

Beautiful and Deep, Somewhere In Between

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Live theatre has been an influential factor to us and to our society. But why live theatre? When you can go to the movies and chill. Comparing it to the movies, movies are significant but on the other hand they don't have the same impact on the view as a live theatre does. The fierce, passionate eyes of the actors and actresses meeting with the shimmering eyes full of curiosity by the audiences. They communicate and become one. The emotions get past on effectively and it touches the audience's heart gently. This is just true beauty. It's realistic and creative. So, I believe that students should get to know and experience live theatre better. There are reasons why I strongly support this.

There's a lack in curiosity and creativity these days among us teenagers. It's vanishing. What has happened to the natural curiosity of us? The older we get, we face reality and slowly we let go of our dreams. We start to think negatively about ourselves and give up easily. It's hard to believe, but it's true. These days it's becoming firmly harder and harder to get jobs and our concerns about our future makes us feel like we are stuck inside a dark tunnel. We don't know where to go and what to grasp to hold on. I know this well because I'm currently going through that right now. Not only me but other kids my age as well. From my experience by watching live theatre I felt like I received the happiness and the joyfulness from the actors and actresses. The smile on their faces. The face that comes out only when you are doing something that you truly like really inspired me to go on and catch my dreams. Because that was what I needed at the moment. I hope students who are struggling and having a hard time, come out and watch live theaters. Because I'm certain that it will bring back their smile as they step out the door.

Live theatre is a type of art. Art surrounds every aspect of our lives. It's beautiful and it's also very deep. It allows us to escape into our fantasy so that we can hide from the stress and the obstacle we face. This applies to every kind of art that exists. Art defines us one by one and makes us become better people. That's the power of art. So, how does live theatre; (art) contribute to our society? The lessons and informations given out from the performance can easily approach the audience. This is one way where we can connect to the society. The performance sometimes deals with topics like the government, war, conflict between people, love, human rights and many more. Live theaters can bring back the

hurtful memories of our history so that we can remember once again and also the beautiful memories too. By watching the performance I was able to figure out what happened and why we should always remember it. I realized that live theatre can be used as an instrument for a change so that everyone can live in a better place. For me I think live theatre is an art that goes beyond the acting. It's deep.

When someone asks me "What was it about the production that you saw at the Arts Club that meant the most to you?" I would say that It made my heart pound, the lightning, the music and the strong voices of the actors and actresses. I was so into their acting so, during the performance time flew by so quickly. I was blessed to have this opportunity of getting to know live theatre. As an International student living in a country separated from my family. I didn't have the chance of looking into Vancouver and the culture, everyday just laying on my bed daydreaming by myself. But as I got into live theatre I was eager to know more and more. The performance that my class watched was called "The great leap". It handled the painful event that happened on June 4th, 1989 at the Tiananmen Square. Through this performance I experienced and felt the sincerity of the protesters. As I came back home I took a glance of the history and realized they were mentally torn apart and shattered. Also the physical damage that they got were violent. By live theatre and the performance "The great leap" I was thankful that I got to know this painful history. If it wasn't live theatre I wouldn't have known.

In conclusion live theatre can change your life. The way you live and feel about your life. All of those histories and issues that you didn't know. You will experience them and learn. For me, live theatre made me reflect back to my life. It encouraged me to chase after my dreams and to achieve it. So I'm exceedingly thankful. I hope all the other kids my age who are suffering from school, family issue, or a conflict with personal inner struggle go and watch live theatre. That one play can change your life. And that one voice can change who you are.

Thank you again for inviting us. We had a spectacular time and it was a great opportunity for all of us!

Thank you again.

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