

Love, disappointment and innocence

On June 26, 2018, the talented actors of the "**White Horse Theatre**" performed their play "**Tess of the d'Urbervilles**", based on the novel by Thomas Hardy, in our assembly hall.

The play gave us an insight into the life story of the main character **Tess Durbeyfield**, who had to grow up in poor conditions with her parents in England. However, she comes from the noble family of the d'Urbervilles. As soon as she reaches adulthood, her parents desire to use that lineage for a better life. Tess soon succeeds in working as a housemaid at the estate of supposed progeny of the higher noble family. This means the meeting of her and the wealthy **Alec Stoke d'Urbervilles**, the son of a widow.

The young and extremely beautiful Tess tempts the malicious, devious Alec, who behaves more and more intrusive. Without any experience Tess becomes his victim and gets pregnant. She seeks refuge with her parents. Her sick son, however, dies shortly after his birth. Two years later she works as a milkmaid in Talbothays and meets her old acquaintance **Angel Clare** again. They fall in love and after some time Angel makes her a marriage proposal. The decision is difficult for Tess, because she is afraid of telling Angel about her unfortunate past. However, when she tells him about it on the day of the marriage, Angel makes a momentous decision.

Now, forgiveness and trust of Angel is needed to save their relationship and free Tess from the dependency on Alec.

Of course, each of us students form their own image and their own opinion of this play. However, we can say with certainty, that the play told a rousing and very emotional story, that was as authentic possible only through the actors' excellent acting performance. The whole play was underlined with an atmospheric scenery and a well-chosen background music.

Definitely an experience we should keep in mind!

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