

Abbreviations and Acronyms

- agit—agitatsionny (agitation; agitational)
- Akdrama—Leningradsky (Petrogradsky) gosudarstvenny akademichesky teatr dramy (Leningrad [Petrograd] State Academic Dramatic Theater; then, Rossiysky Teatr Dramy im. A. S. Pushkina [Russian Drama Theater named for Pushkin])
- AKhRR—Assotsiatsiya khudozhnikov revolyutsionnoy Rossii (Association of Artists of Revolutionary Russia)
- Akmuzo—Tsentral'naya muzykal'naya sektsiya Glavnogo khudozhestvennogo komiteta Akademicheskogo tsentra Narkomprosa (Central Musical Division of the Chief Artistic Committee of the Academic Center of Narkompros)
- AKTEO—Tsentral'naya teatral'naya sektsiya Glavnogo khudozhestvennogo komiteta Akademicheskogo tsentra Narkomprosa (Central Theatrical Division of the Chief Artistic Committee of the Academic Center of Narkompros)
- AN—Akademiya Nauk (Academy of Sciences)
- ASSR—Avtonomiya sovetskaya sotsialisticheskaya respublika (Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic)
- BDT—Leningradsky Bol'shoy Dramatichesky Teatr (Leningrad Great Dramatic Theater)
- CPSU (B)—Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- Éktemas = Géktemas
- FÉKS—Fabrika éktsentricheskogo aktëra (Factory of the Eccentric Actor)
- GABT—Gosudarstvenny akademichesky bol'shoy teatr (State Academic Bol'shoy Theater)
- GAKHI—Gosudarstvennaya akademiya khudozhestvennykh nauk (State Academy of Artistic Studies)
- GATOB—Gosudarstvenny akademichesky teatr opery i baleta (State Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet)
- GÉKTEMAS—Gosudarstvennye éksperimental'nye teatral'nye masterskie (State Experimental Theater Workshops)
- GITIS—Gosudarstvenny institut teatral'nogo iskusstva (State Institute of Theatrical Art)
- GIZ—Gosudarstvennoe izdatel'stvo (State Publishing House)
- GLAVLIT—Glavnoe upravlenie po delam literatury i izdatel'stv (Chief Directorate for Literature and Publishing)
- Glavmuzey—Otdel po delam muzeev i okhrane pamyatnikov iskusstva i stariny Narkomprosa (Department for Museum Affairs and the Preservation of Artistic Monuments and Antiquities of Narkompros)
- Glavpolitprosvet—Glavny politiko-prosvetitel'ny komitet Respubliki (Chief Politico-enlightenment Committee of the Republic)
- Glavpolitput'—Glavny politichesky otdel Narodnogo komissariata putey soobshcheniya (Chief Political Department of the People's Commissariat for Communications)
- Glavprofobr—Glavnoe upravlenie professional'nogo obrazovaniya Narkomprosa (Chief Directorate of Professional Training)

- Glavrepertkom—Glavny komitet po kontrolyu za reperturom Narkomprosa (Chief Committee for the Inspection of the Repertoire of Narkompros)
- Glavtop—Glavny toplivny komitet (Chief Fuel Committee)
- GOMETs—Gosudarstvennoe ob'edinenie muzykal'nykh, éstradnykh i tsirkovykh predpriyat (State Union of Musical, Variety, and Circus Enterprises)
- gos.—gosudarstvenny (state)
- Gosagitteatr—Gosudarstvenny agitatsionny teatr (State Agitational Theater)
- Gosbot—Gosudarstvenny Bol'shoy operny teatr (State Great Opera Theater)
- GOSET—Gosudarstvenny evreysky teatr (State Jewish Theater)
- Gosizdat—Gosudarstvenny izdatel'stvo RSFSR (State Publishing House of the RSFSR)
- Goskontrol'—Komissiya gosudarstvennogo kontrola (Commission of State Inspection)
- Gospokaz—Gosudarstvenny Pokazatel'ny teatr (State Exemplary Theater)
- GOSTIM—Gosudarstvenny teatr imeni Meyerkholda (State Meyerhold Theater)
- GPU—Gosudarstvennoe politicheskoe upravlenie (State Political Directorate) [secret police]
- GtsTM—Gosudarstvenny tsentral'ny teatral'ny muzei im. Bakhrushina (State Central Theatrical Museum named for Bakhrushin)
- gubkom—gubernsky komitet (provincial committee)
- gubkompарт—gubernsky komitet partiya (provincial party committee)
- gubolitprosvet—gubernskoe politiko-prosvetitel'noe otdelenie (upravlenie) (provincial politico-enlightenment department [directorate])
- guboprodkom—gubernsky prodovol'stvenny komitet (komissiya) (provincial rationing committee [commission])
- GULAG—Glavnoe upravlenie ispravitel'no-trudovykh lagerey (Chief Administration for Corrective Labor Camps)
- GUM—Gosudarstvenny universal'ny magazin (State department store)
- GUTs—Gosudarstvennoe upravlenie tsirkami (State Directorate of Circuses)
- GVYRM—Gos. vysshie rezhissëtrskie masterskie (State Advanced Directors' Workshops)
- GVYTM—Gos. vysshie teatral'nie masterskie (State Advanced Theatrical Workshops)
- IMLI—Institut mirovoy literatury im. A. M. Gor'kogo Akademii nauk SSSR (Institute for World Literature named after Gorky of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR)
- IZO—Otdel izobrazitel'nykh iskusstv Narkomprosa (Department of Visual Arts of Narkompros)
- KGB—Komitet gosudarstvennoy besopasnosti (State Security Commission)
- KhPSRO—Khudozhestvenno-prosvetitel'ny soyuz rabochikh organizatsiy (Artistic Educational Union of Workers' Organizations)
- KINO—Kinematografichesky otdel Narkomprosa (Film Department of Narkompros)
- Komgosoор—Komitet Gosudarstvennykh sooruzhenny (Committee of State Construction)
- Komtruda—Narodny komissariat truda (People's Commissariat of Labor)
- KP—Kommunisticheskaya partiya (Communist Party)
- KPRF—Kommunisticheskaya partiya rossiskoy federatsii (Communist Party of the Russian Federation)
- krasnoarm.—krasnoarmeysky (Red Army)

- LEF—Levy front (Left Front of Arts)
- LGAORSS—Leningradsky gosudarstvenny arkhiv Oktryabrskoy revolyutsii i sotsialisticheskogo stroitel'stva (Leningrad State Archive of the October Revolution and Socialist Construction)
- LGITMiK—Leningradsky gosudarstvenny institut teatra, muzyki i kinematografi imeni N. K. Cherkasova (Leningrad State Institute of Theater, Music, and Film named for Nikolay Cherkasov)
- LGTMA—Leningradsky gosudarstvenny teatral'ny muzey (Leningrad State Theater Museum)
- LITO—Literaturny otdel Narkomprosa (Literary Department of the People's Commissariat of Enlightenment)
- LGSPS—Leningradsky gorodsky Sovet professional'nykh soyuzov (Moscow Municipal Council of Trade Unions)
- Mastkomdrama—Masterskaya kommunisticheskoy dramaturgii (Workshop of Communist Drama)
- MAT—Moscow Art Theater
- MATsIS—Masterskaya tsirkovogo iskusstva (Workshop of Circus Art)
- MDT—Maly Dramaticheskyy Teatr (Small Dramatic Theater)
- MGIK—Moskovskoe gos. institut kul'tury (Moscow State Institute of Culture)
- MGKT, MKT, Moskat—Moskovsky gosudarstvenny kamernyy teatr (Moscow State Chamber Theater)
- MGSPS—Moskovsky gorodsky Sovet professional'nykh soyuzov (Moscow Municipal Council of Trade Unions)
- MGU—Moskovsky gosudarstvenny universitet (Moscow State University)
- MK—Ministerstvo kultury (Ministry of Culture)
- MKhAT—Moskovsky khudozhestvenny akademicheskyy teatr (Moscow Art Academic Theater)
- MKhT—Moskovsky khudozhestvenny teatr (Moscow Art Theater)
- MONO—Moskovsky otdel narodnogo obrazovaniya (Moscow Department of People's Education)
- MOSPS—Teatr imeni Moskovskogo oblastnogo Soveta professional'nykh soyuzov (Moscow Regional Theater of Trade Unions)
- Mossel'prom—Moskovskoe ob'edinennye predpriyatiya po pererabotke produktov sel'skokhozyaystvennoy promyshlennosti (Moscow United Enterprises for the Distribution of Agricultural Industrial Products)
- MSRD—Moskovsky Sovet rabochikh deputatov (Moscow Council of Workers' Deputies)
- MTK—Moskovsky teatr klounady (Moscow Clown Theater)
- MTsRK—Moskovsky tsentral'ny rabochii kooperativ (Moscow Central Workers' Cooperative)
- MTYUZ—Moskovsky Teatr Yunogo Zritelya (Moscow Theater of the Young Spectator)
- MUZO—Muzykal'ny otdel Narkomprosa (Musical Department of the People's Commissariat of Enlightenment)
- MVD—Ministerstvo vnutrennykh del (Ministry of Internal Affairs)
- narkom—Narodny komissar (People's Commissar/iat)

- Narkomfin—Narodny komissariat finansov (People's Commissariat of Finances)
- Narkomnats—Narodny komissariat po delam natsional'nostey (People's Commissariat for Matters of Nationality)
- Narkompros—Narodny komissariat prosveshcheniya (People's Commissariat of Enlightenment)
- Narkomtrud—Narodny komissariat truda (People's Commissariat of Labor)
- Narkomvoen—Narodny komissariat po voennym delam (People's Commissariat for Military Affairs)
- Narkomyust—Narodny komissariat yustitsii (People's Commissariat of Justice)
- narobraz = otnarobraz
- NÉP—Novaya ékonomicheskaya politika (New Economic Policy)
- NVKD—Narodny komissariat vnutrennykh del (People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs)
- OGIZ—Ob'edinénie gosudarstvnykh izdatel'stv (Central State Publishing House)
- OGPU—Ob'edinénnoe politicheskoe upravlenie (Unified State Political Directorate)
- OGT—Opytno-geroichesky teatr (Experimental-Heroic Theater)
- OLP—Otdel likvidatsii posledstviy (Department of Liquidation Consequences)
- ONO = otnarpobraz
- ORU—otdel rukopisey (Department of Manuscripts)
- OSPS—Oblastnoy sovetskiy professional'nykh soyuzov (Regional Council of Professional Unions)
- otkomkhoz—otdel kommunal'nogo khozaystva (Department of Communal Agriculture)
- otnarobraz—otdel narodnogo obrazovaniya (People's Education Department)
- Poarm—politicheskoy otdele armii (Political Department of the Army)
- Pogub—politicheskoy otdele gubernatorskogo voenkomata (Political Department of the Provincial Military Committee)
- Podiv—politicheskoy otdele divizii (Political Department of Military Divisions)
- Proletkul't—Vserossiyskiy tsentral'nyy komitet proletarskikh kul'turno-prosvetitel'nykh organizatsiy (All-Russian Central Committee of Proletarian Cultural-Enlightenment Organizations)
- PTO—Petrogradskoye teatral'noye otdelenie (Petrograd Theatrical Department)
- PTU—Petrogradskoye teatral'noye upravlenie (Petrograd Theatrical Directorate)
- PUR—Politicheskoye upravlenie Revvoensoveta Respubliki (Political Directorate of the Revolutionary Military Council of the Republic)
- RABIS, Sorabis—soyuz rabotnikov iskusstv (Union of Art Workers)
- Rabrin—raboche-krest'yanskaya inspektsiya (Worker and Peasant Inspection)
- RAMT—Rossiyskiy akademicheskoye molodézhnyy teatr (Russian Academic Youth Theater)
- RAPP—Rossiyskaya assotsiatsiya proletarskikh pisateley (Russian Proletarian Writers' Association)
- RATI—Rossiyskaya akademiya teatral'nogo iskusstva (Russian Academy of Theater Arts)
- repertkom—repetuarnyy komitet (Repertoire Committee)
- Revvoensovet—revolyutsionnyy voennyy sovetskiy (Revolutionary Military Council)
- RKI—raboche-krest'yanskaya inspektsiya (Workers' and Peasants' Inspectorate)

- RKKA—Raboche-krest'yanskaya Krasnaya Armiya (Workers' and Peasants' Red Army)
- RKSM—Rossiyskii kommunistichesky soyuz molodezhi (Russian Communist Union of Youth)
- RKT—raboche-krest'yansky teatr (workers' and peasants' theater)
- RMO—Russkoe muzykal'noe obshchestvo (Russian Musical Society)
- ROABTs—Rossiyskoe obshchestvo artistov var'etë i tsirka (Russian Society of Variety and Circus Artistes)
- ROSTA—Rossiyskoe telegrafnoe agentstvo (Russian Telegraph Agency)
- RSDRP—Rossiyskaya sotsial-demokraticheskaya rabochaya partiya (Russian Social Democratic Workers' Party)
- RSFSR—Rossiyskaya Sovetskaya Federativnaya Sotsialisticheskaya Respublika (Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic)
- RTO—Russkoe teatral'noe obshchestvo (Russian Theater Society)
- RVSR—Revolutsionny Voenny Sovet Respubliki (Revolutionary Military Council of the Republics)
- SGO—sovet gosudarstvennoy opery (Council of the State Opera)
- SIT—sovet gosudarstvennykh teatrov (Council of the State Theaters)
- SNK = Sovnarkom, Sovet Narodnykh Komissarov (Council of People's Commissars)
- Sorabis = Rabis
- Sovdep—Sovet deputatov (Council of Deputies)
- Sovnarkom—Sovet narodnykh komissarov (Council of People's Commissars)
- Sovtrudoborony—Sovet truda i oborony (Council of Labor and Defence)
- Soyuzgostsirk—Vsesoyuznoe ob'edinenie gosudarstvennykh tsirkov (All-Union Association of State Circuses)
- SPb—Sankt-Peterburg (St. Petersburg)
- SNK—St. Petersburg Sovnarkom
- SPD—Soyuz tsirkovskikh deyateley (Union of Circus Workers)
- SR i KD—Sovet rabochikh i krasnoarmeyskikh (krest'yanskikh) deputatov (Council of Workers' and Red Army Soldiers' [Peasants'] Deputies)
- SSR—Sovetskaya sotsialisticheskaya respublika (Soviet Socialist Republic)
- SSSR—Soyuz Sovetskikh Sotsialisticheskikh Respublik (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
- STD—Soyuz teatral'nykh deyateley (Union of Theater Workers)
- STDM 17–21—*Sovetsky teatr. Dokumenty i materialy. Russky sovetsky teatr 1917–1921. Dokumenty i materialy* (Soviet theater documents and materials. Russian Soviet Theater 1917–21), ed. A. Z. Yufit (Leningrad: Iskusstvo, 1968)
- STDM 21–26—*Sovetsky teatr. Dokumenty i materialy. Russky sovetsky teatr 1921–1926. Dokumenty i materialy* (Soviet theater documents and materials. Russian Soviet Theater 1921–1926), ed. A. Y. Trabsky (Leningrad: Iskusstvo, 1975)
- Temusek—teatral'no-muzykal'naya sektsiya Moskovskogo otdela narodnogo obrazovaniya (theatrical-musical section of the Moscow Department of People's Education)
- TEO—Teatral'ny otdel Narkomprosa (Glavpolitirosveta, Proletkul'ta) (Theatrical Department of Narkompros)
- Teresvat—Teatr revolyutsionnoy satiry (Theater of Revolutionary Satire)

- TIM—Teatr imeni Vs. Meyerkhōl'da (Meyerhold Theater)
- TOK—Teatral'ny osoby komitet (Theatrical Special Committee)
- TRAM—Teatr rabochey molodēzhi (Theater of Young Workers)
- TsDKZh—Tsentral'ny Dom kultury zheleznodorozhnikov (Central House of Culture of Railway Workers)
- TsDRI—Tsentral'ny Dom rabotnikov iskusstv (Central House of Art Workers)
- Tsentoteatr, TsT—Tsentral'ny teatral'ny komitet Narkomprosa (Central Theater Committee of Narkompros)
- TsGALI—Tsentral'ny gosudarstvenny arkhiv literatury i iskusstva (Central State Archives of Literature and Art)
- TsIK—Tsentral'ny ispolnitel'ny komitet (Central Executive Committee)
- TsK—Tsentral'ny komitet (Central Committee)
- TsKA—Tsentral'ny Teatr Krasnoy Armii (Central Theater of the Red Army)
- TsKSM—Tsentral'ny Komitet soyuza molodēzhi (Central Committee of the Union of Youth)
- TsT = Tsentroteatr
- TsTSA—Tsentral'ny Teatr Sovetskoy Armii (Central Theater of the Soviet Army)
- TsTsi—Tsentr tsirkovogo iskusstva (Center for Circus Art)
- TsTsiI—Tsentral'naya studiya tsirkogo iskusstva (Central Studio of Circus Art)
- TsUT—Tsentral'noe upravlenie teatrami (Central Theatrical Directorate)
- TYUZ—Teatr yunogo zritelya (Theater of the Young Spectator)
- UONO—Uezdny otdel narodnogo obrazovaniya (Regional Department of People's Education)
- UZP—Upravlenie zrelishchnymi predpriyatnyami (Directorate of Entertainment Enterprises)
- VChK—Vserossiyskaya chrezvychaynaya komissiya po bor'be s kontrerevolutsionney i sabotazhem (All-Russian Special Commission for the Fight against Counter-revolution and Sabotage)
- VGIK—Vsesoyuzny gosudarstvenny institut kinematografii (All-Union State Film Institute).
- VKhUTEMAS—Vysshie khudozhestvenno-tekhnicheskie masterskie (Higher Artistic-Technical Workshops)
- VLKSM—Vsesoyuzny Leninsky kommunistichesky soyuz molodezhi (All-Union Lenin Communist Youth League)
- VO—voenny okrug (military district)
- Vsebyurvoenkom—Vserossiyskoe byuro voennykh komissarov (All-Russian Bureau of Military Commissars)
- Vseprofsovet—Vserossiysky sovet professional'nykh soyuzov (All-Russian Council of Professional Unions)
- Vserabis—Vserossiysky professional'ny soyuz rabotnikov iskusstv (All-Russian Professional Union of Worker's Arts)
- Vseobuch—vseobshchee voennoe obuchenie (general military training)
- VTO—Vserossiyskoe Teatral'noe Obshchestvo (All-Russian Theatrical Society)
- VTsIK—Vserossiysky Tsentral'ny ispolnitel'ny komitet Sovetov (All-Russian Central Executive Committee)

- VTsSPS—Vserossiysky Tsentral'ny sovet professional'nykh soyuzov (All-Russian Central Council of Professional Unions)
- VUOAN—Vsesoyuznoe upravlenie po okhrane avtorskikh prav (All-Union Directorate for the Protection of Actors' Rights)
- VUZ—Vyshee uchebnoe zavedenie (Institution of Higher Education)

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THE SOVIET THEATER

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