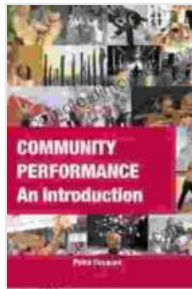


# Community Performance: An Introduction by Sophocles

Community performance is a form of theater that is created and performed by members of a community. It is often used to explore social issues, promote community development, and build relationships between people. Community performance can take many different forms, from plays and musicals to dance and puppetry. It can be performed in a variety of settings, from community centers to schools to parks.



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Sophocles was a Greek playwright who lived in the 5th century BC. He is considered one of the greatest playwrights of all time, and his plays are still performed today. Sophocles' plays often explore themes of community and social justice, and they provide a valuable insight into the role of theater in ancient Greek society.

In *Community Performance: An Introduction*, Sophocles provides a comprehensive guide to the theory and practice of community performance. The book explores the history, different types, and benefits of community performance, and provides practical advice on how to create and manage a community performance project.

*Community Performance: An Introduction* is an essential resource for anyone interested in using theater to make a difference in their community. The book provides a wealth of information and inspiration, and it is sure to help you create successful community performance projects.

## **The History of Community Performance**

Community performance has a long and rich history, dating back to the earliest days of human civilization. In ancient Greece, theater was an important part of religious festivals and civic life. Plays were often used to teach moral lessons, explore social issues, and celebrate the community's shared values.

In the Middle Ages, community performance continued to be an important form of entertainment and education. Plays were often performed by traveling troupes of actors, and they were often used to spread news and information about important events.

In the 19th century, community performance began to take on a more explicitly political role. Plays were often used to promote social change and to challenge the status quo. This tradition continues today, as community performance is used to address a wide range of social issues, from poverty and homelessness to racism and sexism.

## The Different Types of Community Performance

There are many different types of community performance, each with its own unique strengths and weaknesses. Some of the most common types of community performance include:

- **Plays:** Plays are a traditional form of community performance that can be used to tell stories, explore social issues, and build community. Plays can be performed in a variety of settings, from community centers to schools to parks.
- **Musicals:** Musicals are a combination of theater and music that can be used to tell stories, explore social issues, and entertain audiences. Musicals are often performed in community theaters and schools.
- **Dance:** Dance is a powerful form of community performance that can be used to express emotions, tell stories, and build community. Dance can be performed in a variety of styles, from traditional folk dances to modern dance.
- **Puppetry:** Puppetry is a form of community performance that uses puppets to tell stories and explore social issues. Puppetry can be performed in a variety of settings, from community centers to schools to parks.
- **Street theater:** Street theater is a form of community performance that is performed in public spaces, such as streets, parks, and plazas. Street theater is often used to raise awareness of social issues and to promote community engagement.

## The Benefits of Community Performance

Community performance offers a variety of benefits for individuals and communities. Some of the benefits of community performance include:

- **Community building:** Community performance can help to build community by bringing people together to create something meaningful. Community performance can also help to break down barriers between people and to foster understanding and empathy.
- **Social change:** Community performance can be used to promote social change by raising awareness of important issues and by challenging the status quo. Community performance can also be used to empower people to take action and to make a difference in their communities.
- **Personal growth:** Community performance can help people to grow as individuals by providing them with opportunities to develop new skills, learn about different cultures, and challenge themselves creatively. Community performance can also help people to build confidence and self-esteem.

## **How to Create and Manage a Community Performance Project**

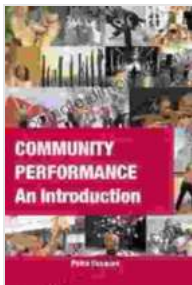
If you are interested in creating and managing a community performance project, there are a few things you need to do:

1. **Define your goals:** What do you want to achieve with your community performance project? Do you want to raise awareness of a social issue? Promote community development? Build relationships between people?
2. **Choose a type of performance:** What type of community performance is best suited to your goals? A play? A musical? A dance

performance? A puppet show? Street theater?

3. **Recruit participants:** Who will be involved in your community performance project? Will you work with existing community groups? Recruit individuals from the community? Partner with a local school or community center?
4. **Develop your performance:** Once you have recruited your participants, you need to start developing your performance. This includes writing a script, designing costumes and sets, and rehearsing your performance.
5. **Promote your performance:** Once your performance is developed, you need to promote it to the community. This can be done through social media, flyers, posters, and press releases.
6. **Produce your performance:** On the day of your performance, you need to make sure that everything runs smoothly. This includes setting up the stage, managing the audience, and ensuring that your performance goes off without a hitch.

Community performance is a powerful tool that can be used to build



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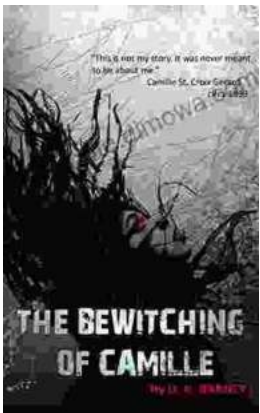
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