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University Press

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Theatricalities of Power Martin E. Segal
Theatre Center Publications

This is a description of how memories of the past become traditions, as well as the role of these traditions in the institutional development of the noh theater from its beginnings in the 14th century through the late 20th century.

Dancing the Dharma Floating World
Editions

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The Oxford Illustrated History of Theatre
Princeton, N.J. : Princeton University
Press

The first book of its kind: a collection of the most important genres of Japanese performance--noh, kyogen, kabuki, and puppet theater--in one comprehensive, authoritative volume.

On the Art of the No Drama Anthem
Press

Presents a translation of 'Fushikaden', the fifteenth-century classic text by Zeami, founder of the No theatre. After describing the art of the theatre, this book provides teachings on the aesthetics and spiritual culture of Japan. It is accompanied by an introduction and a translation of one of Zeami's most celebrated No plays, 'Atsumori'. This is a new translation of 'Fushikaden', the fifteenth-century classic text by Zeami, founder of the No theatre. In addition to describing the art of the theatre, it provides valuable teachings on the aesthetics and spiritual'

Atsumori Cornell University - Cornell East
Asia Series

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The Flowering Spirit Ithaca : Cornell University Press

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Zeami's Talks on Sarugaku Routledge Annotation Zeami (1363-1443), Japan's most celebrated actor and playwright, composed more than 30 of the finest plays of no drama. He also wrote a variety of texts on theater and performance. This text presents the full range of Zeami's critical thought on the subject.

Japanese No Dramas BRILL

How do classical, highly codified theatre arts retain the interest of today's audiences and how do they grow and respond to their changing circumstances? The eight essays presented here examine the contemporary relevance and significance of the "classic" No and Kyogen theatre to Japan and the West. They explore the theatrical experience from many perspectives--those of theatre, music, dance, art, literature, linguistics,

philosophy, religion, history and sociology.

Theatre/Theory/Theatre Princeton University Press

Uncovers the ways in which the spectator's memory informs theatrical reception

Visioning Eternity Theatre Communications Group

A useful, provocative introduction to the influential director's philosophical and practical approaches to the stage.

Developing Zeami Volume Edizioni srl Comprehensive and up-to-date, now with more instructor resources

A New History of Medieval Japanese Theatre Phaidon Press

Dancing the Dharma examines the theory and practice of allegory by exploring a select group of medieval Japanese noh plays and treatises. Susan Blakeley Klein demonstrates how medieval esoteric commentaries on the tenth-century poem-tale Ise monogatari (Tales of Ise) and the first imperial waka poetry anthology Kokin wakashū influenced the plots, characters, imagery, and rhetorical structure of seven plays (Maiguruma, Kuzu no hakama, Unrin'in, Oshio, Kakitsubata, Ominameshi, and Haku Rakuten) and two treatises (Zeami's Rikugi and Zenchiku's Meishukushū). In so doing, she shows that it was precisely the allegorical mode—vital to medieval Japanese culture as a whole—that enabled the complex layering of character and poetic landscape we typically associate with noh. Klein argues that understanding noh's allegorical structure and paying attention to the localized historical context for individual plays are key to recovering their original function as political and religious allegories. Now viewed in the context of contemporaneous beliefs and practices

of the medieval period, noh plays take on a greater range and depth of meaning and offer new insights to readers today into medieval Japan.

The Spirit of Noh Stanford University Press

By means of a cross-cultural analysis of selected examples of early Japanese and early Greek drama, Mae Smethurst enhances our appreciation of each form. While using the methods of a classicist to increase our understanding of no as literary texts, she also demonstrates that the fifteenth-century treatises of Zeami--an important playwright, actor, critic, and teacher of no--offer fresh insight into Aeschylus' use of actors, language, and various elements of stage presentation. Relatively little documentation apart from the texts of the plays is available for the Greek theater of the fifth century B.C., but Smethurst uses documentation on no, and evidence from no performances today, to suggest how presentations of the Persians could have been so successful despite the play's lack of dramatic confrontation. Aeschylean theater resembles that of Zeami in creating its powerful emotional and aesthetic effect through a coherent organization of structural elements. Both playwrights used such methods as the gradual intensification of rhythmic and musical effects, an increase in the number and complexity of the actors' movements, and a progressive focusing of attention on the main actors and on costumes, masks, and props during the course of the play. Originally published in 1989. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve

the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

[The Invisible Actor](#) Shambhala Publications

The Japanese Noh drama by the Master Zeami Motokiyo about the Buddhist priest Rensei and the warrior of the Taira Clan Atsumori. The story of redemption of the warrior Kumagai Jiro Naozane that killed the young Atsumori. One of the most popular and touching Zeami's Noh drama inspired by "The Tales of Heike".

Contents: Preface by Massimo Cimarelli
Atsumori by Zeami Motokiyo
Pearson Part I Interlude Part II Glossary Notes
Zeami and the Nō Theatre in the World
Princeton University Press

From Aristotle's *Poetics* to Vaclav Havel the debate about the nature and function of theatre has been marked by controversy. Daniel Gerould's landmark work *Theatre/Theory/Theatre* collects history's most influential Eastern and Western dramatic theorists – poets playwrights directors and philosophers – whose ideas about theatre continue to shape its future. In complete texts and choice excerpts spanning centuries we see an ongoing dialogue and exchange of ideas between actors and directors like Craig and Meyerhold and writers such as Nietzsche and Yeats. Each of Gerould's introductory essays shows fascinating insight into both the life and the theory of the author. From Horace to Soyinka Corneille to Brecht this is an indispensable compendium of the greatest dramatic theory ever written.

The Post-traumatic Theatre of

Grotowski and Kantor Princeton University Press

A scholarly look at 4,500 years of theater, beginning with its Greek origins and concluding with a study of theater since 1970.

No and Kyogen in the Contemporary World Harper Collins

From the National Book Award-winning author of *Europe Central*, a charming, evocative and piercing examination of an ancient Japanese tradition and the keys it holds to our modern understanding of beauty. What is a woman? To what extent is femininity a performance? Writing with the extraordinary awareness and endless curiosity that have defined his entire oeuvre, William T. Vollmann takes an in-depth look at the Japanese craft of Noh theater, using the medium as a prism to reveal the conception of beauty itself. Sweeping readers from the dressing room of one of Japan's most famous Noh actors to a trans-vestite bar in the red-light district of Kabukicho, *Kissing the Mask* explores the enigma surrounding Noh theater and the traditions that have made it intrinsic to Japanese culture for centuries. Vollmann then widens his scope to encompass such modern artists of desire and loss as Mishima, Kawabata and Andrew Wyeth. From old Norse poetry to Greek cult statues, from elite geisha dancers to American makeup artists, from Serbia to India, Vollmann uncovers secrets of staged femininity and mysteries of perceived and expressed beauty, including specific makeup procedures furnished by an L.A. transgender bar girl, a Kabuki female impersonator, and the owner of a semi-clandestine studio for Tokyo cross-dressers. *Kissing the Mask* is illustrated

with many evocative sketches and photographs by the author.

Theory/Theatre Columbia University Press

The *Invisible Actor* presents the captivating and unique methods of the distinguished Japanese actor and director, Yoshi Oida. While a member of Peter Brook's theatre company in Paris, Yoshi Oida developed a masterful approach to acting that combined the oriental tradition of supreme and studied control with the Western performer's need to characterise and expose depths of emotion. Written with Lorna Marshall, Yoshi Oida explains that once the audience becomes openly aware of the actor's method and becomes too conscious of the actor's artistry, the wonder of performance dies. The audience must never see the actor but only his or her performance. Throughout Lorna Marshall provides contextual commentary on Yoshi Oida's work and methods. In a new foreword to accompany the Bloomsbury Revelations edition, Yoshi Oida revisits the questions that have informed his career as an actor and explores how his skilful approach to acting has shaped the wider contours of his life.

The Norton Anthology of Drama

University of Hawaii Press

Through an extended reading of the noh play *Aoi ne Ue*, as well as briefer examinations of several other plays, this book sheds new light on the circulation of power and desire in the middle and late medieval periods in Japan. It argues that these plays constituted an active force in the theater of the medieval cultural imaginary by engaging specific sociopolitical issues and problems.