

Unlocking the Secrets of Devising Theatre: Delve into 'The Frantic Assembly'

: Embracing the Art of Innovation

Dive into the captivating realm of devising theatre, where creativity and collaboration collide to produce extraordinary performances. 'The Frantic Assembly' is an indispensable guide that empowers you to master this thrilling art form. With its in-depth exploration of innovative techniques, inspiring case studies, and practical workshop exercises, this book will ignite your imagination and elevate your theatrical practice.



The Frantic Assembly Book of Devising Theatre

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Chapter 1: Foundation of Devising Theatre

Lay the groundwork for effective devising by understanding its core principles and methodologies. Explore the concept of 'devising' and its

distinction from traditional theatre-making approaches. Learn about the importance of collaboration, experimentation, and risk-taking in creating unique and dynamic performances.

Case Study: The Frantic Assembly's 'Beautiful Burnout'

Delve into a real-life example of devising theatre with the Frantic Assembly's acclaimed production, 'Beautiful Burnout'. Analyze how the company employed improvisation, physical exploration, and audience interaction to craft a powerful and emotionally resonant performance.

Chapter 2: Techniques and Approaches for Devising

Master a wide range of techniques and approaches that will enhance your devising process. Discover methods for generating ideas, developing characters, creating compelling narratives, and devising movement sequences. Explore the use of improvisation, storytelling, and physical theatre to bring your ideas to life.

Workshop Exercise: The 'What If' Game

Engage in a stimulating workshop exercise that encourages imaginative thinking and creative exploration. The 'What If' game challenges you to generate multiple possibilities and scenarios, fostering a sense of spontaneity and collaboration.

Chapter 3: Collaborating Effectively

Harness the power of collaboration to create exceptional devised performances. Understand the importance of building a cohesive team, fostering open communication, and embracing diverse perspectives. Learn

how to resolve conflicts constructively and create a supportive environment where creativity can flourish.

Case Study: Complicite Theatre's 'The 306: Dawn'

Witness the transformative power of collaboration in Complicite Theatre's 'The 306: Dawn'. Explore how the company's unique approach to devising, involving international performers and interdisciplinary artists, resulted in a critically acclaimed production that transcended cultural and linguistic boundaries.

Chapter 4: Devising for Different Contexts

Adapt your devising skills to diverse contexts and performance spaces. Learn how to create devised performances for site-specific locations, educational settings, and community projects. Explore the challenges and rewards of working with non-actors and devising accessible performances for diverse audiences.

Workshop Exercise: Devising for a Site-Specific Performance

Put your newfound knowledge into practice by devising a performance for a specific location. This workshop exercise challenges you to consider the unique features and atmosphere of the space, inspiring you to create site-responsive and immersive theatrical experiences.

Chapter 5: From Page to Stage: Rehearsing and Presenting

Navigate the transition from devising to rehearsal and performance. Understand the importance of dramaturgy, refining your material, and creating a coherent theatrical structure. Learn techniques for incorporating

technical elements, such as lighting and sound, to enhance the impact of your devised work.

Case Study: Volcano Theatre's 'Shoreditch Town Hall'

Witness the culmination of the devising process in Volcano Theatre's 'Shoreditch Town Hall'. Analyze how the company's rigorous rehearsal process, involving improvisation, movement exploration, and live music, resulted in a powerful and critically acclaimed performance that blurred the lines between devised and scripted theatre.

: Unlocking Your Creative Potential

Conclude your journey into the world of devising theatre with a renewed appreciation for its transformative power. Reflect on the techniques, case studies, and exercises you have encountered throughout this comprehensive guide. Embrace the principles of collaboration, experimentation, and risk-taking to unlock your creative potential as a theatre maker.

Whether you are a seasoned professional or an aspiring artist, 'The Frantic Assembly' will empower you to create innovative, engaging, and unforgettable devised performances that will captivate audiences worldwide.



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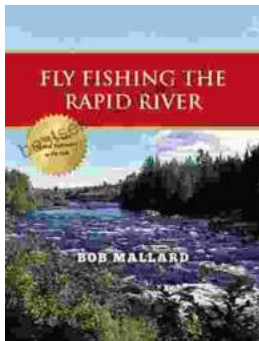
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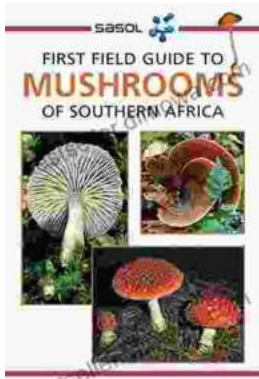
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