

## BILLY ELLIOT

The film *Billy Elliot* was made in 2000, and the plot of the film takes place in 1984 during a major mining strike in the UK. The main character is Billy Elliot, an eleven-year-old boy who loves ballet and wants to dance rather than go boxing. The film also talks about prejudice about male and female occupations or interests. It is a preconceived notion that ballet is only for girls and for the rich strata of society.

The plot of the film combined drama and musical. The family lives in difficult conditions in one small mining town. Billy lives with his father, older brother and grandmother, his mother has died. Billy is a sensitive boy, and his father is a conservative miner who wants the boy to play men's sports such as boxing, wrestling or football. Billy's father opposes modern influences. He and his brother do not approve of dancing for boys, they consider it a female occupation. Father and brother want Billy to continue the mining tradition. It is very difficult for the miners, so they start protesting. Father and brother start a strike together with other miners and have no more money, their financial situation has worsened. Billy initially trains boxing because his father wants him to, but he's not doing very well. One day the ballet group came to training in their gym which Billy liked and started getting interested in dancing. He started secretly going to ballet classes. One day Billy's father found out that Billy was going to ballet classes and got very angry. At first he disapproved of the dance, which he considered bad for the boys. He later changed his mind because he saw Billy dancing. He thought that could be the future for Billy and that he had great talent. He decided to take him to an audition for the Royal Ballet School. Prejudice was successfully overcome during the film, Billy was given the opportunity to go to an important audition, and the support of the family, which was initially opposed, is very important. Billy succeeded and was admitted to the school because of his great commitment to dance and explanation of how he felt while dancing.

At the end of the film the great success of Billy is shown. Billy performs the ballet *Swan Lake*. The plot of the film takes place many years later when Billy grew up. In the audience sat his father, brother and childhood friend who watched his performance with pride. Billy proved that perseverance can help you reach your goal. It is important to be persistent and not pay attention to the opinions of the environment, which can ruin dreams with prejudices.