

# Performance Theory: Routledge Classics

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Performance theory is a field of study that examines the conventions and practices of theatre. It explores the ways in which performance is created, produced, and received. Performance theory draws on a variety of disciplines, including theatre history, sociology, anthropology, and cultural studies.



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One of the most important aspects of performance theory is the study of theatrical conventions. These conventions are the unspoken rules that govern the way theatre is performed. They include things like the use of stage space, the relationship between actors and audience, and the use of props and costumes.

Theatrical conventions are not static. They change over time as the theatre evolves. This is because conventions are always shaped by the social and

cultural context in which they are created. For example, the conventions of Elizabethan theatre were very different from those of the Victorian era.

The study of theatrical conventions is essential for understanding the history of performance. It allows us to see how the theatre has changed over time and how it has been shaped by the social and cultural forces of its time.

In addition to the study of theatrical conventions, performance theory also examines the practices of theatre. These practices include things like rehearsal, performance, and audience reception. Performance theory seeks to understand how these practices contribute to the creation of meaning in the theatre.

The practices of theatre are not always straightforward. They can be complex and challenging. This is because theatre is a live art form that is always subject to change. However, the study of performance practices can help us to understand the creative process and how it can be used to create powerful and meaningful theatre.

Performance theory is a fascinating and complex field of study. It offers a unique insight into the world of theatre and the ways in which it has shaped our culture. By understanding performance theory, we can better appreciate the art of theatre and its power to move and inspire us.

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The Routledge Classics Arthur Rackham edition of Performance Theory is a beautiful and authoritative edition of this classic work. It features an by

leading performance theorist Marvin Carlson and a selection of Rackham's original illustrations.

This edition is essential reading for anyone interested in performance theory or the history of theatre. It is a valuable resource for students, teachers, and scholars alike.

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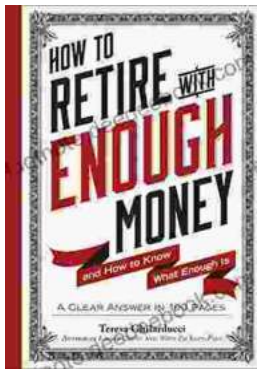


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