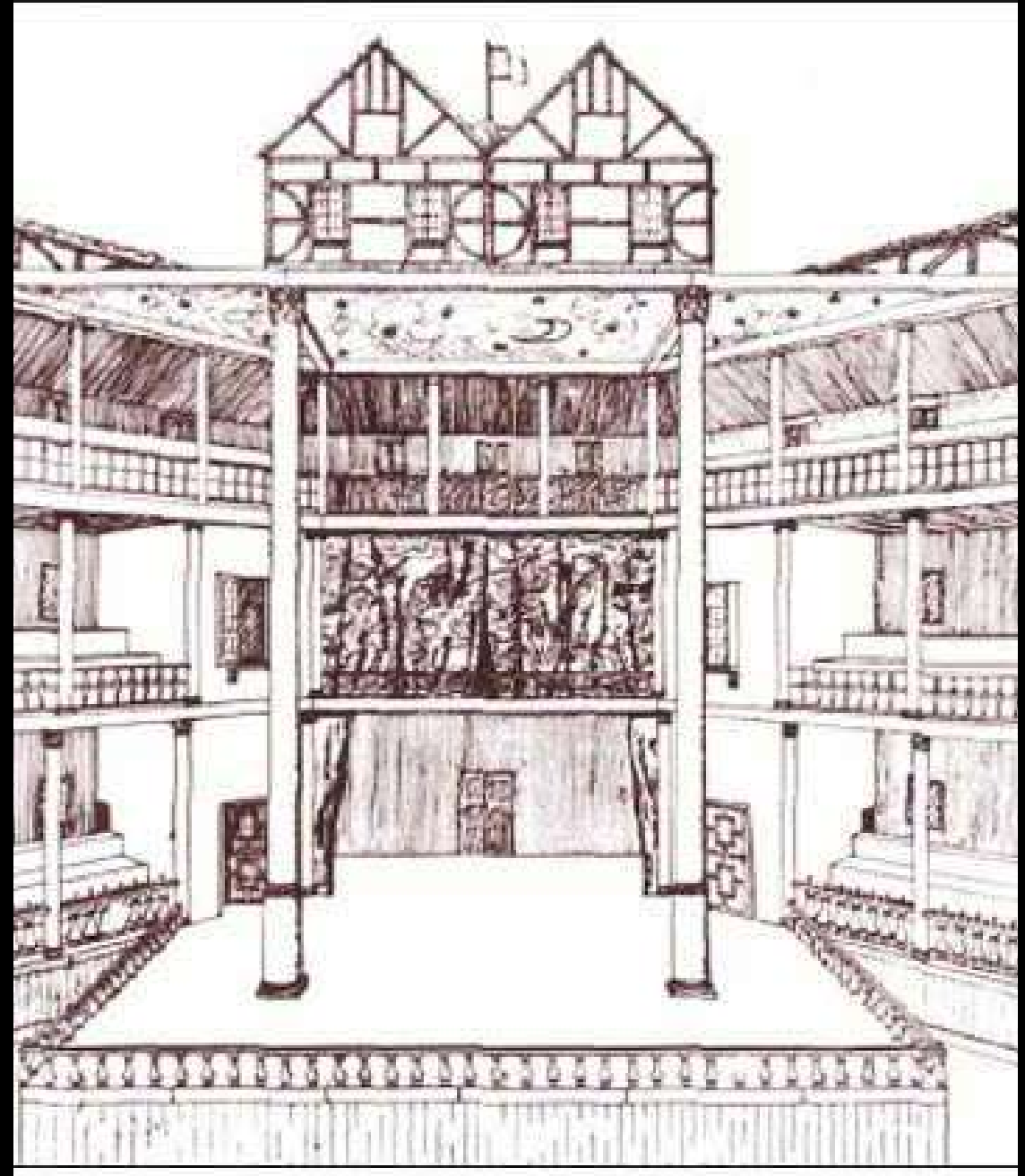


# Romeo and Juliet - An Introduction

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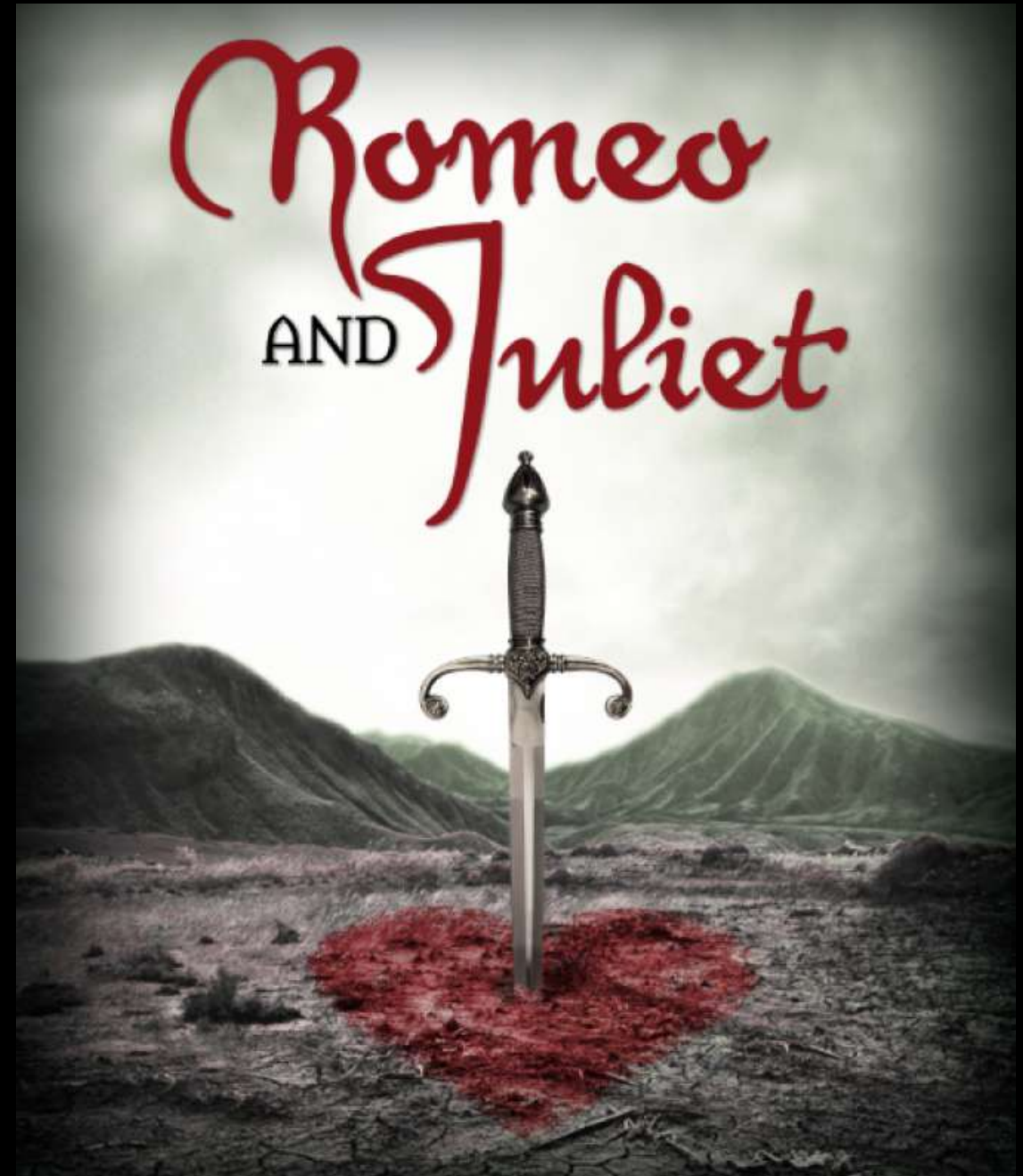
# Shakespearean Theatre

- Very popular with the upper and lower classes
- The audiences of the time also enjoyed bear baiting, public executions, processions through the street, fencing etc.
- People were far more hardened to acts of cruelty and violence that's we are today.



# The Theatre and Stage

- Stages were very basic and there were few props
- The playwright had to use words to create vivid images in the mind of the audience
- All the women's roles were played by young boys whose voices had not yet broken



# Shakespeare

- Born in 1564 in Stratford-Upon-Avon
- Died in 1616
- Poet, playwright and actor
- Wrote 'Romeo and Juliet' some time between 1594 and 1596
- It is not based on a true story

