear Garden” was right next door to the Globe.
- The floor of the yard was made of cobble stones - like the floors of the inn-yards.





## Activities in the Yard

- The Globe Theatre Yard housed the **lower classes**.
- The yard was filled with noisy, boisterous people.
- The activities in the Globe Theatre Yard would have included:
  1. Gambling - the Elizabethans loved to gamble
  2. Fights and brawls
  3. Drinking ( there were no toilet facilities in the theatre, only buckets for the purpose)
  4. Theft
  5. Fruit and nut sellers
  6. Prostitution





# The Groundlings

- Those who stood in the Yard were called Groundlings
- They watched the plays from the **cramped** conditions of the 'Yard' , which held up to **500 people**.
- However, the average Elizabethans were much smaller than today's modern man .
- The cobblestones beneath their feet were covered with discarded nutshells and other garbage.
- They were also known as «**Stinkards**», especially during the summer, can you guess why?







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They are he loudest persons in the land: rascals, thieves, scum, in short, the dirtiest bunch of people ever seen!



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# In the Yard

- In the yard there were apprentices who worked in London.
- There were many complaints as they **skipped work** in order to go to the theatre.
- The Common Council of London, under the influences of puritanical factions, had often issued statements which limited the plays.
- In 1596 London's authorities banned the public presentation of plays and all theatres within the city limits of London.
- All theatres located in the City were forced to move to the South side of the River Thames .
- That is why the Globe was built on the South side of London.







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No,  
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yard!

We can afford  
gallery seats!

No,  
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# The Galleries

- The **gentry** would pay to sit in the galleries often using cushions for comfort!
- Rich nobles could watch the play from a chair set on the side of the Globe stage itself.
- Theatre performances were held in the afternoon, because, of course, there was limited artificial lighting.
- Men and women attended plays, but often women would wear a mask to disguise their identity.
- The audience capacity was over 1500 people and this amount increased to 3000, when people mingling outside the grounds.





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# The Actors

- William Shakespeare and the other Globe Theatre actors were expected to perform their own stunts.
- Their skills would include:
  1. sword fighting skills
  2. being able to fall convincingly
  3. stentorian voice
  4. 'over-acting', that is making exaggerated gestures with their arms and hands
  5. A good memory, as there was a fast turnover of plays







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Till the Age  
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*“ Come, unknown to any of the rest*

*To tell you news, I saw the Lady drest;*

*The Woman plays to day, mistake me not,*

*No Man in Gown, or page in Petty-Coat! ”*







I still remember  
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*Margaret Hughes*







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I am the first  
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# Rehearsals at the Globe Theatre

- The Globe Theatre was known to produce “eleven performances of ten different plays” in just two weeks.
- **Rapid turnover** of plays to beat the competition
- Rehearsal time was therefore limited.
- Parts were often only allocated on the day of the performance.
- Sometimes the actors didn't even get any lines.
- Working methods:
  1. "cue acting " : there was a person backstage who whispered the lines to the actor just before he was going to say them.
  2. “ cue scripting ”: where each actor was given only his own lines.
  3. the complete scene and content of the play was not explained to the actors until it was actually being performed.
- These techniques allowed for **zero rehearsal time**, thus enabling a **fast turnover** in terms of new productions







# The Income of a Globe Theatre Actor

- The salaries of actors varied according to their position in the theatre.
- The boy actors who took the female roles were paid the least of all actors.
- The Admiral's Men paid boy players three shillings a week.
- The boys were apprenticed to adult actors and their wages were paid to their masters who gave them **board** and **lodging** in return.
- Part players were paid a daily wage of approximately one shilling per day.
- The main players were paid at least two shillings per day.





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Now it's high time you  
see me at work. But,  
this is another story,  
oops...ppt.





*Applause*

