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available for the first time in paperback from aristotle's poetics to vaclav havel the debate about the nature and function of theatre has been marked by controversy daniel gerould's landmark work theatre theory theatre collects history s most influential eastern and western dramatic theorists poets playwrights directors and philosophers whose ideas about theatre continue to shape its future in complete texts and choice excerpts spanning centuries we see an ongoing dialogue and exchange of ideas between actors and directors like craig and meyerhold and writers such as nietzsche and yeats each of gerould's introductory essays shows fascinating insight into both the life and the theory of the author from horace to soyinka corneille to brecht this is an indispensable compendium of the greatest dramatic theory ever written

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the routledge anthology of women s theatre theory and dramatic criticism is the first wide ranging anthology of theatre theory and dramatic criticism by women writers reproducing key primary documents contextualized by short essays the collection situates women s writing within and also reframes the field s male defined and male dominated traditions its collection of documents demonstrates women s consistent and wide ranging engagement with writing about theatre and performance and offers a more expansive understanding of the forms and locations of such theoretical and critical writing dealing with materials that often lie outside established production and publication venues this alternative tradition of theatre writing that emerges allows contemporary readers to form new ways of

conceptualizing the field bringing to the fore a long neglected vibrant intelligent deeply informed and expanded canon that generates a new era of scholarship learning and artistry the routledge anthology of women s theatrical theory and dramatic criticism is an important intervention into the fields of theatre and performance studies literary studies and cultural history while adding new dimensions to feminist gender and sexuality studies

over the last few centuries the world as we know it has seen remarkable change and the arts including theatre have faced new challenges theatre is now no longer a simple point of entertainment laced with instruction or dissent but is perceived as a more collaborative idea that looks at ever changing paradigms all over the world theatre now is a dynamic process that simultaneously retains tradition and delves into extreme experimentations this book represents a starting point for a much needed critical interrogation it looks at the constant features of european theatre and brings in some indian elements positing both in their respective locations as well as looking at the symbiosis that has been functioning for some time

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pavis analyses the political and aesthetic consequences of cultures meeting at the crossroads of theatre looking at productions including brook s mahabharata cixous mnouchkine s indiande and barba s faust

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theatre as human action is the ideal textbook to introduce students to the various aspects of theatre especially for those who may have little or no theatergoing experience seven

diverse plays are described to the reader from the start and then returned to throughout the book so that students can better understand the concepts being discussed both the theoretical and practical aspects of theatre are explored from the classical definition of theatre to today s most avant garde theatre activities types of plays the elements of drama and theatre criticism are presented as well as detailed descriptions of the different jobs in theatre such as actor playwright director designer producer choreographer and more the book concludes with a look at where and how theatre is evolving in america and the latest changes and innovations today this fourth edition has been greatly expanded and updated including the introduction of four new plays sweeney todd the demon barber of fleet street fences angels in america and hadestown in addition to macbeth you can t take it with you and hamiltona discussion of the rise of social media in raising awareness and replacing traditional review outletsan entirely new enhanced section on diversity and inclusion in theatrean updated selection of playwrights featured including terrence menally lynn nottage tony kushner and lin manuel miranda to better reflect the diversity of those writing for the theatre today featuring full color photographs updated discussion questions new topics for further research and potential creative projects the fourth edition of theatre as human action is an invaluable resource to introduce students to the world of theatre

investigating late imperial russian and early soviet modernism s reinvention of the actor in this wide ranging study alisa ballard lin argues that russian theatrical theory and practice contributed to a broad pre and postrevolutionary discourse about the mind profoundly reshaping concepts of consciousness perception identity and the constitution of the subject theatrical consciousness the actor s mind in russian modernism examines efforts in russian theater from around the turn of the century through the mid 1930s to stimulate train imagine and ultimately understand the actor s as well as the spectator s mind discussing key figures of the period including nikolai evreinov konstantin stanislavsky vsevolod meyerhold and alexander tairov lin identifies an underappreciated dimension of humanism within russian modernism a humanism that resisted the pressures of an increasingly technologized industrialized and politicized modernity that challenged the place of the

human within it

this volume explores whether theatre pedagogy can and should be transformed in response to the global climate crisis conrad alexandrowicz and david fancy present an innovative re imagining of the ways in which the art of theatre and the pedagogical apparatus that feeds and supports it might contribute to global efforts in climate protest and action comprised of contributions from a broad range of scholars and practitioners the volume explores whether an adherence to aesthetic values can be preserved when art is instrumentalized as protest and considers theatre as a tool to be employed by the school strike for climate movement considering perspectives from areas including performance directing production design theory and history this book will prompt vital discussions which could transform curricular design and implementation in the light of the climate crisis theatre pedagogy in the era of climate crisis will be of great interest to students scholars and practitioners of climate change and theatre and performance studies

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