# **Brief Research of Performing Space**



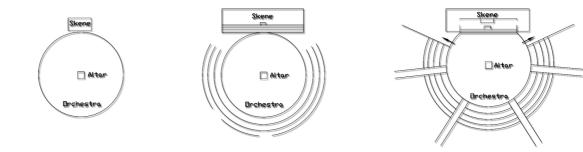












#### **Greek Chorus**

c. 600 BC

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The chorus, originally danced in a circle by temple virgins, is the centrepiece of the developing Greek theatre





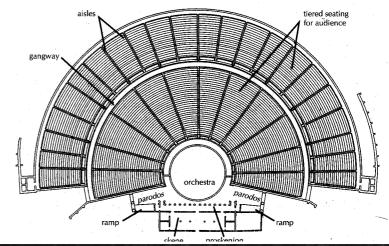
#### Theatron

literally "watching place". Later, the term "theater"

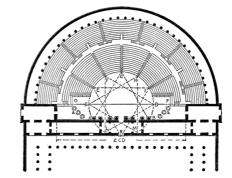
Theatre at Epidaurus

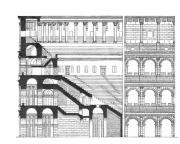
c. 340 BC

Narrative history in HistoryWorld The theatre at Epidaurus is the earliest and best surviving example of a classical Greek stage and auditorium









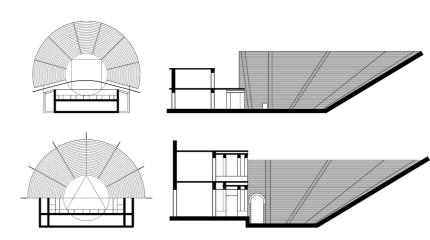
#### Theatre in Ancient Roma

c. 185 BC

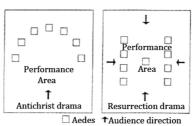
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Plautus and Terence,
in the second and third century BC,
create a Roman drama based on Greek originals

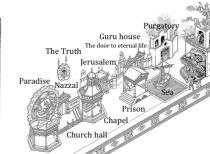






#### Drama inside the Church - Liturgical Drama





## Medieval Performing Space Fixed and Moveable

c. 1170

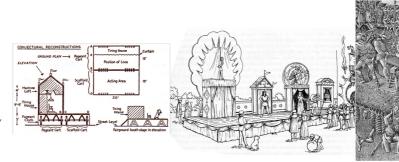
Narrative history in HistoryWorld
The first known mystery play,
the Mystery of Adam,
takes place outside a church somewhere in France

#### c. 1400

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The English mystery cycles are performed by trade guilds,
on carts pulled from audience to audience around the city

Medieval Drama outside of the Church - Mystery Play











Beijing opera

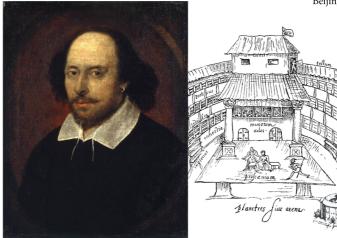
## **Renaissance Performing Space**

c. 1545

Narrative history in HistoryWorld The Italian players of the commedia dell'arte first feature in the records in this year

c. 1576

Narrative history in HistoryWorld James Burbage builds London's first theatre and calls it the Theatre



## **Technology of Performing Space**

c. 1618

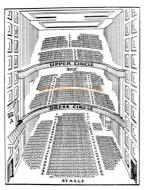
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The Teatro Farnese in Parma is the first to have a proscenium arch, framing perspective scenery painted on flat wings

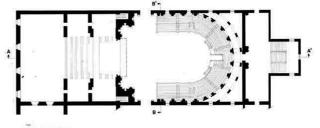
c. 1741

Narrative history in HistoryWorld Venice's new theatre, the Teatro Novissimo, has machinery which can change the scenes in the blink of an eye

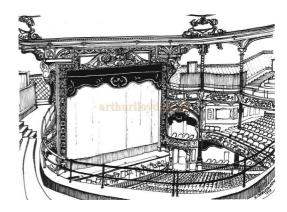




Savoy theatre 1881







Frank Matcham /Modern art nouveau style

## Theory and Spirit of Performing Space

c. 1887

Théâtre Libre was founded on 30 March 1887 by André Antoine The Théâtre Libre combined Realism with Naturalism, and emphasized ensemble acting



c. 1925

Modern dance refused aspects of classical ballet and broke away from codified movements and balletic narrative structures.

Because of early pioneers like Martha Graham, modern dance now encompasses a wide range of styles, many of which are associated with renowned schools and masters.









## **Experimental Performing Space**

c. 1927

From Bertolt Brecht late twenties Brecht remained a lifelong committed Marxist who, in developing the combined theory and practice of his "epic theatre", synthesized and extended the experiments of Erwin Piscator and Vsevolod Meyerhold to explore the theatre as a forum for political ideas and the creation of a critical aesthetics of dialectical materialism.

#### c. 1927

The Theatre of Cruelty is a surrealist form of theatre theorised by Antonin Artaud "Without an element of cruelty at the root of every spectacle," he writes, "the theatre is not possible. In our present state of degeneration it is through the skin that metaphysics must be made to re-enter our minds." By "cruelty," he wrote, "lies like a shroud over our perceptions."















### **Experimental Performing Space**

c. 1947

The Living Theatre is an American theatre company founded in 1947 and based in New York City.

It is the oldest experimental theatre group still existing in the U.S. For most of its history it was led by its founders, actress Judith Malina and painter/poet Julian Beck

#### c. 1958

The Polish director Jerzy Grotowski defines his theory of "poor theatre": the Theatre that values the body of the actor and its relation with the spectator and does away with costumes, decor and music. The interview is punctuated with extracts from a rehearsal of the show Evangile.















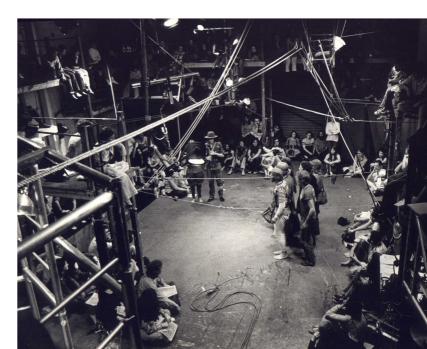
### Performing, Life and Society

c. 1956

In art, performance art is a performance presented to an audience, traditionally interdisciplinary. Performance may be either scripted or unscripted, random or carefully orchestrated; spontaneous or otherwise carefully planned with or without audience participation.

c. 1960

Environmental theatre, a branch of the New Theatre movement of the 1960s that aimed to heighten audience awareness of theatre by eliminating the distinction between the audience's and the actors' space. Richard Schechner's environmental productions Dionysus in 69, Makbeth, and Commune were performed in his Performing Garage on Off-Off-Broadway in New York City.





### Performing, Personal and Ego

c. 1970~

Cosplay (コスプレ kosupure?), short for "costume play", is a performance art or hobby in which participants wear costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea that is usually identified with a unique name. Cosplayers often interact to create a subculture centered on role play.

c. 1980~

Until the 1980s, performance art had been demystifying virtuosity. Now it began to embrace technical brilliance
Performance art had become so widely known
that it no longer needed to be defined; mass culture,

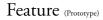






#### Performing and Art

		Supernatural	
	Ancient age	God	
God to Person	Dark age ———	Religion	••
	Renaissance age	Nobility	
	Modern age	Bourgeoisie	
	Now —	Everyday Life	
		Personal Ego	





Self - Indulge (Ego)

Open / Freedom

Non Perfessional

Self - Conscious

Break Relationship



The 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa