

THAT THEATRE COMPANY 2017

Educating Rita is a play written by Willy Russell, an English playwright from Liverpool. It was voted 'Best Comedy of the Year' when performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1980. By 1983 it had risen to be the fourth most popular play on the British stage. In the same year it was transformed into a film and won the BAFTA Best Film Award as well as Academy Award nominations, proving its appeal and popularity on both sides of the Atlantic. 35 years later it is still proving to be as relevant as it originally was, surely a sign of a great piece of work.

Fortunately there is a wealth of educational material and comment that you can find on the web:

<https://gcseguide.co.uk/english/educating-rita/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english_literature/dramaeducatingrita/

http://www.human.nu.ac.th/jhnu/file/journal/2011_02_17_17_42_50-1-2-16.pdf

The play's relevance today as a comment on adult education:

<https://seanschuff.files.wordpress.com/2011/01/educatingrita102002.pdf>

