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fine artist and actorOnly son of the actress Ellen Terry and the architect and stage designer Edward Godwin, Edward Gordon Craig was schooled in Bradfield and Heidelberg. He began his theatre career in Henry Irving's company at the Lyceum, London, and on with other companies until he was 25 when he turned to art and music After staging a number of his own productions in London, acclaimed by the critics but ill attended by the public, he followed a career the European continent, making a living with the sale theories on the art of theatre. These have uncompromising ideas won him few followers in Britain, except among the fine-arts community, whereas leading theatre artists of other European recognition as the prophet of a reformed era of theatre. As a director, insisting always on absolute control, Craig demanded too much from most theatre managers. His design inventions were often expensive and technically difficult, and the performers' freedom to express themselves as they were used to do was severely curtailed. Konstantin Stanislavski, however, offered him the Moscow Art Theatre in which to present his most famous production, Hamlet which greatly influenced the younHowever, he was scornful of the work of the professional puppet showmen ("all puppets are now but low comedians"). He was to the end a devotee of the model theatre, the latter being his preferred method for the development of his scenographic ideas, the choreography of the performers being represented by cardboard silhoue can is fascination with the puppet resulted in twelve issues (1918) of another periodical called The Marionnette (sic). In these he included foriginal plays or "motions", ypicall, difficult for puppeteers tOne of Craig's beliefs was that the marionette was an incarnation of all that is spiritual and dignified in the human form, "the last echo of some noble and beautiful art from a past ce was to home

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