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A Review of: *The Cherry Orchard*

When I viewed the play *The Cherry Orchard* on Tuesday April 28, 2009 at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, I was not quite sure what to expect since I haven't seen many plays in the past. To my surprise though, I actually enjoyed it. The first thing that was really brought to my attention was the whole set up of the play. The background that was set up was very beautiful and really did portray the time period the play in. The actors and actresses really did a great job at fulfilling their roles, at least from what I could tell (being previously informed of each character's personality). The actors and actresses were very dramatic and did a tremendous job for each complicated scene they had to perform. They spoke loud and clear, and had a lot of emotion. It almost made me want to try taking up drama. The play had a sad meaning, but also had a lot of humor that I couldn't help but laugh at. The only thing I would complain about is that some parts of the play I couldn't see all the way because the actors sometimes performed way in the back of the stage and we were sort of seated in an awkward area. This sometimes confused me as to what was happening and I had to sort of assume what was going on by listening to what the actors were saying. Other than that though nothing else was wrong. I really liked the whole idea of the play and wouldn't mind going back to see it again if it was being played at the Milwaukee Rep. another time. I really would recommend other people to see it. I think the *Cherry Orchard* is a great story and is very realistic. It has concepts of family, love, memories, and the idea of "home-sweet-home". I like how it talks about what matters most to people. I can also relate with the idea that being home

and where one grew up their whole life is important for some people. Overall, the play was awesome.