

Mr. Chekhov's speech after the last performance

I want to say that I am very thankful for this whole year of work together. I have tried to give you what I could, and I hope to give you more. I have gotten many good things from you, and many bad things. You have taught me as I have tried to teach you. Our life will be continued, and we will meet many good moments. You will increase your power, and the beautiful qualities which you have shown during those two performances. About the acting we must speak again, but on the stage you have really opened yourselves and shown such a quality which I have never been able to reach so quickly in any other country in which I have worked. Even in Russia, where they love the theatre so dearly and want to do everything for the theatre, it was not always so easy to get such a beautiful atmosphere as you have shown during the past two nights. This is what we have to appreciate, and out of this working atmosphere we can get very much for the creative spirit as well. We have so many good helpers, and it is important to appreciate this and be thankful for it. We need your technical help, but we need your emotional help as well. We appreciate this and thank you for it.