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Routledge Both in opera studies and in most operatic works, the singing body is often taken for granted. In Postopera: Reinventing the Voice-Body, Jelena Novak reintroduces an awareness of the physicality of the singing body to opera studies. Arguing that the voice-body relationship itself is a producer of meaning, she furthermore posits this relationship as one of the major driving forces in recent opera. She takes as her focus six contemporary operas - La Belle et la Bête (Philip Glass), Writing to Vermeer (Louis Andriessen, Peter Greenaway), Three Tales (Steve Reich, Beryl Korot), One (Michel van der Aa), Homeland (Laurie Anderson), and La Commedia (Louis Andriessen, Hal Hartley) - which she terms 'postoperas'. These pieces are sites for creative exploration, where the boundaries of the opera world are stretched. Central to this is the impact of new media, a de-synchronization between image and sound, or a redefinition of body-voice-gender relationships. Novak dissects the singing body as a set of rules, protocols, effects, and strategies. That dissection shows how the singing body acts within the world of

opera, what interventions it makes, and how it constitutes opera's meanings.

**Theatermach
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Bloomsbury Publishing Theatre, like other subjects in the humanities, has recently undergone quintessential changes in theory, approach, and research.

Modern Drama - a collection of twelve essays from leading theatre and drama scholars - investigates the

contemporary meanings and the cultural and political resonances of the terms inherent in the concepts of 'modern' and 'drama,' delving into a range of theoretical questions on the history of modernism, modernity, postmodernism, and postmodernity as they have intersected with the shifting histories of drama, theatre, and performance. Using incisive analyses of both modern and

postmodern plays, the contributors examine varied topics such as the analysis of periodicity; the articulation of social, political, and cultural production in theatre; the re-evaluation of texts, performances, and canons; and demonstrations of how interdisciplinaryity inflects theatre and its practice. Including work by Sue-Ellen Case, Elin Diamond, Harry J. Elam Jr, Alan

Filewod, Erika
Fischer-Lichte,
Stanton B.
Garner Jr,
Shannon
Jackson, Loren
Kruger,
Josephine Lee,
David Savran,
Michael
Sidnell, and
Ann Wilson,
the collection
highlights the
importance of
continuing to
investigate
not only
critical texts
but also the
terms of the
debate
themselves.
Incorporating
both drama
history and
modern
studies, this
compilation
will be an
invaluable
work to all
scholars of
theatre and
drama, and as
well as those
students of
the
humanities
and
modernism.
*Postdramatic
Dramaturgies*
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Kantor in
Context is an
in-depth,
multidisciplina
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compendium
of essays that
examine
Kantor's work
through the
prism of
postmemory
and trauma
theory and in
relation to
Polish
literature,
Jewish culture,
and Yiddish
theater as well
as the
Japanese,
German,
French, Polish,
and American
avant-garde.
Hans-Thies
Lehmann's
theory of
postdramatic
theater and
contemporary
developments
in critical
theory—partic
ularly Bill
Brown's thing
theory, Bruno
Latour's actor
network
theory, and
posthumanism
—provide a
previously
unavailable
vocabulary for
discussion of
Kantor's
theater.

**Postdramatic
Theatre
and the
Political**

Intellect Books
Fluid stages,
morphing
theatre
spaces,
ambulant
spectators,
and
occasionally
disappearing
performers:
these are
some of the
key
ingredients of
nomadic
theatre. They
are also
theatre's
response to
life in the 21st
century, which
is increasingly
marked by the
mobility of
people,
information,
technologies

and services.
While
examining
how
contemporary
theatre
exposes and
queries this
mobile turn in
society,
Liesbeth Groot
Nibbelink
introduces the
concept of
nomadic
theatre as a
vital tool for
analyzing how
movement
and mobility
affect and
implicate the
theatre, how
this makes
way for local
operations
and lived
spaces, and
how physical
movements
are stepping
stones for

theorizing
mobility at
large. This
book focuses
on ambulatory
performances
and
performative
installations,
asking how
they stage
movement
and in turn
mobilize the
stage. By
analyzing the
work of
leading
European
artists such as
Rimini
Protokoll,
Dries
Verhoeven,
Ontroerend
Goed, and
Signa,
Nomadic
Theatre
demonstrates
that mobile
performances

radically rethink the conditions of the stage and alter our understanding of spectatorship. Nomadic Theatre instigates connections across disciplinary fields and feeds dramaturgical analysis with insights derived from media theory, urban philosophy, cartography, architecture, and game studies. It illustrates how theatre, as a material form of thought, creatively and

critically engages with mobile existence both on the stage and in society. **Dramaturgy of Form** Routledge
This comprehensive, authoritative account of tragedy is the culmination of Hans-Thies Lehmann's groundbreaking contributions to theatre and performance scholarship. It is a major milestone in our understanding of this core foundation of the dramatic arts. From the

philosophical roots and theories of tragedy, through its inextricable relationship with drama, to its impact upon post-dramatic forms, this is the definitive work in its field. Lehmann plots a course through the history of dramatic thought, taking in Aristotle, Plato, Seneca, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Lacan, Shakespeare, Schiller, Holderlin, Wagner, Maeterlinck,

Yeats, Brecht, Kantor, Heiner Müller and Sarah Kane.

Thinking Through Theatre and Performance

Postdramatic Theatre
This book explores the concept and vocabulary of postdramatic theatre from a pedagogical perspective. It identifies some of the major anxieties and paradoxes generated by teaching postdramatic theatre through practice, with reference to the aesthetic, cultural and

institutional pressures that shape teaching practices. It also presents a series of case studies that identify the pedagogical fault lines that expose the power-relations inherent in teaching (with a focus on the higher education sector as opposed to actor training institutions). It uses auto-ethnography, performance analysis and critical theory to assist university teachers

involved in directing theatre productions to deepen their understanding of the concept of postdramatic theatre.

Faith Healer

Transcultural Marketing E Comunicacao Ltda.
Dramaturgy of Form examines verse in twenty-first-century theatre practice across different languages, cultures, and media. Through interdisciplinary engagement,

Kasia Lech offers a new method for verse analysis in the performance context. The book traces the dramaturgical operation of verse in new writings, musicals, devised performances, multilingual dramas, Hip Hop theatre, films, digital projects, and gig theatre, as well as translations and adaptations of classics and new theatre forms created by Irish, Spanish, Nigerian,

Polish, American, Canadian, Australian, British, Russian, and multinational artists. Their verse dramaturgies explore timely issues such as global identities, agency and precarity, global and local politics, and generational and class stories. The development of dramaturgy is discussed with the focus turning to the new stylized approach to theatre, whose arrival Hans-Thies

Lehmann foretold in his Postdramatic Theatre, documenting a turning point for contemporary Western theatre. Serving theatre-makers, scholars, and students working with classical and contemporary verse and poetry in performance contexts; practitioners and academics of aural and oral dramaturgies; voice and verse-speaking coaches; and actors seeking

the creative opportunities that verse offers, Dramaturgy of Form reveals verse as a tool for innovation and transformation that is at the forefront of contemporary practices and experiences.

The British Community Arts Movement

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Curator Jens Hoffmann's Theater of Exhibitions considers the plight of art after the end of art and asks whether inherited

frameworks of making, theorizing and exhibiting art still apply to contemporary practice. Are exhibitions still an appropriate form of assembly and embodied ritual in our 21st-century global society? Drawing from his formation in theater and his own curatorial work, Hoffmann reflects on the current spaces of contemporary art the gallery, the institution and the biennial.

Ultimately he positions the discipline of curating in the context of a larger cultural sphere one shaped by the political, social and economic conditions and demanding new attitudes and new thinking. The book also considers the commodification of the art industry and the distribution of images in the digital age and posits the exhibition as an anthropological endeavor, with curator as agent

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c Theatre and Form

Oxford University Press Ancient tragedy has played a well-documented role in contemporary theatre since the mid-twentieth century. In addition to the often-commented-upon watershed productions, however, is a significant but overlooked history involving classical tragedy in experimental and avant-garde theatre. Postdramatic

Tragedies focuses upon such experimental reinventions and analyses receptions of Greek and Roman tragedy that come under the banner of 'postdramatic theatre', a style of performance in which the traditional components of drama, such as character and narrative, are subordinate to the immediate, affective power of more abstract elements, such as image and sound.

The chapters are arranged into three parts, each of which explores classical reception within a specific strand of postdramatic theatre: text-based theatre, devised theatre, and theatre that transcends the usual boundaries of time and space, such as durational and immersive theatre. Each offers a semiotic and phenomenological analysis of a particular case study, covering both

widely known and less studied productions from 1995 to 2015. Together they reveal that postdramatic theatre is related to the classics at its conceptual core, and that the study of postdramatic tragedies reveals a great deal about both the evolution of theatre in recent decades, and the status of ancient drama in modernity.

Composed Theatre
Camden House
In this darkly

lyrical tale of a traveling faith healer roaming through Scotland and Wales with his wife and his manager, the author has created a metaphorical portrait of the artist as both creator and destroyer. The Broadway production starred James Mason.--From publisher description.

Tragedy and Dramatic Theatre
University of Michigan Press
The Performance Studies Reader is a

lively and much-needed anthology of critical writings on the burgeoning discipline of performance studies. It provides an overview of the full range of performance theory for undergraduates at all levels, and beginning graduate students in performance studies, theatre, performing arts and cultural studies. The collection is designed as a companion to

Richard Schechner's popular Performance Studies: an Introduction (Routledge, 2002), but is also ideal as a stand-alone text. Henry Bial collects together key critical pieces from the field, referred to as 'suggested readings' in Performance Studies: an Introduction. He also broadens the discussion with additional selections. The structure and themes of the Reader closely follow those of Schechner's

companion textbook. The articles in each section focus particularly on three primary areas in performance studies, theatre, anthropology and sociology/cultural studies.

Theory of the Modern Drama

University of Iowa Press
This book is a brilliant analysis of the emergence and development of modern drama from the Renaissance to the present day. This

concise but wide-ranging book discusses the work of Ibsen, Chekhov, Strindberg, Satre, Brecht and Wilder, among others. University of Toronto Press
What does it mean for a play to be political in the 21st century? Does it require explicit engagement with events and situations with the aim of bringing about change or highlighting social wrongs? Is it purely a matter of content or is it also a matter of structure?

The Contemporary Political Play: Rethinking Dramaturgical Structure examines the politics of contemporary 'political' drama. It traces the origins of the contemporary British political play to the emergence of the idea of 'serious drama' in the late 19th century through the work of Bernard Shaw, and argues that a Shavian version of serious drama was inextricably linked to the social and political structures of British society at the time. While political drama is still often thought of as adhering to a Shavian model in which social issues are presented through a dialectical structure, Grochala argues that the different political structures of contemporary Britain give rise to formally inventive dramaturgies that are no less 'serious' or political than their Shavian forebears. Through analysing the experimental dramaturgies of contemporary plays by playwrights including Caryl Churchill, Simon Stephens, Anthony Neilson, debbie tucker green and Mark Ravenhill, among others, it offers a set of new principles for understanding how a play functions politically and reveals how today the dramaturgical

<p>structure of a play is as political as its content.</p> <p><i>Performing Verse in Contemporary Theatre</i></p> <p>Transcript Publishing</p> <p>"This book comes at the right time. Its publication falls into a moment when - in addition to the ongoing discussion of the body - the theorizing of the affective in the theater studies has become more important compared to the rational aspect of the transmission of meaning. The example</p>	<p>of Maura Baiocchi appears (...) as an encouragement, while many theater makers are disheartened in the face of the reactionary front, which has been built against all experimental art for years. The work of Taanteatro (...) is nothing less than the ever-renewed attempt to promote a new "co-existence" of man and nature. (...) It is a radically "green" theater that formulates a</p>	<p>far-reaching critique of our civilization." Hans-Thies Lehmann (excerpts from the preface)"Choreographic Theater of Tensions - Forces & Forms" is the first publication about Taanteatro in English. Written by the directors of Taanteatro Companhia - the Brazilian choreographer Maura Baiocchi and the German director Wolfgang Pannek - the book presents in a concise</p>
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and substantial manner, the creative and theoretical approaches of Taanteatro Dynamics - an investigation of performative language based on the tension principle and the notion of the expanded body. Widely illustrated, it additionally informs the reader about the trajectories of Taanteatro Companhia and its founding director Baiocchi. Aimed at professionals, students, and researchers of the performing arts, and the general public, the book summarizes and refines an editorial project that covers the following publications: Taanteatro: Choreographic Theater of Tensions (2007), Taanteatro: Rite of Passage (2011), Taanteatro: MBE - Mandala of Body Energy (2013), Taanteatro: [Des]Construction and Schizopresence (2016), and Taanteatro: Forces & Forms (2018).

Robert Wilson. Landscape Images and Post Dramatic Theatre Bloomsbury Publishing
What is implied when we refer to the study of performing arts as 'drama', 'theatre' or 'performance'? Each term identifies a different tradition of thought and offers different possibilities to the student or practitioner. This book

examines the history and use of the terms and investigates the different philosophies, politics, languages and institutions with which they are associated. Simon Shepherd and Mick Wallis: analyze attitudes to drama, theatre and performance at different historical junctures trace a range of political interventions into the field(s) explore and contextualise the

institutionalisation of drama and theatre as university subjects, then the emergence of 'performance' as practice, theory and academic disciplines guide readers through major approaches to drama, theatre and performance, from theatre history, through theories of ritual or play, to the idea of performance as paradigm for a postmodern age discuss crucial terms such as action,

alienation, catharsis, character, empathy, interculturalism, mimesis, presence or representation in a substantial 'keywords' section. Continually linking their analysis to wider cultural concerns, the authors here offer the most wide-ranging and authoritative guide available to a vibrant, fast-moving field and vigorous debates about its nature, purpose and place in the academy.

International Perspectives on Contemporary Performance
Routledge
Illuminates the historical and aesthetic relationship of print to avant-garde performance
Transnationalism and Postdramatic Theatre
Bloomsbury Publishing
Awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2000, Gao Xingjian is the first Chinese writer to be so lauded for his prose and plays. Since relocating to France in 1987, in a voluntary exile from China, he has assembled a body of dramatic work that has best been understood neither as expressly Chinese nor French, but as transnational. In this comprehensive study of his post-exile plays, Mary Mazzilli explores Gao's plays as examples of postdramatic transnationalism: a transnational artistic and theatrical trend that is fluid, flexible and encompasses a variety of styles and influences. As such, this innovative interdisciplinary investigation offers fresh insights into contemporary theatre. Whereas other publications have considered Gao's work as a cultural and artistic phenomenon, Gao Xingjian's Post-Exile Plays: Transnationalism and Postdramatic Theatre is the first study to relate his plays to postdramatic theatre and to

provide close textual and dramatic analysis that will help readers to better understand his complex work, and also to see it in the context of the work of contemporary playwrights such as Martin Crimp, Peter Handke, and Elfriede Jelinek. Among the plays discussed are: *The Other Shore*, written just before he left China in 1987; *Between Life and Death* (1991) - compared in detail to Martin Crimp's *Attempts on her life; Dialogue and Rebuttal* (1992), and its relationship to Beckett's *Happy Days; Nocturnal Wanderer* (1993), *Weekend Quartet* (1995), and the latest plays *Snow in August* (1997), *Death Collector* (2000) and *Ballade Nocturne* (2010). *The Contemporary Political Play Psychology Press Washington D.C.'s Arena* Stage was the first professional regional theatre in the nation's capital to welcome a racially integrated audience; the first to perform behind the Iron Curtain; and the first to win the Tony Award for best regional theatre. This behind-the-scenes look at one of the leading theatres in the United States shows how key financial and artistic decisions were made, using a range of

archival materials such as letters and photographs as well as interviews with artists and administrators . Close-ups of major productions from The Great White Hope to Oklahoma! illustrate how Arena Stage navigated cultural trends. More than a chronicle, America in the Round is a critical history that reveals how far the theatre could go with its budget and racially liberal

politics, and how Arena both disputed and duplicated systems of power. With an innovative “in the round” approach, the narrative simulates sitting in different parts of the arena space to see the theatre through different lenses—economics, racial dynamics, and American identity.

Choreographic Theater of Tensions

Bloomsbury Publishing
Sound is born and dies with action. In this

surprising, resourceful study, Mladen Ovadija makes a case for the centrality of sound as an integral element of contemporary theatre. He argues that sound in theatre inevitably “betrays” the dramatic text, and that sound is performance. Until recently, theatrical sound has largely been regarded as supplemental to the dramatic plot. Now, however, sound is the subject of renewed

<p>interest in theatrical discourse. Dramaturgy of sound, Ovadija argues, reads and writes a theatrical idiom based on two inseparable, intertwined strands - the gestural, corporeal power of the performer's voice and the structural value of stage sound. His extensive research in experimental performance and his examination of the pioneering work by Futurists,</p>	<p>Dadaists, and Expressionists enable Ovadija to create a powerful study of autonomous sound as an essential element in the creation of synesthetic theatre. Dramaturgy of Sound in the Avant-garde and Postdramatic Theatre presents a cogent argument about a continuous tradition in experimental theatre running from early modernist to contemporary</p>	<p>works. <u>Tragedy and Dramatic Theatre</u> Routledge Is postdramatic theatre political and if so how? How does it relate to Brecht's ideas of political theatre, for example? How can we account for the relationship between aesthetics and politics in new forms of theatre, playwriting, and performance? The chapters in this book discuss crucial aspects of the</p>
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issues raised by the postdramatic turn in theatre in the late twentieth and early twenty-first century: the status of the audience and modes of spectatorship in postdramatic theatre; the political claims of postdramatic theatre; postdramatic theatre's ongoing relationship with the dramatic tradition; its

dialectical qualities, or its eschewing of the dialectic; questions of representation and the real in theatre; the role of bodies, perception, appearance and theatricality in postdramatic theatre; as well as subjectivity and agency in postdramatic theatre, dance and performance. Offering analyses of a wide range of international performance

examples, scholars in this volume engage with Hans-Thies Lehmann's theoretical positions both affirmatively and critically, relating them to other approaches by thinkers ranging from early theorists such as Brecht, Adorno and Benjamin, to contemporary thinkers such as Fischer-Lichte, Rancière and others