

On Directing Harold Clurman

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Clothes for a Summer Hotel

Contemporary Women Stage Directors opens the door into the minds of 27 prolific female theatre directors, allowing you to explore their experience, wisdom and knowledge. Directors give insight into their diverse approaches to the key challenges of directing theatre, including choosing projects, engaging with scripts, conceptualizing visual and acoustic production elements, collaborating with actors and production teams, building their careers, and navigating challenges and opportunities posed by gender, race and ethnicity. The directors featured include Maria Aberg, May Adrales, Sarah Benson, Karin Coonrod, Rachel Chavkin, Lear deBessonet, Nadia Fall, Vicky Featherstone, Polly Findlay, Leah Gardiner, Anne Kauffman, Lucy Kerbel, Young Jean Lee, Patricia McGregor, Blanche McIntyre, Paulette Randall, Diane Rodriguez, Indhu Rubasingham, KJ Sanchez, Tina Satter, Kimberly Senior, Roxana Silbert, Leigh Silverman, Caroline Steinbeis, Liesl Tommy, Lyndsey Turner, and Erica Whyman. These women are making profoundly exciting theatre in some of the most influential organizations across the English-speaking world—from Broadway to the West End, from the National Theatre in London to Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles. As generally mid-career professionals, they are informed by both their hard-earned expertise and their forward-looking energy. They offer astute observations about the current state of the art form, as well as inspiring visions of what theatre can accomplish in the decades to come.

Encounters; 6 One-act Plays

This landmark work has influenced generations of stage directors and is considered the most influential treatment of the art of directing. Both theoretical and practical, Fundamentals of Play Directing offers content and information on the major technical and visual issues of stage directing that beginning directors will find invaluable. Following introductory chapters,

readers are introduced to the basics play analysis, basic technique for the actor, and the directors media. These chapters form an essential preparation for an in-depth examination of the five fundamentals of play directing that make up the core of the text: composition, picturization, movement, rhythm, and pantomimic dramatization.

A Sense of Direction

Describes the approaches four top directors used in productions of *The Seagull*, *Mother Courage*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and *Marat/Sade*

Method--or Madness?

Real Life Drama is the classic history of the remarkable group that revitalized American theater in the 1930s by engaging urgent social and moral issues that still resonate today. Born in the turbulent decade of the Depression, the Group Theatre revolutionized American arts. Wendy Smith's dramatic narrative brings the influential troupe and its founders to life once again, capturing their joys and pains, their triumphs and defeats. Filled with fresh insights into the towering personalities of Harold Clurman, Lee Strasberg, Cheryl Crawford, Elia Kazan, Clifford Odets, Stella and Luther Adler, Karl Malden, and Lee J. Cobb, among many others, *Real Life Drama* chronicles a passionate community of idealists as they opened a new frontier in theater.

Great Directors at Work

“This is the best autobiography I’ve read by a prominent American in I don’t know how many years. It is endlessly absorbing and I believe this is because it concerns a man who is looking to find a coherent philosophy that will be tough enough to contain all that is ugly in his person and his experience, yet shall prove sufficiently compassionate to give honest judgment on himself and others. Somehow, the author brings this off. Elia Kazan: A Life has that candor of confession which is possible only when the deepest wounds have healed and honesty can achieve what honesty so rarely arrives at—a rich and hearty flavor. By such means, a famous director has written a book that offers the kind of human wealth we find in a major novel.” —Norman Mailer In this amazing autobiography, Kazan at seventy-eight brings to the undiluted telling of his story—and revelation of himself—all the passion, vitality, and truth, the almost outrageous honesty, that have made him so formidable a stage director (*A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Death of a Salesman*, *All My Sons*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Tea and Sympathy*), film director (*On the Waterfront*, *East of Eden*, *Gentleman’s Agreement*, *Splendor in the Grass*, *Baby Doll*, *The Last Tycoon*, *A Face in the Crowd*), and novelist (the number-one best-seller *The Arrangement*.) Kazan gives us his sense of himself as an outsider (a Greek rug merchant’s son born in Turkey, an immigrant’s son raised in New York and educated at

Williams College). He takes us into the almost accidental sojourn at the Yale Drama School that triggered his commitment to theatre, and his edgy, exciting apprenticeship with the new and astonishing Group Theatre, as stagehand and stage manager—and as actor (*Waiting for Lefty*, *Golden Boy*) . . . his first nervous and then successful attempts at directing for theatre and movies (*The Skin of Our Teeth*, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*) . . . his return to New York to co-found the Actors Studio (and his long and ambivalent relationship with Lee Strasberg) . . . his emergence as premier director on both coasts. With his director's eye for the telling scene, Kazan shares the joys and complications of production, his unique insights on acting, directing, and producing. He makes us feel the close presence of the actors, producers, and writers he's worked with—James Dean, Marlon Brando, Tennessee Williams, Vivien Leigh, Tallulah Bankhead, Sam Spiegel, Darryl Zanuck, Harold Clurman, Arthur Miller, Budd Schulberg, James Baldwin, Clifford Odets, and John Steinbeck among them. He gives us a frank and affectionate portrait of Marilyn Monroe. He talks with startling candor about himself as husband and—in the years where he obsessively sought adventure outside marriage—as lover. For the first time, he discusses his Communist Party years and his wrenching decision in 1952 to be a cooperative witness before HUAC. He writes about his birth as a writer. The pace and organic drama of his narrative, his grasp of the life and politics of Broadway and Hollywood, the keenness with which he observes the men and women and worlds around him, and, above all, the honesty with which he pursues and captures his own essence, make this one of the most fascinating autobiographies of our time.

Contemporary Women Stage Directors

Surveys the careers and personalities of the great pianists from Clementi and Mozart to the present day

Elia Kazan: A Life

THE STORY: The action of the play is comprised of a series of varied, imaginatively conceived episodes, which blend into a powerful and stirring mosaic. The opening scene is a hiring hall where a union leader (obviously in the pay of the bosses) is trying to convince a committee of workers (who are waiting for their leader, Lefty, to arrive) not to strike. This is followed by a moving confrontation between a discouraged taxi driver, who cannot earn enough to live on, and his angry wife, who wants him to show some backbone and stand up to his employer; a revealing scene between a scheming boss and the young worker who refuses to spy on his fellow employees; a sad/funny episode centering on a young cabbie and his would-be bride, who lack the wherewithal to get married; a disturbing scene involving a senior doctor and the underpaid young intern (a labor activist) whom the doctor has been ordered to discharge; and, finally, a return to the union hall where the workers, learning that Lefty has been gunned down by the powers-that-be, resolve at last to stand up for their rights and to strike—and to stay off their jobs until their grievances are finally heard and acted upon by those who have so cynically exploited and misused them.

Sanford Meisner on Acting

Directors on Directing

The work done on a play before the first rehearsal, the first group reading or even the before the cast have met, can be crucial to the success of a production. Directors and dramaturgs must know how to analyze, understand and interpret a play or performance text if they hope to bring it to life on the stage. This book provides a broad range of tools and methods that can be used when reading a text, including: Lessons from the past. What can we learn from Aristotle, Stanislavsky, Meyerhold, Vakhtangov, Brecht and Harold Clurman? This section establishes the models and methods that underpin much of a director's work today. A survey of current practices in Western theatre. A combination of research, interviews and observation of practical work addresses the main stages in understanding a play, such as getting to know characters, sharing ideas, mapping the action and grappling with language. A workbook, setting out twenty one ways of breaking down a play, from the general to the particular. Contributions, reflections and interjections from a host of successful directors make this the ideal starting point for anyone who wants to direct a play, or even devise one of their own. This wide range of different approaches, options and techniques allows each reader to create their own brand of play analysis.

Theatre

A newly revised edition of an American classic, Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize—winning *Buried Child* is as fierce and unforgettable as it was when it was first produced in 1978. A scene of madness greets Vince and his girlfriend as they arrive at the squalid farmhouse of Vince's hard-drinking grandparents, who seem to have no idea who he is. Nor does his father, Tilden, a hulking former All-American footballer, or his uncle, who has lost one of his legs to a chain saw. Only the memory of an unwanted child, buried in an undisclosed location, can hope to deliver this family from its sin.

Life and Acting

I first met Susan Batson in New York just a week before I made *Peacemaker*. We worked together in earnest for two years on *Eyes Wide Shut* in London and on every film I've done since, wherever they've taken us. This book you hold is called *Truth*, and that title precisely describes the core of the work Susan Batson and I do together. I can't create unless I have truth—I have to feel it. Susan helps me to find the truth in myself and use its purity, intimacy, and honesty to make my work real. She's helped me to nurture and protect truth in myself and in the characters that I've played. What I've learned from Susan is how to keep the truth alive no matter what. There's so much more to acting than just creative success. It runs

thicker and deeper than that. It has to-it's in my blood, it beats through me. I know that it's in Susan's blood, too. I feel like we've been together my whole life. A great teacher can make anything seem possible. So many of the actors I've admired and idolized and, in a few lucky instances, been blessed to work with, were shaped and inspired by teachers who opened them to the possibilities of their art. Among actors, Lee Strasberg, Sanford Meisner, and Jeff Corey are just as legendary as their pupils Marilyn Monroe, Robert Duvall, and Jack Nicholson. I am confident that Susan Batson will go down in history as one of acting's legendary teachers. I only hope that my work can contribute to her legend. I'll always be grateful that I found her. And now, through this book, you've found her, too. Book jacket.

The Actor Uncovered

The Actor Uncovered is certainly not a set of rigid rules advocating one "method" or one singular "truth." Departing from the common guidebook format, Michael Howard uses a unique approach to teaching acting, reflecting on his own history and sharing his own experiences as an actor, director, and teacher. How he writes about the process and craft of acting is at once intensely personal and relatable by others. Readers are invited to participate as though present in this master teacher's classes. Each human being, and thus each actor, is unique. Howard encourages actors to uncover their own ways of working, using their particular abilities and personality traits. Going beyond the craft and into human psychology and the importance of acting as a life force, readers will see new and deeper ways to study and practice, to be introspective, and to arrive at places of revelation about their craft. The Actor Uncovered will have much to say to beginners, to those who are advanced, and to professional and working actors. Howard discusses such topics as: Techniques, styles, and methods in a changing society Relaxation, concentration, and the breath The relationships among actor, director, and writer Memory On camera versus on stage Obstacles After more than seventy years as a professional actor, director, and teacher, Howard shows how living creatively and invoking one's own personality can lead to a successful career as an actor.

Buried Child

This power-packed paperback abridged edition of the acclaimed Collected Works of Harold Clurman, originally published by Applause in a 1200-page hardcover edition, fully covers all the major landmarks and issues of 20th Century theatre. It includes Clurman on theatre's major players: O'Neill, Ibsen, Williams, Odets, Mamet, et al. He was also a master critic of and voice on the world's major theatre companies: the Moscow Art Theatre, Comedie Francaise, the Royal Shakespeare Company, and, of course, on his own Group Theatre, legendary breeding ground of method acting. The volume also offers readers Clurman's landmark discussions on acting, directing, and the art of performance. Unlike most of the great figures of 20th Century theatre, Clurman, luckily for us, regularly put his thoughts down in writing.

The Moscow Art Theatre

An accessible edition of a classic guide to film and theater directing offers insight into the craft's unique challenges from managing personalities and anticipating problems to working with a script and the key elements of staging, in a primer that also features life lessons gleaned by the co-authors throughout their careers. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

Martin Ritt

An introduction to theatrical directing using the concepts and terminology of semiotic theory

Great Pianists

Veteran director John Badham explains the elements of action and suspense and dissects the essentials of any good scene from any genre. Badham's list of "12 Questions You Must Ask Before Stepping On Set" is an absolute must in any filmmaker's toolbox. Whether actor, director, cinematographer, production designer, or any other creative, Badham gives you the tools to deconstruct and solve scenes that either don't work or need sharpening. Continuing the work begun in his best-selling book I'll Be In My Trailer, Badham shares more insights into working with difficult actors, rehearsal techniques, and getting the best performance from your cast.

Directing Theater 101

Never before published transcripts from Lee Strasberg's teachings at his school in New York City in the last ten years of his life.

Friendly Enemies

Internationally-renowned directing coach Weston demonstrates what constitutes a good performance, what actors want from a director, what directors do wrong, script analysis and preparation, how actors work, and shares insights into the director/actor relationship.

Directing Actors

What are the practical and creative elements for becoming a director? How do you get started? What is the best way for

actors, designers, and crew to work with directors? This guide provides regional theater companies and new directors with the knowledge and tools they need to produce successful shows. Drawing on years of experience directing and producing plays, Wilma Marcus Chandler covers such topics as: * How to read and analyze a script and really understand it * How to visualize your show * How to get started, researching and thinking about concept, music, lights, sound, costumes * How to hold auditions * How to talk to your cast and crew--and how to listen * How to stage a play, using blocking, body movement, stage business, exits and entrances * How to prepare a production, including rehearsal techniques, time lines, budgets, royalties, publicity * How to prepare a career in directing

Creating Life on Stage

Sanford Meisner was one of the best known and beloved teachers of acting in the country. This book follows one of his acting classes for fifteen months, beginning with the most rudimentary exercises and ending with affecting and polished scenes from contemporary American plays. Written in collaboration with Dennis Longwell, it is essential reading for beginning and professional actors alike. Throughout these pages Meisner is a delight—always empathizing with his students and urging them onward, provoking emotion, laughter, and growing technical mastery from his charges. With an introduction by Sydney Pollack, director of *Out of Africa* and *Tootsie*, who worked with Meisner for five years. "This book should be read by anyone who wants to act or even appreciate what acting involves. Like Meisner's way of teaching, it is the straight goods."—Arthur Miller "If there is a key to good acting, this one is it, above all others. Actors, young and not so young, will find inspiration and excitement in this book."—Gregory Peck

Directing Plays, Directing People

The celebrated director discusses the techniques of his craft and presents his own directing notes for ten major productions

Fundamentals of Play Directing

This late play by Tennessee Williams explores the troubled relationship between F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald.

Kazan on Directing

Play Directing describes the various roles a director plays, from selection and analysis of the play, to working with actors and designers to bring the production to life.

Real Life Drama

The Group Theatre , a groundbreaking ensemble collective, started the careers of many top American theatre artists of the twentieth century and founded what became known as Method Acting. This book is the definitive history, based on over thirty years of research and interviews by the foremost theatre scholar of the time period, Helen Chinoy.

John Badham on Directing

How to Read a Play

Mecha Mania features all of the coolest mecha designs and variations, along with outrageous battle scenes. Also included are informative interviews with a company that creates mecha-based games and a Japanese publisher of mecha. Whether one's a beginning or professional artist, Mecha Mania is the best how-to reference ever published for mastering this hot, hot comic book art.

The House of Connelly

The Lee Strasberg Notes

Collection of Six One Act Plays including: Birdbath, Ferryboat, Halloween, Lunchtime, The Shirt, Times Square.

All People are Famous

Based on the author's experience of presenting directing and acting workshops around the world for over 10 years, this book is a creative exploration on how to access and stimulate the filmmaker's most precious assets - instinct, imagination and intuition.

The Essential Harold Clurman

"Jack Garfein's book is a touching reminder of our early attempts at creating theater without artifice. It is good to know that

he is still working hard at it."---Ben Gazzara Having arrived in America as a teenage Holocaust survivor, Jack Garfein would soon rise to the top of his field as a teacher and practitioner. He has worked with a who's who of twentieth-century acting, especially those associated with the Actors Studio, the West Coast branch of which he founded. Life and Acting is the product of more than sixty years in the worlds of theater and film, offering the kind of insight gained only through experience. Garfein distills his knowledge into a holistic learning technique. Beginning mostly with memoir, focusing on his own education in the theater and describing how his exposure to artists working in other media---particularly painters and writers---contributed to his understanding of acting, Garfein goes on to offer thirty-seven detailed lessons teaching acting techniques for the stage and applying his principles to acting in front of a camera. Life and Acting is an invaluable resource that belongs on the bookshelf of every actor and acting teacher.

On Directing

Now that directors such as Stephen Spielberg, George Lucas, and Francis Ford Coppola are celebrated along-side movie stars, it is hard to imagine that little more than a century ago the director was a nameless, faceless entity-an overseer of workflow in the shuffle of shadows offstage. In surveying the pioneers who transformed theater into the dynamic art form it is today, Directors on Directing presents a timeless collection of writings offering insight into what it means to direct and how to better appreciate theatrical performances.

Theatre

Unprecedented in its comprehensiveness, The Moscow Art Theatre fills a large gap in our knowledge of Stanislavsky and his theatre. Worrall focuses in particular detail on four of The Moscow Art Theatre's best-known productions: * Tolstoy's Tsar Fedor Ioannovich * Gorky's The Lower Depths * Chekov's The Cherry Orchard * Turgenev's A Month in the Country

The Group Theatre

Directing Postmodern Theater

Elia Kazan was the twentieth century's most celebrated director of both stage and screen, and this monumental, revelatory book shows us the master at work. Kazan's list of Broadway and Hollywood successes—A Streetcar Named Desire, Death of a Salesman, On the Waterfront, to name a few—is a testament to his profound impact on the art of directing. This remarkable book, drawn from his notebooks, letters, interviews, and autobiography, reveals Kazan's method: how he

uncovered the “spine,” or core, of each script; how he analyzed each piece in terms of his own experience; and how he determined the specifics of his production. And in the final section, “The Pleasures of Directing”—written during Kazan’s final years—he becomes a wise old pro offering advice and insight for budding artists, writers, actors, and directors. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Waiting for Lefty

A collection of interviews with one of America's preeminent makers of social films and one of the most sensitive portraitists of the rural South

Truth

Focusing on the choices artists make in creating theatrical events, this book also explores how an audience perceives meaning from these choices. The role of each key player in the interpretation of a play is revealed -- director, actor, scenic designer, costume designer, lighting designer, and producer.

Notes on Directing

If theatre were a religion, explains David Mamet in his opening chapter, "many of the observations and suggestions in this book might be heretical." As always, Mamet delivers on his promise: in Theatre, the acclaimed author of Glengarry Glen Ross and Speed the Plow calls for nothing less than the death of the director and the end of acting theory. For Mamet, either actors are good or they are non-actors, and good actors generally work best without the interference of a director, however well-intentioned. Issue plays, political correctness, method actors, impossible directions, Stanislavksy, and elitists all fall under Mamet's critical gaze. To students, teachers, and directors who crave a blast of fresh air in a world that can be insular and fearful of change, Theatre throws down a gauntlet that challenges everyone to do better, including Mamet himself.

Play Directing

Directing Plays, Directing People is a vivid, engaging, personal journey through the process of making theater, written from a director's perspective. Mary B. Robinson, an award-winning director whose career in both professional and university theater spans many decades, shares her own experience and adds perspective from a number of actors, playwrights, designers, and stage managers with whom she has collaborated over the years. This is a book for ALL theater lovers—for

the curious theatergoer and seasoned professional as well as the aspiring theater artist.

The Film Director's Intuition

A five-time Tony nominated Circle Repertory Company director presents an exploration of the collaborative and creative process through which scripts are transformed into live performance, outlining the principles of a good production while explaining how effective directors can promote production concepts that will inspire aspects from scenery and lighting to music and costumes in order to create a play's atmosphere. Original.

The New Generation of Acting Teachers

"William Ball, founder and general director of the acclaimed American Conservatory Theatre, engages his audience in a wide-ranging discussion of the director's process - from first reading through opening night. Mr. Ball offers a candid, personal account of his method of working - including the choice of a play's essential elements, preproduction homework, casting, and rehearsal techniques"--Cover.

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