

Billy Elliot

Billy Elliot is a film about an 11-year-old boy Billy Elliot who unexpectedly fell in love with ballet. The plot takes place in 1984 during a major mining strike in the UK, and Billy's father and brother are also involved in the strike. His father sends Billy to boxing because he thinks it's a "male" sport. One day Billy stayed after boxing class and danced ballet with the girls. He liked ballet very much and continued to secretly attend ballet classes.

One day Billy's father finds out that Billy is going to ballet and gets very angry because he thinks ballet is only for women and girls, and forbids him to continue attending ballet classes. However, he continued to attend private ballet classes with his professor. She decided to train him to be ready to audition for the Royal Ballet School in London. Due to growing conflicts between the police and the strikers and the situation in his family, Billy missed the audition. After his father sees Billy dancing he thinks that Billy could be very successful. So he decided to take him to an audition. After the audition, Billy thought that it went badly, so he hit another dancer, which makes it difficult for him to be admitted to school because the school does not tolerate violence. In the end, though, he was accepted for explaining how he felt when he danced.

My favorite part is the ending when the film ends the scene years later, when adult Billy dances in Swan Lake, and his father, brother and childhood friend Michael come to the show.

Throughout the film, the aim is to present the issue of the division into male and female occupations, and the film has repeatedly shown that gender should not be important when it comes to occupations and sports.

Billy Elliot is the main character of the film and he is persistent and true to himself. Although he repeatedly wanted to give up because of the situation in the family and because he missed his mother who died, he still pushed with ballet and did not give up what he loves regardless of the environment. I think that the most important message is narrated by the character of a father who finally realized that he must accept his son as he is and what he loves and give him great support in whatever decisions he makes. I agree with the film that there should be no division into male and female and that everyone should have the same rights regardless of gender.

Although today this division into male and female is no longer so present, it still exists. Only three decades ago, occupations such as pilot, astronaut, driver or firefighter were considered to be exclusively male occupations, and ballerina or cook was considered female. I think a lot of people still think (some even subconsciously) that some things are just for one particular gender and that a lot of people know how to make fun of it.

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