

Aleksandr Vampilov The Major Plays

The first study in English of Vampilov's writings, this book argues that Vampilov was both an innovator in Soviet Russian drama of his day and a precursor of trends that developed in the 1970s and 1980s. Vampilov's work generated many debates because of the fundamentally subversive nature of its contents and its devices.

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First Published in 1995. A Meeting About Laughter is a collection of sketches, interludes and theatrical parodies by Nikolai Erdman, Vladimir Mass and others. Translated from the Russian Theatre Archive by John Freedman, Harvard University. Erdman is best known as the author of The Warrant and The Suicide, both written for Vsevolod Meyerhold in the 1920s. Also including the transcript of a startling discussion of The Suicide at the Vokhtangov Theatre in 1830 and the only surviving fragments of Erdman's third play The Hypnotist.

While critics have been quick to draw parallels between Vampilov and antecedents, including Anton Chekhov and Nikolai Gogol, his plays reflect most clearly his own personal vision of the drab and hypocritical world of the post-Stalin years. Free of the stock characters of Socialist Realism, Vampilov depicts the inhabitants of nameless provincial towns as they struggle to endow their lives with meaning. At the same time, Vampilov spares us that special 'Russianness' that makes the typical Soviet play inaccessible to outsiders. While the Russian situation is ever present, it never intrudes in such a way as to make the work interesting only because of its social or political revelatons. In fact, it is the universality of his themes that have made his plays so appealing to foreign audiences. Aleksandr Vampilov: The Major Plays includes the following works in translation: Farewell in June, The Elder Son, Duck Hunting, Provincial Anecdotes: An Incident with a Paginator and Twenty Minutes with an Angel, and Last Summer in Chulimsk.

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Meyerhold's productions were an encyclopedia of theatrical history, incorporating everything from circus tricks to highly stylized elements of the Kabuki theatre. In the twenties and thirties Meyerhold's theatre became a mecca for those seeking new theatrical ideas. There was hardly a figure of importance in the theatre at that time who did not come to Moscow to see his work. And many, including Brecht, stayed on to study. Unlike Stanislavsky, Meyerhold was not a theoretician. He left behind no large body of theoretical writings summing up his many years of experience in the theatre. What do remain and must take the place of both Meyerhold's theoretical writings and his memoirs are the reminiscences and confessions made in conversations with pupils and friends. Of course, some of the most valuable are those recorded by Aleksandr Gladkov during his years of close association with Meyerhold. A talented essayist and "keen" observer, Gladkov has succeeded in capturing the essence of Meyerhold's personality and temperament as revealed in the director's own informal comments about his rich and varied experiences in the theatre. His notes made at rehearsals present the living Meyerhold in action: complex, demanding, sometimes grossly unfair in his treatment of others, but never dull or indifferent. Included in the book is a biographical introduction by Alma Law, the translator and editor, followed by Gladkov's own account of his association with Meyerhold. Dr. Law has also added commentary to Meyerhold's observations based on many hours on interviews with Gladkov in Moscow during the 1970s.

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From Russia comes this ironic, satirical, multi-layered, modern pop-art parable by Vassily Aksyonov. Your Murderer is a richly grotesque hodgepodge of different linguistic levels that defies all rules and mixes a powerful cocktail out of traditional slogans, invented obscenities, foreign words and phrases.

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Russian Prose Writers After World War II

Bulgakov: The Novelist-Playwright

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Aleksandr Blok's Trilogy of Lyric Dramas

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Oh, These Times! and The Siberian Shaman

New Russian Drama took shape at the turn of the new millennium—a time of turbulent social change in Russia and the former Soviet republics. Emerging from small playwriting festivals, provincial theaters, and converted basements, it evolved into a major artistic movement that startled audiences with hypernaturalistic portrayals of sex and violence, daring use of non-normative language, and thrilling experiments with genre and form. The movement's commitment to investigating contemporary reality helped revitalize Russian theater. It also provoked confrontations with traditionalists in society and places of power, making theater once again Russia's most politicized art form. This anthology offers an introduction to New Russian Drama through plays that illustrate the versatility and global relevance of this exciting movement. Many of them address pressing social issues, such as ethnic tensions and political disillusionment: others engage with Russia's rich cultural legacy by reimagining traditional genres and canons. Among them are a family drama about Anton Chekhov, a modern production play in which factory workers compose haiku, and a satirical verse play about the treatment of migrant workers, as well a documentary play about a terrorist school siege and a postdramatic "text" that is only two sentences long. Both politically and aesthetically uncompromising, they chart new paths for performance in the twenty-first century. Acquainting English-language readers with these vital works, New Russian Drama challenges us to reflect on the status and mission of the theater.

The reviews and features collected in John Freedman's Moscow Performances bring to life the diversity, energy, and imagination of Russian theater as few books have done before. While focusing on the work of Moscow's leading directors - Pyotr Fomenko, Kama Ginkas, Valery Fokin, Anatoly Vasilyev, Konstantin Raikin, Sergei Zhenovach, Yury Lyubimov, and many others - also included in its review are key productions by many of the renowned guests who bring their art to the Russian capital. Essays on St. Petersburg's Lev Dodin (of the Maly Drama Theatre), Lithuania's Elmuntas Nekrosius, Georgia's Robert Sturua, and Germany's Peter Stein confirm that Moscow's position as a "theatrical mecca" has not diminished since Anatoly Lunacharsky coined the phrase in the 1920s. In addition to recording Freedman's immediate and opinionated responses to Moscow stage developments in the 1990s, Moscow Performances contains a wealth of information about the struggles and occasional triumphs of a new generation of talented but as yet unknown playwrights, the successes of the best actors, and the social and financial trends which have had such an impact on Russian theater in the post-Soviet period.

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An Ironic Observer

A Puppet Show, The King on the Square and the Unknown Woman

Your Murderer

An Acting Master for the Twenty-First Century

Four Russian Plays

Russian Comedy of the Nikolaian Era

This addition to the highly successful Contemporary Cultures series covers the period from period 1953, with the death of Stalin, to the present day. Both 'Russian' and 'Culture' are defined broadly. 'Russian' refers to the Soviet Union until 1991 and the Russian Federation after 1991. Given the diversity of the Federation in its ethnic composition and regional characteristics, questions of national, regional, and ethnic identity are given special attention. There is also coverage of Russian-speaking immigrant communities. 'Culture' embraces all aspects of culture and lifestyle, high and popular, artistic and material: art, fashion, literature, music, cooking, transport, politics and economics, film, crime – all, and much else, are covered, in order to give a full picture of the Russian way

of life and experience throughout the extraordinary changes undergone since the middle of the twentieth century. The Encyclopedia of Contemporary Russian Culture is an unbeatable resource on recent and contemporary Russian culture and history for students, teachers and researchers across the disciplines. Apart from academic libraries, the book will also be a valuable acquisition for public libraries. Entries include cross-references and the larger ones carry short bibliographies. There is a full index.

These four Russian comedies were written during the reign of Nicholas I, a period of considerable repression and censorship. They represent the most popular genres of the period. Lensky's Her First Night was an immensely popular vaudeville which held the stage for years; Kozma Prutkov's Fantasy is a parody of vaudeville which was banned after one night. Turgenev's Luncheon with the Marshal is a comedy of manners about provincial life, and Saltykov-Schedrin's Pazukhin's Death is a satire of greed and corruption so savage that it was forbidden during the author's lifetime. This collection constitutes a remarkable comic spectrum which will assist in enlarging the English language repertoire with a set of newly available and highly stageworthy scripts.

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Profiles the careers of Russian authors, scholars, and critics and discusses the history of the Russian treatment of literary genres such as drama, fiction, and essays

Two Comedies by Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia

A Chekhov Quartet

Russian Mirror

Drama, Theatre, Film

Canadian Slavonic Papers

Lyric Incarnate

Off Nevsky Prospekt is the first study to be published in English of the exceptionally rich and diverse theatre studio movement which has flourished in St Petersburg during the 1980s and '90s. Professor Markova charts the development of the theatre studios - from their beginnings as a reaction to the repressive atmosphere of the Soviet period and through the 'bacchanalia' of the Perestroika years. She then surveys today's vibrant scene, with analyses of key productions and interviews with many of the central figures, and describes how theatre studios have subverted the conventions of the past to create a new dialogue with the changing society from which their audience is drawn.

Russia possesses one of the richest and most admired literatures of Europe, reaching back to the eleventh century. A History of Russian Literature provides a comprehensive account of Russian writing from its earliest origins in the monastic works of Kiev up to the present day, still rife with the creative experiments of post-Soviet literary life. The volume proceeds chronologically in five parts, extending from Kievan Rus' in the 11th century to the present day.The coverage strikes a balance between extensive overview and in-depth thematic focus. Parts are organized thematically in chapters, which a number of keywords that are important literary concepts that can serve as connecting motifs and 'case studies', in-depth discussions of writers, institutions, and texts that take the reader up close and. Visual material also underscores the interrelation of the word and image at a number of points, particularly significant in the medieval period and twentieth century. The History addresses major continuities and discontinuities in the history of Russian literature across all periods, and in particular bring out trans-historical features that contribute to the notion of a national literature. The volume's time-range has the merit of identifying from the early modern period a vital set of national stereotypes and popular folklore about boundaries, space, Holy Russia, and the charismatic king that offers culturally relevant material to later writers. This volume delivers a fresh view on a series of key questions about Russia's literary history, by providing new mappings of literary history and a narrative that pursues key concepts (rather more than individual authorial careers). This holistic narrative underscores the ways in which context and text are densely woven in Russian literature, and demonstrates that the most exciting way to understand the canon and the development of tradition is through a discussion of the interrelation of major and minor figures, historical events and literary politics, literary theory and literary innovation.

Lyric Incarnate examines the plays of Aleksandr Blok, the pre-eminent poet of Russian Symbolism and one of the greatest poets of the twentieth century. Blok's plays have received less attention than his poetry in the West, and this book is the first and only English-language monograph devoted to Blok the playwright. In chronological succession, each of Blok's major plays is examined in detail. Special attention is accorded to Blok's relations with the major directors of his time, particularly Meyerhold and Stanislavsky. Blok's role, for instance, in Meyerhold's formulation of the theatre of the grotesque proved to be critical, and his relation to the Moscow Art Theatre just before the October Revolution helped to define the future of that theatre. Blok's innovative dramatic technique is carefully studied at each stage in his career - from his earliest "lyric dramas" - such as A Puppet Show and The Stranger, to his great tragedy The Rose and the Cross.

The three playwrights presented together in this volume On the Road to Ourselves), Elena Gremina (Behind the Mirror) and Olga Mikhailova (Russian Dream) The selected plays contain many elements which will appeal to Western directors and audiences: well-drawn characters, engaging plots, lively wit. Central to the three plays selected in this volume is a complex interaction of Russian and Western value systems, a theme that becomes increasingly relevant for Russian audiences with each passing season and no less relevant for Europeans and Americans.

Sergei Radlov. The Shakespearian Fate of a Soviet Director

New Russian Drama

Duck-hunting

Encyclopedia of Contemporary Russian Culture

New Theatre Quarterly 48: Volume 12, Part 4

First Published in 1996. Translated from Chekhov's short plays and adapted from his stories by Vera Gottlieb, this collection consists of four one-act plays. Short though they are, each contains a whole range of dramatic possibilities and presented together the plays form a coherent programme, offering performers and audiences an intimate theatrical experience ranging from high comedy to sombre analysis. Both student and professional actors will find an opportunity to display all their powers of invention, characterisation, timing, audience control, concentration and finesse. A Chekhov Quartet has been performed in London, Moscow and at the 1990 Chekhov Festival in Yalta

This volume traces the modern critical and performance history of this play, one of Shakespeare's most-loved and most-performed comedies. The essay focus on such modern concerns as feminism, deconstruction, textual theory, and queer theory.

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Whether the writers in this period described the war, the Great Terror, the gulag experience, exile, repression, or simply everyday life in the city or in the country, they generally turned to a "major theme of Russian literature since the Revolution the fate of the individual human being in a mass state." In the literature often the state won, due to its power; at other times individuals triumphed, because of their moral convictions. The same can be said of these writers.

The dramas of Aleksandr Blok

St Petersburg's Theatre Studios in the 1980s and 1990s

Meyerhold Speaks/Meyerhold Rehearse

The Prose of Aleksandr Vampilov

Aleksandr Vampilov: The Major Plays

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New Theatre Quarterly provides an international forum where theatrical scholarship and practice can meet, and where prevailing dramatic assumptions can be subjected to vigorous critical questioning.

This is a collection of John Freedman's reviews and articles, most originally written for the Moscow Times, in which he focuses his expert critical eye on the directors, writers and actors who held centre stage during the 1996-97 theatre season in Moscow. The book looks at the debut of promising new artists and directors at the Moscow Art Theatre celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and offers a wealth of insight into the latest developments in Russian theatre. Freedman illuminates all of the season's noteworthy trends and events in clear, informed and unapologetically opinionated reports. More than just an overview of the stars and highlights, Moscow Performances II observes at close range the playhouses and the people who make up the ever-changing face of contemporary Russian theatre today. This volume is generously illustrated with photographs of featured productions and will be a useful reference for students, professors, writers, directors and actors in the fields of Russian studies, theatre studies, theatre history and contemporary culture.

Catherine the Great (1729-1796) wrote over two dozen plays and operettas, but not until this edition has a complete translation of any of them been available to an English-speaking readership. Oh, These Times (1772) is a satirical attack on many vices Catherine wished to root out from her society: religious hypocrisy, superstition and alandar. The main character, Mrs. Piouss, is a superficially religious old woman who resembles Moliere's Tartuffe. Catherine again sets her sights on superstition in The Siberian Shaman (1786), this time by satirizing shamanism as a deceitful profession which preys on the gullible. This play was part of a group of three plays usually known as Catherine's "anti-masonic" trilogy, written as a warning against the growing influence of the freemasons. In a comprehensive introduction, Lurana Donnels O'Malley relates the plays to Catherine's status and philosophy.

Approaching Postmodernism

Off Nevsky Prospekt

Moscow Performances

Reference Guide to Russian Literature

Last Summer in Chulimsk : Two Plays

Stanislavsky in Focus

Aleksandr Blok's Trilogy of Lyric Dramas gathers together for the first time in English translation the first three plays by Aleksandr Blok, the pre-eminent poet of Russian Symbolism and one of the greatest poets of the twentieth century. The three plays that constitute the trilogy - A Puppet Show, The King on the Square and The Unknown Woman - are pivotal documents in the development of modernist drama. In his productions of A Puppet Show, and The Unknown Woman, Meyerhold first began to work the basic tenets of his approach to grotesque and constructivist theatre. Moreover, A Puppet Show provided the inspiration and much of the foundation for Meyerhold's theatrical writings. As a result, these plays are indispensable to any student of Meyerhold or modernist theatre. The plays are presented in the context of the poetry from which they issued in order to suggest how Blok developed the themes and motifs of the plays in other genres.

Russian theatre director, Vsevolod Meyerhold, has been called the Picasso of modern theatre. A ceaseless experimenter with new forms and techniques and the leader of an aesthetic revolution, he left no body of theoretical writings. What takes their place are the reminiscences and confessions made in conversations with pupils and friends, some of which were recorded by Aleksandr Gladkov during his years of close association with Meyerhold. This book aims to capture the essence of Meyerhold's personality and temperament as revealed in the director's own informal comments about his rich, varied experiences. His notes, made at rehearsals, present Meyerhold in action.

Most of the essays collected in this volume deal with theoretical issues that dominate the international debate on Postmodernism, issues such as the shifting nature of the concept, the problem of periodization and the problem of historicity. Other essays offer readings of Postmodernist texts and relate practical criticism to a theoretical framework. Hans Bertens (Utrecht) sketches the historical development of the concept Postmodernism in American criticism, distinguishing between the various definitions that have been proposed over the last twenty-five years, in an attempt to bring some order to the field and to facilitate future discussion. Brian McHale (Tel Aviv) and Douwe Fokkema (Utrecht) offer models for the description of Postmodernist texts. Richard Todd (Amsterdam) argues convincingly that Postmodernism is much more of a presence in contemporary British fiction than has so far been assumed, and Herta Schmid (Munich) presents a similar argument with respect to Russian avant-garde theater. Eirud Ibsch (Amsterdam) presents a contrastive analysis of Thomas Bernhard and Robert Musil; Ulla Musarra (Nijmegen) writes on Italo Calvino. The relation between Existentialism and Postmodernism is examined by Gerhard Hoffman (W ù rzburg); Theo Dhaen (Utrecht) finds important parallels between Postmodernism in literature and in the visual arts; Matei Călinescu (Bloomington, Ind.) relates literary Postmodernism to a far more general cultural shift, rejecting, however, Foucault's notion of an epistemic break and arguing for both continuity and discontinuity. Finally, Helmut Lethen (Utrecht) and Susan Suleiman (Harvard) sharply question the concept of Postmodernism. Suleiman argues that the supposed Postmodernist reaction against Modernism may well be a critical myth or, if it isn't, a reaction limited to the American literary situation.

Includes information about playwrights, important actors and directors, theaters, companies, movements, events, technology, and other aspects of theater.

Moscow Performances II

The New Russian Theater 1991-1996

The Playwright Aleksandr Vampilov

The 1996-1997 Season

Russian Comedy of the Nikolaian Rea

Three Plays by Russian Women

First Published in 1996. Professor Zolotnitsky provides a picture of the life and work of Sergei Radlov - one of the most outstanding interpreters of Shakespeare on the Soviet stage in the 1930s. Sergei Radlov started as one of the left-wing directors among the disciples and companions of Vsevolod Meyerhold in post-revolutionary Russia. He directed Jack London, Ernst Toller, Evgeni Zamyatin and updated Aristophanes. In the latter he did "modern" operas, such as "The Love for Three Oranges" by Sergei Prokofjev and "Der ferne Klang" by Franz Schrecker.

The Cambridge Guide to Theatre

Encyclopedia of Contemporary Russian

An Anthology

Meyerhold Speaks, Meyerhold Rehearses