Richard Schechner Performance Studies An Introduction

Performance Studies—Richard Schechner 2017-07-14 The publication of Performance Studies: An Introduction was a defining moment for the field. Richard Schechner’s pioneering textbook provides a lively and accessible overview of the full range of performance for undergraduates at all levels and beginning graduate students in performance studies, theatre, performing arts, and cultural studies. Among the topics discussed are the performing arts and popular entertainments, rituals, play and games, and the performances of everyday life. Supporting examples and ideas are drawn from the social sciences, performing arts, post-structuralism, ritual theory, ethnology, philosophy, and aesthetics. This third edition is accompanied by an all-new companion website curated by a dedicated media editor, with the following resources for instructors and students: Interactive glossary, Multiple choice questions, PowerPoint Slides, Videos, Weblinks for further study, and more. The articles in each section focus particularly on three primary areas in performance studies, theatre, anthropology, and sociocultural studies.

Performing Imaginaries—Richard Schechner 2014-11-27 In this collection of essays, performance studies scholar and artist Richard Schechner brings his unique perspective to bear upon some of the key themes of society in the 21st century. Schechner connects the avant-garde and terror, the counter-cultural movement of the 1960s/70s and the Occupy movement; self-wounding art, popular culture, and ritual; the Ramila cycle play of India and the way imagination structures reality; the corporate world and conservative artists. Schechner asks artists to reappropriate Nehru’s Third World as a moment not of nations but of like-minded culture workers who must propose counter-performances to war, violence, and the globalized corporate empire. With characteristic brio, Schechner urges us to play for keeps. “Playing deeply is a way of finding and embodying new knowledge”, he writes. Performed Imaginaries ranges through some of the key moves within Schechner’s oeuvre, and challenges today’s experimental artists, activists, and scholars to generate a new, third world of performance.

The Rise of Performance Studies—Richard Schechner 2010-08-03 In performances by Euro-Americans, Afro-Americans, Native Americans, and Asians, Richard Schechner has examined carefully the details of performative behavior and has developed models of the performance process useful not only to persons in the arts but to anthropologists, play theorists, and others fascinated (but perhaps terrified) by the multichannel realities of the postmodern world. Schechner argues that in failing to see the structure of the whole theatrical process, anthropologists in particular have neglected close analogies between performance behavior and ritual. The way performances are created—in training, workshops, and rehearsals—is the key paradigm for social process.

Environmental Theater—Richard Schechner 1994 “There is an actual, living relationship between the spaces of the body and the spaces the body moves through; human living tissue does not abruptly stop at the skin’s edge. The skin of the body itself is a living space.” Here are the exercises which began as radical departures from standard acting training, the etiquette and which stand now as classic means through which the performer discovers his or her true power of transformation. Available for the first time in fifteen years, the new expanded edition of Environmental Theater offers a new generation of theater artists an insight into the performance practice according to Richard Schechner, the guru whose principles and influence have survived a quarter-century of reaction and debate.

Performance Studies in Motion—Atay Citron 2014-02-27 Performance Studies in Motion offers multiple perspectives on the current field of performance studies and suggests its future directions. Featuring new essays by pioneers Richard Schechner and Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, and by international scholars and practitioners, it shows how performance can offer a new way of seeing the world, and testifies to the dynamism of this discipline. Beginning with an overview of the development of performance studies, the essays offer new insights into: contemporary experimental and postdramatic theatre; participatory performance and museum exhibitions; the performance of politicians, political institutions and grassroots protest movements; theatricality at war and in contemporary religious rituals; and performative practices in therapy, education and life sciences. Employing original reflexive approaches to concrete case studies and situations, contributors introduce a variety of applications of performance studies methodologies to contemporary culture, art and society, creating new interdisciplinary links between the arts, humanities, and social and natural sciences. With studies from and about places as diverse as Austria, Belgium, China, France, Germany, Israel, Korea, Palestine, the Philippines, Poland, Rwanda and the USA, Performance Studies in Motion showcases the vitality and breadth of the field today.


By Means of Performance—Richard Schechner 1990-05-25 The field of performance studies embraces performance behaviour of all kinds and in all contexts, from everyday life to high ceremony. This volume investigates a wide range of performance behaviour - dance, ritual, conflict situation, sports, storytelling and display behaviour - in a variety of circumstances and cultures. It considers such issues as the relationship between training and the finished performance; whether performance behaviour is universal or culturally specific; and the relationships between ritual aesthetics, popular entertainment and religion, and sports and theatre and dance. The volume brings together essays from leading anthropologists, artists and performance theorists to provide a definitive introduction to the burgeoning field of performance studies. It will be of value to scholars, teachers and students of anthropology, theatre, folklore, semiotics and performance studies.

Over, Under, and Around—Richard Schechner 2004 The essays collected in this book represent Schechner’s lifetime in performance studies. Political theatre, the avant garde, the secular and sacred rituals of performance, the nature of belief and its suspensions in theatre, aesthetics, performance theory, and performance studies have been his recurring subjects even as his knowledge has changed and deepened from seeing performances of all kinds all over the world. So he is in a position to compare the incomparable Yaqui and Ramila, dixi and namahage, in a manner that furthers the study of ritual and indicates the ways performance is similarly and differently imbricated in different communities. Schechner has also learned that the avant garde is more than a historical occurrence and has rethought the emergent and contested nature of performance studies, a field that looks at the broad range of human performance from everyday conversation to formal theatre.
Contesting Performance]. McKenzie 2009-11-18 Contesting Performance is a collection of essays by international scholars that addresses the global development of performance research in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. The collection consists as a critical reader on diverse approaches to studying performance that contest dominant paradigms of performance studies.

Theory for Performance Studies-Philip Auslander 2008 Theory for Performance Studies: A Student’s Guide is a clear and concise handbook to the key connections between performance studies and critical theory. Auslander looks at the way the concept of performance has been engaged across a number of disciplines. Beginning with four foundational figures â€“ Freud, Marx, Nietzsche and Saussure â€“ Auslander goes on to provide guided introductions to the major theoretical thinkers of the past century, from Althusser to Zizek. Each entry offers biographical, theoretical, and bibliographical information along with a discussion from each figure’s relevance to theatre and performance studies and suggestions for future research. Brief, thoughtful, and engaging, this is an essential first volume for anyone at work in theatre and performance studies today. Adapted from Theory for Religious Studies, by William E. Deal and Timothy K. Beal.

The Grotowski Sourcebook-RICHARD SCHECHNER 2013-11-05 This acclaimed volume is the first to provide a comprehensive overview of Jerzy Grotowski’s long and multi-faceted career. It is essential reading for anyone interested in Grotowski’s life and work. Edited by the two leading experts on Grotowski, the sourcebook features “essays from the key performance theorists who worked with Grotowski, including Eugenio Barba, Peter Brook, Jan Kott, Eric Bentley, Harold Clurman, and Charles Marxowitz *writings which trace every phase of Grotowski’s career from his ‘theatre of production’ to ‘objective drama’ and ‘art as vehicle’ *a wide-ranging collection of Grotowski’s own writings, plus an interview with his closest collaborator and ‘heir’, Thomas Richards *an array of photographs documenting Grotowski and his followers in action *a historical-critical study of Grotowski by Richard Schechner.

Intercultural Performance and Dialogue-Carmela Cutugno 2014

Chinese Theories of Theater and Performance from Confucius to the Present-Faye Chung-Fei Fei 1999 The first English-language anthology that traces the centuries-long evolution of Chinese thought on theater and performance.

The Ends of Performance-Peggy Phelan 1998-01-01 Bridging the gap between cultural studies, performing arts, and anthropology, performance studies explores myriad ways in which performance creates meaning and shapes our everyday lives. The broadest and most inclusive volume to date, The Ends of Performance both celebrates and critiques the institutionalization of the field. Only recently has the field given keen attention to the interpretive force and consequences of performance events, and it is these consequences that, The Ends of Performance articulates. Here performance studies illuminates the complex social and cultural formations of our time - the impact of virtual technology, the racialized discourses of legal and cultural citizenship, the impact of new medical discourses, and the medicalization of the body. Featuring work by leading theorists, excursions into performative writing and texts by performance artists, The Ends of Performance illuminates the provocative intellectual ends which motivate these varied approaches to performing writing, and to writing performance.

New Approaches to Theatre Studies and Performance Analysis-Günter Berghaus 2001-01-01 This volume gathers 16 papers originally written for the occasion of the 49th Colston Symposium, held in Bristol in 1997, and subsequently revised for this publication. They reflect on some of the key developments in the discipline of Theatre Studies over the past fifty years and combine this with a discussion of new trends and approaches, especially in the fields of performance studies, reception analysis, interculturalism, sociocultural analysis, theatre anthropology, dance and movement analysis, computer-assisted reconstruction of performance venues, street theatre, guerilla theatre, ritual theatre, etc.

Cultural Performance-Kevin Landis 2017-08-14 This engaging book introduces the burgeoning and interdisciplinary field of cultural performance, offering ethnographic approaches to performance as well as looking at the aesthetics of experience and performance theory. Featuring case studies from a rich cross-section of academics, chapters explore performances from regions as far flung as Bhutan, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Ireland, New Zealand and the USA. With cultural performances as varied as Catholic rituals, Maco ceremonies, Monster Truck rallies, musicals, theatre and singing performances, this fascinating text examines performance as art and performance as cultural expression. Ideal for students of performance or ethnography, this unique collection presents a clear framework for studying the themes, methodologies and developments of cultural performance. >p> Kevin Landis is Associate Professor of Theatre in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, USA. Suzanne MacAulay is Professor and Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, USA.


The Twentieth Century Performance Reader-Teresa Brayshaw 2013-10-01 The Twentieth-Century Performance Reader has been the key introductory text to all types of performance for over fifteen years. Extracts from over fifty practitioners, critics and theorists from the fields of dance, drama, music, theatre and live art form an essential sourcebook for students, researchers and practitioners. This carefully revised third edition offers contributions from the world of music, and also privileges the voices of practitioners themselves ahead of more theoretical writing. A bestseller since its original publication in 1996, this new edition has been expanded to include contributions from Bobby Baker, Joseph Beuys, Rustom Bharucha, Ana Teresa de Keersmaeker, Hanns Eisler, Karen Finley, Philip Glass, Guillermo Gómez-Peña, Matthew Gough, Martha Graham, Wassyli Kandinsky, Jacques Lecoq, Hans-Thies Lehmann, George Maciunas, Ariane Mnouchkine, Günter Monks, Lloyd Newson, Carolee Schneemann, Gertrude Stein, Bill Viola. Each extract is fully supplemented by a contextual summary, a biography of the writer, and suggestions for further reading. The volume’s alphabetical structure invites the reader to compare and cross-reference major writings on all types of performance outside of the constraints and simplifications of genre, encouraging cross-disciplinary understandings. All who engage with live, innovative performance, and the interplay of radical ideas, will find this collection invaluable.

Ritual, Play, and Performance-Richard Schechner 1976

The Routledge Introduction to Theatre and Performance Studies-Erika Fischer-Lichte 2014-04-03 Erika Fischer-Lichte’s introduction to the discipline of Theatre and Performance Studies is a strikingly authoritative and wide-ranging guide to the study of theatre in all of its forms. Its three-part structure moves from the first steps in starting to think about performance, through to the diverse and interrelated concerns required of higher-level study. Part 1 - Central Concepts for Theatre and Performance Research - introduces the language and key ideas that are used to discuss and think about theatre: concepts of performance; the emergence of meaning; and the theatrical event as an experience shared by actors and spectators. Part 1 contextualizes these concepts by tracing the history of Theatre and Performance Studies as a discipline. Part 2 - Fields, Theories and Methods - looks at how to analyse a performance and how to conduct theatre-historiographical research. This section is concerned with the ‘doing’ of Theatre and Performance Studies: establishing and understanding different methodological approaches; and how to conduct research using research methodologies. Part 3 - Pushing Boundaries - expands on the lessons of Parts 1 and 2 in order to engage with theatre and performance in a global context. Part 3 introduces the concept of ‘interweaving performance cultures’; explores the interrelationship of theatre with the other arts; and develops a transformative aesthetics of performance. Case studies throughout the book root its theoretical discussion in theatrical practice. Focused accounts of plays, practitioners and performances map the development of Theatre and Performance Studies as an academic discipline, and of the theatre itself as an art form. This is the most comprehensive and sophisticated introduction to the field available, written by one of its foremost scholars.

Theatre & History-Rebecca Schneider 2014-10-02 This provocative book meets the supposedly ‘live’ practices of performance and the ‘no-longer-live’ historical past at their own dangerous crossroads. Focusing on the ‘and’ of the title, it addresses the tangled relations between the terms, practices, ideas, and aims embodied in these compatriot - but often oppositional - arts and times of time.

Performance: A Critical Introduction-Marvin Carlson 2013-12-16 This comprehensively revised, illustrated edition discusses recent performance work and takes into consideration changes that have taken place since the book’s original publication in 1996. Marvin Carlson guides the reader through the contested definition of performance as a theatrical activity and the myriad ways in which performance has been interpreted by ethnographers, anthropologists, linguists, and cultural theorists. Topics covered include: *the evolution of performance art since the 1960s *the relationship between performance, postmodernism, the politics of identity, and current cultural studies *the recent theoretical developments in the study of performance in the fields of anthropology, psychoanalysis, linguistics, and technology. With a fully updated bibliography and additional glossary of terms, students of performance, visual and performance arts or theatre history will welcome this new version of a classic text.

Ritual: A Very Short Introduction-Barry Stephenson 2015-01-28 Ritual is part of what it means to be human. Like sports, music, and drama, ritual defines and enriches culture, putting those who participate in touch with sources of value and meaning larger than themselves. Ritual is unavoidable, yet it holds a place in modern life that is decidedly ambiguous. What is ritual? What does it do? Is it useful? What are the various kinds of ritual? Is ritual tradition bound and conservative or innovative and transformational? Alongside description of a number of specific rites, this Very Short Introduction explores ritual from both theoretical and historical perspectives. Barry Stephenson focuses on the places where ritual touches everyday life: in politics and power; moments of transformation in the life cycle; as performance and embodiment. He also discusses the boundaries of ritual, and how and why certain behaviors have been studied as ritual while others have not. Stephenson shows how ritual is an important vehicle for group and identity formation, how it generates and transmits beliefs and values; how it can be used to exploit and oppress; and how it has
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interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

The Cambridge Companion to Performance Theory-Tracy C. Davis 2008-11-13 Since the turn of the century, Performance Studies has emerged as an increasingly vibrant discipline. Its concerns -
embodiment, ethical research and social change - are held in common with many other fields, however a unique combination of methods and applications is used in exploration of the discipline.
Bridging live art practices - theatre, performance art and dance - with technological media, and social sciences with humanities, it is truly hybrid and experimental in its techniques. This Companion brings
together specially commissioned essays from leading scholars who reflect on their own experiences in Performance Studies and the possibilities this offers to representations of identity, self-
and-other, and communities. Theories which have been absorbed into the field are applied to compelling topics in current academic, artistic and community settings. The collection is designed to
reflect the diversity of outlooks and provide a guide for students as well as scholars seeking a perspective on research trends.

The SAGE Handbook of Performance Studies-Judith A. Hamer 2006 The SAGE Handbook of Performance Studies brings together, in a single volume, reviews of the major research in
performance studies and identifies directions for further investigation. It is the only comprehensive collection on the theories, methods, politics, and practices of performance relating to life and
culture. Edited by D. Soyini Madison and Judith Hamer, this Handbook serves scholars and students across the disciplines by delineating the scope of the field, the critical and interpretive methods
used, and the theoretical and ethical presumptions that guide work in this exciting and growing area.

Shakespeare and Carnival-R. Knowles 1998-05-11 This collection of essays is the first to reassess a range of Shakespeare's plays in relation to carnivalesque theory. Contributors re-historicize the
carnivalesque in different ways, offering both a developed application, or critique of, Bakhtin's thought.

Dionysus in 69-Performance Group 1970

behaviour in different social contexts.

Samba-Barbara Browning 1995-11-22 Barbara Browning combines a lyrical, personal narrative with incisive theoretical accounts of Brazilian dance cultures. While she brings ethnographic,
historiographic, and musicological scholarship to bear on her subject, Browning writes as a dancer, fully engaged in the dance cultures of Brazil and of Brazilian exile communities in the U.S.

The Cambridge Introduction to Performance Theory-Simon Shepherd 2016-03-15 What does 'performance theory' really mean and why has it become so important across such a large number of
disciplines, from art history to religious studies and architecture to geography? In this introduction Simon Shepherd explains the origins of performance theory, defines the terms and practices within
the field and provides new insights into performance's wide range of definitions and uses. Offering an overview of the key figures, their theories and their impact, Shepherd provides a fresh approach
to figures including Erving Goffman and Richard Schechner and ideas such as radical art practice, performance studies, radical scenarism and performativity. Essential reading for students, scholars
and enthusiasts, this engaging account travels from universities into the streets and back again to examine performance in the context of political activists and teachers, countercultural experiments
and feminist challenges, and ceremonies and demonstrations.

Performing the Digital-Martina Leeker 2017-03-31 How is performativity shaped by digital technologies - and how do performative practices reflect and alter techno-social formations? "Performing
the Digital" explores, maps and theorizes the conditions and effects of performativity in digital cultures. Bringing together scholars from performance studies, media theory, sociology and organization
studies as well as practitioners of performance, the contributions engage with the implications of digital media and its networked infrastructures for modulations of affect and the body, for performing
cities, protest, organization and markets, and for the performativity of critique. With contributions by Marta-Luise Angerer, Timon Beyes, Scott deLahunta and Florian Jenett, Margarete Jahrmann,
Susan Kozel, Ann-Christina Lange, Oliver Leistert, Martina Leeker, Jon McKenzie, Sigrid Morx, Melanie Mohren and Bernhard Herborn, Imanuel Schipper and Jens Schröter.

From Ritual to Theatre-Victor Turner 1982 Turner looks beyond his routinized discipline to an anthropology of experience . . . We must admire him for this.-Times Literary Supplement


Mourning Sex-Peggy Phelan 2013-07-23 This is a book about the exhilaration and the catastrophe of embodiment. Analyzing different instances of injured bodies, Peggy Phelan considers what
sustained attention to the affective force of trauma might yield for critical theory. Advocating what she calls "performative writing", she creates an extraordinary fusion of critical and creative thinking
which erodes the distinction between art and theory, fact and fiction. The bodies she examines here include Christ's, as represented in Caravaggio's painting The Incredulity of St Thomas, Anita HIl's
and Clarence Thomas's bodies as they were performed during the Senate hearings, the disinterred body of the Rose Theatre, exemplary bodies reconstructed through psychoanalytic talking cures, and
the filmed bodies created by Tom Joslin, Mark Massi, and Peter Friedman in Silverlake Life: The View From Here. This new work by the highly-acclaimed author of Unmarked makes a stunning advance
in performance theory in dialogue with psychoanalysis, queer theory, and cultural studies.
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