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The contents of this issue consist of two articles, Peaders. Theatre as a Humanizing Process by Wallace Bacon and The Secret of Individual Progress in Art by Paul Gregory, and the 1974 readers theatre bibliography. Items are listed in the bibliography in four categories: plays, poetry, programs, and prose. In addition, the dates and places of readers theatre festivals between November 1975 and May 1976 are listed. (JM)

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make the publication of RTN possible

We are a so pleased to have been chosen by the Speech Association of America to publish the antic pated Readers Theatre Bibliography Hope t will be a real inspiration and help in your RT activities

Our circulation has taken a targe jump this fall thanks to the addition of the GravEng sh mailing list Welcome to the newcomers

Early news of RT activities has been gratifying keep those reports of your programs coming in to us. We want to know what YOU are downg and thinking /

Alice Barnhait

READERS THEATRE IS ALIVE AND WELL IN.

Cal State U, Long Beach is preparing a premiere performance of James Joyce's A Pretty Brick Story for at the Herres Scheduled for spring the production features a stript prepared specifically for RT creatively. ed telt from its major and minor works of James Jeyce The script and performance is an M.A. creative thesis Palomar College, San Marcos Cal will present project Milard Lampbell's Lonesome Train Univ. of Illinois, Urbana has wo fall Chamber Theatre productions The River "An Anthology of Mark Twain and Visions of Towson State College, Baltimore Md. is working on Welcome to the Monkey House which includes several short stories by Kurt Vonnegut San Diego State Univ. Drama Dept celebrates the Bicentennial with reading performances of The Contrast Uncle Tom's £abin Fashion Andre and The Pobr of New York During the fall quarter, the Univ., of Washington, Seattle, will present Wirking an adaptation of Studs Terkel's oral history, and Ferlinghetti's A Coney Island of the Mind At Biola College. La Mirada Cal, each December original and con pried AT scripts centering on a Christmas theme are presented in a special Christmas, program in conjudction with the Music, Art and Drama Indiana State U. at Terre Haute gave Departments* Charlotte's Web in October, in November comes From Betsy Ross to the Woman Boss A History of the United States as Seen Through the Writings of Women The RT

FROM I'VE DIRECTOR'S DESK



The healthy kinte of Readers Theatre is clearly the flected in the 1974 Bibliography likithis issue We are happy to report, that the Third National Summel Workshop sponsored by The Institute for Readers Theatre at Say, Diego State University shared in this vitality

Seventy-five studers from all parts of the country as well as

Canada and Mexico participated in the six-week course The academic faculty included Wallace Bacon, Charlotte L'ee, Joanna Maclay E Kingsley Povenmire and Melvin White tall too well-known in our field to require further · identification) with a large local staff

Paul Gregory the producer so closely identified with Readers Theatre, offered master classes in Perception Dynamics and presented a series of professional artists including Mary Martin Christopher Isherwood, Leslie Stevens Philip Abbott, and Ben Washer

The cultural participation of the Workshop included Shakespearean performances at the world-famous out Globe Theatre, Godspell at the Cassius Carter Theatre, productions of The Last Unicorn and Shakespeares Venus and Adonis by the SDSU Readers Theatre, Paul Sill's Story Theatre and many other special events calling, on the resources of Southern California

Experiments in the use # Readers Theatre for teaching foreign language was a special feature of the Workshop, and we hope to report on this interesting development in the near future.

The Institute for Readers Theatre is making plans to hold the Fourth National Summer Workshop in England Paul Gregory is currently in London making special arrangements that will represent an unprecedented opportunity to those who enroll You-will learn more fully in the Spring Issue of the unusual features that will be incorporated into this venture

Meanwhile, we invite you to enjoy the materials which we are privileged to offer in this soue. We are happy to be a part of the flourishing growth of Readers Theatre throughout the country

Dr 'Bill Adams

Children's Theatre at Kutztown'State College, Pa, will be trouping again this year to day care centers, elementary and pre-schools. Other RT groups will be performing for senior citizens, business, and civic oragnizations Readers Theatre Is for You was presented by Dr Leslie (continued page 10)

ON THE COVER



READERS THEATRE AS A HUMANIZING PROCESS...by Wallace Bacon

Dr. Wallace A. Bacon is Ghairman of the Department of Interpretation at Northwestern University and a pre-eminent leader in the field. RTN is grateful to Professor Bacon for permission to include this excerpt from his opening lecture last June at The Third National Summer Workshop.

The thing that appeals to me in teaching Ilterature through interpretation is that I ve always been able to do everything I could do in an English classroom and then a little bit more. As a teacher, I care about two things. I care about the literary text, and I care about the student who is facing the literary text.

What I ve always been after is the fullest possible way of bringing these two bodies together. The student is a body, and by that I mean the whole human being, the mind and body flow together and there is no way of separating them. But the literary text, too, is a body

Susan Langer has described the act as the basic unit of all life forms—inception, acceleration, climax and cadence. The literary work goes through this act as we all do repeatedly, day after day So if you think of the poem—and I use the word poem to mean all literary forms—as capturing the same essential process as all living forms, then its possible to talk about the poem as a living body.

In interpretation, you engage the body of the student with this structure called the body of the work. What you get is always something unique, no two students/are going to give quite the same performance of the thing they re-reading. The body of the reader never/does disappear. The process of reading a piece of literature is not just a recreative experience, you don't just get up and blow a writer's poems through your mouth. No, the reader is contributing all the way with his perception.

The process of interpretation is leading the student out of himself toward the poem. Poems are really more stubborn than human beings. You can get human beings to move, frequently poems just wont. The important thing for a teacher is to get the student to the point where he recognizes this force in the poem and is willing to give up a bit of himself in order to move toward the poem. If you really do give in to the work—although it s always going to be you performing, there is always going to be a little something different about the you that performs—the poem is going to have its way with you, too

Someplace in the teaching of interpretation, we began to hear about Readers Theatre. Sometime in the mid-fifties I organized a course in Shakespeare for Readers Theatre I was a babe in the woods and didn't know what we were getting into. I was looking for some way to get the readers and the play together and get these out to the listening audience. But how to do it?

We began with a static stage picture. People sat on stools, used reading stands, had scripts, and all the focus was, out in the audience

Then the audience began to say, "This all seems so rigid, im not really comfortable with this. So we got people off the stools in a production of King Lear, the whole cast sat in a semicircle and simply came down stage into scene, but again with focus into the audience

That went very well, but I began to think again whether there was anything I could do which would really help the play more So I guess I've done 10 or 12 Shakespearean plays and tried all sorts of things I haven t been using scripts for a long time, we do use fairly full costumes and a rather minimal set

It would be hard for me to define exactly what sets Theatre is for me, now. The relationship

 between what goes on on the stage—and often it isn't even on the stage at all—and what goes on in the audience is much more open. A good deal of theatre and Readers Theatre melt together

But you begin always with the piece you are going to perform and the students who are going to perform it. If you find in that piece a kind of bodily excitement, how can you bring it to your audience? That's what you're faced with. I don't believe that anything that works with an audience is ok

As a teacher, for me Readers Theatre is much like other forms of interpretation. The real interest in it lies in the relationship between the performer and the text. I think of the work of my department as a humanizing process, it sone of the liberal arts. It liberalizes it frees the student to reach outside himself. That's what the humanities are all about.

There's a very real sense in which the relationship between the performer and the text he performs is a love relationship. If love means anything, and I guess Shakespeare is one who persuades me it does mean something, it means being willing to move outside yourself and have some sense of the other, the significance of the other. In the relationship of the text and the performer the text is the other, you really have to love that text

A poem wants to be loved, and it wants you to help it out, if you can see what it's crying for, help it. And it will help you. That is the wonderful thing about reaching out, having a sense of the other—it will always come back to you. You grow only if you're willing to reach outside of yourself. My work in interpretation has been fascinating to me because it has given me an opportunity to see what happens to students, what happens to poems when you bring them together in the classroom.

The programs we present for the public are important, but what I most value is that long rehearsal period with the students. We often spend seven or eight weeks in rehearsal, it takes that long with a play as rich as, say, King Lear, to really get a sense of the full body of the play And you never really arrive, that's the wonderful thing. You go back over the same plays year after year, and each time the play says something you've never heard before. The richer the text, the truer this is

I've grown to like the stripped-down kind of thing that Readers Theatre often does, the economical use of bare set, few props. The audience is free to fill in the scene as the text gives it to them. The excited participation of the audience is what gives Readers Theatre life and makes it a good thing.

If feel that works of literature are alive People change, and I think poems change. We accept the fact that paintings change as pigments change. I think that poems change as words change Poems are embedded in language and language changes. The wonderful thing about the great works is that they survive these changes. They introduce new perspectives. A great work of literature speaks to you where you are

At Northwestern, we have divided group performances into two kinds, and its really an accident of history that we do that We have one course called

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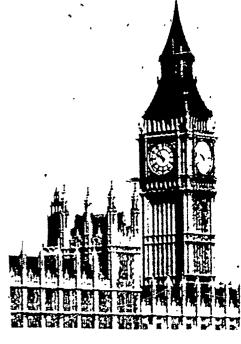
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- HAPPINESS IS OR ISN'T A WARM PUPPY, Schulz, Charles, "Snoopy and the Red Baron", Bangs, John, "My Dog", Anonymous, "Dog Wanted", Thurber, James, "The Pet Department", Fields, W C, "On Dogs", Thurber, James, "The Scotty Who Knew Too Much", Cooke, Edward, "Rags", Kenny, Nick, "Front Page Puppy", White, E B, "Fashions on Dogs", Wedgefarth, W Dayton, "Bum", Gary, Romain, excerpt from The Roots of Heaven, Audry, Colette, "Behind the Bathtub", Nash, Ogden, "A Dog's Best Friend is His Illiteracy", Kenny, Nick, "Hit

and Run". Goldsmith Oliver "Elegy on the Death of a Mad Dog", Byron, Lord, "Epitaph*to a Dog at Newstead Abby" (Adelphi U Clark Marior, 1973)

- Harrigan W Patrick WE ARE THE SOUTHWEST Gillis, Everett "Estevanico the Black sees Cibola Babney, Blanche, Browns and Serape Anonymous, "Manifest Destiny Gonzales, Rodalfo, I Am Joaquin", Salina Luis, "Aztec Angel" Sanchez, Margarita, La Raza" Martinez John, Brown Power Conference Centennial" McKinney Enid, Southwest Symphone" (Lamar U, Jewel Blanton)
- Haushaiter, William, adaptor and director SELF PORTRAIT E E CUMMINGS is six nonlectures so many selvestso many fiends and gods, my father moved through dooms of love, if there are any heavens, the Cambridge ladies who live in furnished souls, if thank you God for most this amazing, ladies and gentlemen this little-girl, goodbye Betty, don't remember me, when serpents bargain for the right to squirm, it may not always be so, and isay, in Just. Spring is like a perhaps hand, spring! May, first robin the, nobody loses all the time, my smallheaded pearshaped, between the breasts, raise the shade. Buffalo Bill's a wind has blown the rain away humanity i love you, it may not always be so, somewhere! have never travelled gladly beyond, sing of Olaf glad and big," "next to of course god america!", a scene from Him and Santa Claus passage from The Enormous Room diary entry from Eimi quotations from several introductions to his volumes of poetry (Wayne St. U. 1973)
- Kerr Harry, compiler and director ROBERT FROST'S NEW ENGLAND. The Witch of Coos," The White Tailed Hornet, "A Hundred Collars," "A Drumlin Woodchuck," "Departmental." "The Tuft of Flowers," "After Apple Picking," "Mending Wall," "A Leaf-Treader," "Birches," "The Wood-Pile," Dust of Snow," Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening. An Old Man's Winter Night, "Home Burial, "Out, Out—, "The-Hill Wife, "The Fear, "The Death of the Hired Man" (U of Me)
- Key, Esther and Soni Schultz adaptors HOUR OF LEAD Compiled letters of Anne Lindberg about the kidnapping of the Lindberg baby used with slide projections (S Mo. St U, Leslie Coger)
- Martin, Annette, GERTRUDE STEIN WHY DON'T YOU READ THE WAY I WROTE?" (Emerson C, Annette Martin)
- Matthews, Jan and Pamela Davis, adaptors A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Ferlinghetti, Lawrence. Christ Climbed Down from His Bare Tree. Auden, W. H., segments from For the Time Being. The Cherry Tree Carol. Sung and danced. Seuss. Dr. How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Cousins, Margaret. Christmas is Not for Children. Bradbury, Ray. The Wish. The Narrator. as the wayfaring stranger searching for the meaning of Christmas, sang the song, "The Wayfaring Stranger." (S. Mo. St. U. Leslie Coger).
 McDonnell, William, arranger and director BLACK AMERICAN POETRY. Hughes, Langston, Lenox Avenue Mural. Dunbar. Paul. Dawn. We Wear the Mask. The Debt. Sympathy. Allen, Samuel. "To Satch," "A Mornent Please", Grimke. Angeling, "The Black Finger", Johnson, Fenton, "The Daily Grind", Brooks, Gwendolyn, "The Preacher Ruminates Behind the Sermon", Horne, Frank, "Kid Stuff," "Symphony". Delany. Clarissa, "Solace", Hughes, Langston, "Mofher to Son," "Brass Spittoons," "I, Too". Bennett, Gwendolyn, "Heritage." "Sonnet", "Cuffen Countee," "Simon the Cyrenian Speaks", Hayden, Robert, "Middle Passage", Hayes, Qonald, "Appoggiatura", Cuney, Waring, "No Images", Davis, Frank, "Four Glimpses of Night", Fields, Julia, "No Time for Poetry", Wright, Richard, "Hokku Poems", Oden, G. C. "As When Emotion Too Far Exceeds Its Cause—Elizabeth Bishop', Evans, Mari, "The Rebei, "Wilen in Rome, The Emancipation of George Hector
- Menichini, Debra, arranger DEATH IN LITERATURE Bell, Jerome, "Mystery". Keats, John, "On Death", Sangster, Margaret, "They Never Quite Leave Us", Anonymous. "Cocaine Lil", Langland, Joseph, "War", McGee, Clyde, "Mary at the Cross", Shakespeare, William, "No longer mourn for me", Longfellow, Henry, "The Jewish Cemetery at Newport", Turco Lewis, November 22, 1963, Ignatow, David, Before the Sabbath, Frost, Robert, The Death of the Hired Man, Shaw, George, final speech from Saint Joan Ransom, John, Dead Sassoon, Siegfried, "The Death Bed", Brooke, Rupers,

(A Colored Turtle), Walker, Margaret, "For My People", Jones, LeRoy, "Preface to a Twenty Volume Suicide More, Hines, Jr.,

Dodson, Owen, Black Mother Praying, (U.-of Wis, 1973)

"Two Jazz Poems", Tolson, Melvin, "Dark Symphony",

- 'Dust' (Adelphi U. Clark Marlor)
- Moyers, Bill LISTENING TO AMERICA (U of Mass, Vincent Brann, adaptor and director, 1973)
- Nemorov, Howard THE BREAKING OF RAINBOWS A Life. A Primer of the Daily Round. Life Cycle of Common Man, Between the Window and the Screen. The Vactuum, Sunday, Death and the Maiden. The Great Society, Mark X, Money, an Introductory Lecture. A Picture. A Modern Poet. A Full Professor. Absent-Minded Professor. Grace to be Said at the Supermarket, The Night Before Christmas, Christmas Morning, Santa Claus. A Negro Cemetery Next to a White One, Debate with a Rabbi, Keeping Informed in D.C., Power to the People, Young Woman. To the Governor and Legislature of Massachusetts. The Poet as Eagle Scout, To the Mannequins, Sightseers. The Dream of Flying Comes of Age, At the Airport, Learning by Doing, Boom, Creation Myth on a Moebius Band, The Breaking of Rainbows, Myth and Ritual (Kansas St. T.C., Ronald Q. Frederickson)
- *• NEWS EVENTS OF 1974 as saturized by Ryoko, Mike. Phone Lines Get Crossed , Buchwald, Art, I m Going to Sit on These Tapes, Farewell to the Energy Crisis, Adventures of Henry the Husband. "The Rats Have All the Fun,", Baker. Russell, Whale & Eye View, Buchwald, Art, Can This Marriage be Saved?" (Melvin R White)
- Pallen, Lucille, arranger and director BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
 AND THE FRENCH ALLIANCE (C+ W Post-C, NY, 1973)
- Pallen, Lucille, arranger GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE CONTINENTAL ARMY The story of Washington's struggles to recruit and maintain a seasoned army (C W Post C, NY, 1974)
- PARKER'S BACK by Flannery O'Connor (W Ky U, 1973, James E Pearse, director)
- THE PEOPLE YES Excerpts from the writings of Carl' Sandburg "Note 10," "Pater II." "Worms and the Wind," "Many Handles," "Lincoln?" "68," "90* 105," "107," "Boxes and Bags" (W Ky U, 1973, Juliet McCrory, director)
- ◆ Pearse, James, arranger A CHRISTMAS READING HOUR Yeats. W B. "The Second Coming", Eliot, T S. "The Journey of the Magt", Thomas Dylan, "A Child's Christmas in Wales", Seuss, Dr. How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Capote, Truman. "A Christmas Memory, Ferlinghetti, Lawrence, Christ Climbed Down √Pearse, James, adaptor, "The Christmas Story" from the New English Bible (W Kent U, James Pearse)
- Pearse, James, arranger CONTEMPORARY POETRY BY WOMEN. Wakoski. Diane, I Had to Learn to Live with My Face," Rock, What I Want In a Husband Besides a Mustache, Rich, Adrienne, 'Dialogue, Wakoski, Diane, The Mechanic, 'Indian Giver, The Purple Finch Song', Rich, Adrienne, "Rape, Wakoski, Diane, Dancing on the Grave of a Son-of-a-Bitch (W Kent U, James Pearse)
- Pearse, James, arranger MOODS OF VIOLENCE An evening with Joyce Carol Oates "The Death of Mrs Shaer. Where Are you Going, Where Have You Been? (W Kent U., James Pearse)
- Poe, Edgar Allan SiLENCE AND SHADOW Adapted and directed by George Randolph "The Masque of Red Death," Silence—A Fable," "The City in the Sea," "The Conqueror Worm," "Dreamland," "Spirits of the Dead," "Dreams," "Silènce," "The Valley of Unrest," 'Eldorado," "The Haunted Palace," 'Imitation," 'Shadow—A Parable," "Along" (U of S Fia, Raymond J Schneider)
- Poor, Deborah, adaptor YOU'RE SPECIAL 'CAUSE YOU'RE DIFFERENT' Seuss, Dr. Horton Hears a Who. Milne, A. A. "The King's Breakfast" (S Mo. St U. Leslie Coger)
 SCIENCE FICTION SAMPLER' Smak, Clifford, "Lulu", Bixby.
- SCIENCE FICTION SAMPLER Simak, Clifford, "Lulu", Bixby, Jerome, "It's a Good Life", Salomon, Louis, "Univac to Univac", Bradbury, Ray, "The Last Night of the World", Benet, Stephen, "Nightmare #1", "Nightmare #3" (San Diego St U, William Adams)
- * Stevens, Cherie, adaptor CYCLE OF LIFE. lyrics from musical comedy "Kids" from Bye Bye Birdie. "Anything You Can Do" from Annie Get Your. Gun. "The Letter" from Mame. "If a Girl Isn't Pretty" from Funny Onl. "I'm Just a Girl Who Can't Say No" from Oklahoma. "The Father of the Bride" from I Do. I Do "If He Walked Into My Life" from Mame. "No Time At All" from Pippin (S U Col. Oneonta, N.Y., Allan Schramm)
- Tabori, George, TURNED ON BRECHT Directed by Hugh Fellows (U of Tampa, Fla, Raymond J Schneider)
- Talese Gay VOGUELAND (U of Rd is, Wynifred Caldwall, adaptor and director, 1973)

- Weiss, Elysa, arranger, FANTAGMAGORIUS ANIMALS Seuss, Dr. It's a Pretty Good Zoo. Anonymous. The Horny Galoch Parker, Edgar. The Shitteripe. Smith William, Cat-Whickered Catbird. Mandarin Bird. Wallflower Warbler. Reeves James The Nonny Seuss, Dr. A Four-footed Lion. Dahl Ronald song from James and the Giant Reach. Silverstein, Shelley. Beware My Child. Seuss, Dr. Stop. 2 Well I won't (Adelphi U. Clark Marlor, 1973)
- Weiss, Melania, arranger VOICES OF INDIA Anonymous. "Hymn of Creation", Tagore, "Rabindranath, "Fireflies", Narasimbaswamy, K. R. "Wasn't it You?". Guha, Naresh. Supernatural. Tagore, Rabindranath, from Gitanjali Debee, Rajlikshmee "The House", Fagore, Rabindranath, "Soon, I feel (Adelphi U. Clark Marlor)
- White. Melvin, compiler WHATS NEXT, 1974! Happy New Year. Interview with Congressman Gerald Ford. The Trials of the Ford Family. Good Neighbor Policies," The New Friendly Ford Place, "Patrick's Home from College," "Whale's Eye View," "Mrs. Kissinger Gives a Dinner," "Small Investor Gets Come-On," "We're Got by the Throat Hairs," "Meat's Just Food, The Phone's My Life" (U. of Wis.)
- Whitsen. Brenda, arranger OLD POSSUM'S BOOK OF PRACTICAL CATS Eliot, T.S., "The Naming of Cats," "The Old Gumbie Cat. Growltiger's Last Stand, The Rum Tum Tugger. The Song of the Jellicles, Mongojetrie and Rumpelteazer, Old Deuteronomy Of the Awful Battle of the Pekes and the Pollicles Mr Mistoffeles 'Macavity the Mystery Cat," "Gus The Theatre, Cat, Bustopher Jones the Cat About Town, "Skimbleshanks, the Railway Cat," "The Ad-dressing of Cats (W Kent U. James Pearse)
- Williams, David A from the Bible THE PLIGHT OF MAN Not a theological statement but a distillation of the rise of fall of Biblical Israel which represents the rise and present condition of man Because the Bible is episodic, the story is presented in a series of vignettes beginning with Genesis and ending with the Babylonian exile. The epilogue draws from the prophets and points up the mixed tensions of hope and disillusionment of man's attempt to reconcile his relationship with God Prologue, Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, I Samuel, II Samuel, Kings, Epilogue (U of Ariz, Virginia Floyd)
- Williams. David MONTAGE AN EXPERIMENT, WITH THE ANDROGYNOUS VOICE IN LITERATURE Shakespeare, William, Hamlet To be, or not to be, Ecclesiastes 3.1-8, Whitman, Walt, Song of Myself, Hardy. Thomas, Hap' Frost, Robert, "Acquainted with the Night", Lawrence, D. H. "Song of a Man Who Has Come Through"; Eliot, T. S., "Ash Wednesday," "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock", Spender, Stephen, "What I Expected Was", Thomas, Dylan, "The Force That Through the Green Fuse Drives the Flower (U. of Ariz, David Williams)
- Williams, Emiyor BEYOND BELIEF (U of Me Harriet Rice, adaptor and director, 1973)
- Wolfe, <u>Tom</u> MAU-MAUING THE FLACK CATCHERS (U of N.H. John Edwards, adaptor and director, 1973)
- THE WORLD OF JONATHAN SWIFT. A Mediation Upon a Broomstick. A Complete Collection of Genteel and Ingenious Conversation, "A Digression in Prase of Digressions" from A Tale of a Tub "Phyllis or the Progress of Love" from Directions to Servants "The Art of Political Lying," "On the Death of Dr. Swift" (U of Wash, Judith Espinola)
- ▼ Zafran... Robert BEAUTIFUL LOSERS A master's thesis production using three readers in a lecture-recital format. The material was selected from the writings of Leonard Cohen. "Priests of 1957" from The Spite-Box on Earth, "Gift," "On the Blackness of My Love, in the Bible Generations Pass, "I Wonder How Many People in This City," "The Cuckold's Song," As the Mist Leaves No Scar," 'Song," "Letter," "All There Is To Know about Adolph Eichmann, "The Warrior Boats," "A Kite is a Victim," "Summer Haiku." "Marita" all from Selected Poems. 1956-1968 "Story of Isaac" from Songs of Leonard Cohen "Credo" from Selected Poems "Sisters of Mercy" from Songs "Ballad," "He Was Lame" from Selected Poems, "Suzanne" from Songs (N Tex St U, Clark Marlor)

PROSE

- Barthelme, Donald <u>Snow White</u> (U of Hawaii, John San Miguel).
- Bennet, Hal Dotson Gerber Resurrected Adapted by Randall Carney (S. Mo. St. U. Lesie Coger)
 - BEOWULF-GRENDEL Arranged by Colin McLay and William

- Poschman A contrapuntal of the traditional epic with the John Gardner novel (San Diego St. U. William Adams)
- Boll, Heinrich Christmas Every Day (Elmira C, Jane Turek-Thompson)
- Bradbury, Ray Here There Be Tygers (Eastern, C, Gordon C Bennet)
- Bradbury, Ray "Old Mrs Bentley," "Wings of Summer," "A Sum in Arithmetic" from Dandelion Wine (Leslie Coger and M White)
- Brajtigan, Richard The Abortion (USC Randall Lemon)
- Dickey, James "The Smith Beheld" from Jericho (W Kent U. Gary Balfantz
- Ellison, Harlan Repent, Harlequin' Said the Ticktockman Adapted by William Patterson (S Mo St U, Leslie Coger)
- Fox, William P Fast Nerves (W Kent U., Gary Balfantz)
- Fuller, Charles, Jr Love Song for Wing Adaptor Randy Thomas (S Mp St U, Leslie Coger)
- Garrett, George Don t Take No For An Answer (Kansas St T C Emporia, Ronald Q Frederickson).
- Glasser, Ronald J 365 Days Dramatized by H Wesley Bolk (U of Minn Press, 1972)
- Gogol, Nikolai Dead Souls (Northwestern U., Frank J. Galat)
- Grahame, Kenneth Chapter Ten, The Piper at the Gates' from The Wind in the Willows Adapted and directed by Bernard Davis (U of S. Fla, Raymond J. Schneider)
- Heady, Eleanor The Magic Tree Adapted by Randall Carney (S Mo St U Leslie Coger)
- Henderson, Zenna *The Anything Box* Adapted by Celia Tackaberry (S Mo St U, Leslie Coger)
- Henry, O A Municipal Report (U of S Fla Raymond J Schneider)
- Jarrell Randall Pictures From An Institution (U of Tex., Robert Jeffery)
- Jayce, James' A Painful Case Adapted by Dan Hite (S Mo St U., Leslie Coger)
- Justen, Norton The Dot and the Line (Bronx Comm C, NYC, Pat Pell and Penny Morris)
- Justen, Norton The Phantom Tollbooth (CSU, Northridge, Marcy Reisner)
- Kraus's, Ruth 'The Little King. The Little Queen and the Little Monster and Other Stories You Can. Make Up Yourself (Rio Hondo G, Whittier, Ca, Voiza Arnold)
- Lester, Julius Stagolee (U of Ariz , David Williams)
- Lewis Philip The American Dame (U of Ariz, Raylene Corgiat)
- Martinez, Al "Life with Daughter" Oakland Tribune. Feb 9, 1969, p 27 Melvin White
- Merriam, Eve The Inner Gity Mother Goose (San Diego St* U., David Hunsaker)
- 🖜 Nabokov, Vladimir "PNIN (U of Wash , Judith Espinola)
- Nin, Anais Collages (USC, Christie Logan) '
- Ovid Metamorphoses (U. of NH, John Edwards)
- Pidmottylyn, Valerian A Little Touch of Drama (USC, Vera Penko)
- Poe, Edgar The Tell-Tale Heart (Hunter C., Bruce Manchester)
- Randolph, George Child of the Sea An original narrative study of dreams (U of S Fla, Raymond J Schneider)
- Rosten, Leo The Beggar and the Wallet (U of Wist, Melvin White)
- Sexton, Anne The Bell Jar Adapted and directed by George Randolph. (U. of S Fla, Raymond J Schneider)
- Schneider, Raymond J, adaptor and director "Jack the Ripper, or Scenes from The Buried Life" (U of S Fla, Raymond J Schneider)

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 Schneider, Raymond J, adaptor and director "Jack the Ripper, or Scenes from The Buried Life" (U of S Fla, Raymond J Schneider)
- Schreiner, Olive. The Story of an African Farm Eutting from Chapter I, II, Part one and Chapter 17, 18, 22, Part two (U. of Houston, Josephine B Moran)
- Smith, Michael. The Next Thing (CSU, Los Angeles, W. Keith Henning)
- Thurber, James Many Moons (U of Wis, William E McDonnell)
- Vidal, Gore Romulus (Northeastern III U, S Waisman)
- Vonnegut, Jr, Kurt Who Am I This Time? (Elmira C, Jane Turek-Thompson)
- Welty, Eudora The Ponder Heart (U of Tex., 1974)



THE SECRET OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS IN ART...by Paul Gregory

Paul Gregory, the well-known producer, returned to the Third National Summer Workshop last June for six weeks of master classes in Perception Dynamics RTN is grateful to Mr. Gregory for permission to include this excerpt from his opening lecture

We are happy to announce that Mr Gregory will be Co-Director of the Fourth National Summer Workshop to he held next year in England. He is currently in London to invite an impressive roster of internationally celebrated artists as his guests, and to arrange a series of special events that few visitors to England are privileged to experience.

In the evolution of man, he created words in order to express his emotions and mind activity to his fellow man. We must recognize the action of this creative principle in the individual mind. It lives abundantly in each of us, we use this power to initiate a train of thought (causation) directed to an individual purpose.

When we have the first impulse of causation, we have the first desire for expression. As the needs dictated by the causation manifest, the individual responds with words which are emotionally and intellectually responsive to the causation.

To understand and use this enormous power, we all should clearly see the relationship between causation and emotions and intellect and expression which is embodied in the spoken word

As a simple illustration, consider a lighted candle brought into a darkened room. The room becomes illuminated to the extent of the power of the candle. When the candle is taken away, the room becomes dark again. The illumination and the darkness are both conditions the one positive, resulting from the presence of the light, the other negative, resulting from its absence.

From this simple example, we can clearly see that every positive condition has an exactly opposite negative condition corresponding to it. This correspondence results from both conditions being related to the same cause. Conditions, whether positive or negative, are no sooner called into existence than they become causes in their turn and, produce still further conditions.

Let us apply this knowledge to words. Upon seeing a given word, instantaneously one's intellectual powers develop an awareness of the intimate association between the cause (the printed word) and the emotional, spiritual and individualized source of that word. Therefore, when we speak the word it re-lives through and by virtue of one's individual energy process. The vitality and excitement of the word rest on the individual level of perception, intellect and energy, filtering through emotional, intellectual and spiritual understanding

We must develop the habit of subjective mental action. The American College Dictionary says this about "subjective" — "Existing in the mind, belonging to the thinking subject rather than the object of thought, relating to or of the nature of a subject as it is known in the mind as distinct from the thing in itself, felating to properties or specific conditions of the mind as distinct from general or universal experience." In effect, it implies greater awareness. Greater awareness initiates keener perception, which illumines the world of potential, the limitless possibilities, like the candle in the dark soom.

One of the first lessons to learn is that the wonder of the action of thought power is, not limited to a circumscribed individuality. We as individuals give direction to mind action. Since mind action is impersonal though intelligent, it will receive the imprint of one's personality and make its influence felt far beyond the individual's objective perception of the circumstances.

There are three exceedingly important elements in mind action one, intelligence, two, impersonality, three, intention. Intelligence transmits imprint of the thought."

(cause) and also devises the correct means for bringing the thought into accomplishment. Impersonality is to let one slego go, to allow one simental powers to perform without superimposing self. The intelligent personality allows thought action to give life and vitality to our intention. Intention is absolute, it cannot be thwarted, it is lifeward in direction and life means power.

Energy is everywhere, wanting us to use it

There is a whole other world, other life, other experience right here, within each of you, if you will just relax and let your thought action do what it has the power to do. Look around. Everything had its origin in the spirit. The entire presence of creation about us is absolute evidence that the starting point in all things is in thought action, images, ideas, dreams. Great works of art, architecture, music, space probes, all the wonders of life today, in the past, in the future, are conditions of the mind manifested.

When we learn to let our thought action take over, we are ushered to new levels of dynamic experience. We will be able to take the simplest of words and bring a new excitement in using them.

One day you will discover that habit has begun to moid a mental intention that wants to communicate to the mind action process. When this happens automatically, you are in a totally different ball game. You have turned the light on in you, unlimited resources are yours. You will experience greater perception, greater alertness, greater awareness as you apply this knowledge to your every, concern, your condition will reflect a rebirth of excitement that is impossible to obtain in any other way

To realize your being, you must have consciousness, and consciousness can only come through the recognition of, your relation to something else, an external fact or a mental image. To conceive a mental image, you must mentally step back from it and look at it

Consciousness is a specific and absolute state of being, it implies life, living. Real consciousness is the realization of the working of mind action, realization of the vitality all about us, the aliveness of life itself

A person is a person is a person — so, it can be said, its a stick. However, when the stick joins a brush, it becomes a handle, the two together become a broom. That is one sort of relation. Take the same stick and place a hoe iron at the end and you have an entirely different type of implement.

A person is a person at a glance, but what has been awakened in the mind of one makes the difference between him and another person—the hoe or the broom—and between the conscious or the unconscious

man.

Our objective then is to awaken our consciousness to get the most out of every moment. The power which enables us to do so is absolute and fundamental, its application in this sense is exactly the same as in any other. I have previously spoken of contemplation from an individual and personal center. We must allow the law of growth to mature in our conception of the workings of individual contemplation, image formation will be slow or rapid in exact proportion to the individual's vitalized

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Alive and Well article

Irene Coger and her U. of Southwestern Mo. Interpreters Theatre Class for the Speech Association of Missouri in September, it was a combined program and workshop Mansfield State College, Pa., has its own Readers Theatre Showcase organization which in June presented its Member of the Year award to Genine Gehret who directed an RT production of Shirley Jackson's short story, "The Lottery" The group started this fall s activities by sending letters to schools and organizations announcing their availability for programs. In Los Angeles this past summer the Inner City Cultural Center inaugurated a twice-monthly Readers Theatre with emphasis on the work-of ethnic playwrights. Works read in June included Take Off Those Wings, Faye Seraphim by Chris Longo, and The Killing of an Eagle by Whitney Le Blanc . RT is invading the business world. Here in San Diego, Millie Rankin, a graduate of last summer's Institute, has organized a Readers Theatre for the Convair Recreation, Assn. Their first program, The Adventures of Oblio (adapted from Nilsson's The Point), was presented in an open air theatre in August .. San Diego State U.s Readers Theatre Touring Class is preparing a double program this fall. For the younger audiences the show will include Seuss Gertiude McFuzz. The Fifty-First Dragon by Broun, and The Four Musicians Temporarily Humboldt County by the Firesign Theatre and Prologue for Readers' Theatre will be presented at all programs For older audiences, they will be combined with Benet's Johnny Pye and the Fool Killer. U. of Arizona, Tucson, is presenting a special RV program in October, entitled Discovering Our Foremothers. Northwestern U. will present in November Saki. a Chamber Theatre production of stories by Saki, in March comes Dylan Thomas Under Milkwood In November, Berden Community College, Paramus, N.J., offers Ribsy and The Last Clock, under preparation for December is Visions of Adam and Eve Cal State U., Northridge has three shows working. Masters of Detection (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Agatha Cristie) in Oct , Help, Help, the Globolinks adapted from the children's opera by Menotti, Nov. 21-23, Dylan Thomas' A Child's Christmas in Wales

and Truman Capote's A Christmas Memory. Dec 11-14... Modesto Junior College (Cal.), has a full RT schedule with A Portrait of Aging (compilation dealing with old age), Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee (the Indian experience in the U.S.), The White House (Bicentennial program), Homegrown (featuring writers from Modesto area), and Yo Soy Joaquin (epic poem of Chicano movement in Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, III, will offer The A, B. C, D, and E of Animals, a compilation of selections about animals, geared to grade school level and will tour, a second program, Poetry 1, Too, Dislike It. will be experimental and flexible, for elementary, high , schools, and college... Merced College (Ca(), is preparing two RT productions for forensics competition. Breaking Out - The Stereotypes Are Falling, and Humor As a Way of Life. Phoenix College (Ariz.), RT is taking Munro by Jules Feiffer into the community for performances at civic groups .. Cerritos College, Norwalk, Cal., is readying Whitman Portrait and A Program of Mark Twain . Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minn, is starting a busy year with Money... American River College, Sacramento, Cal will present Words of America. A Literary Mosaic arranged by Melvin White. U. of Texas at Austin will perform Collette's Duo in Nov, with a Festival of Student-Directed Readers College of Southern Idaho, Theatre Productions in Dec Twin Falls, opens the season with Benet's American Portrait and is planning another Bicentennial production San Diego State U. Readers Theatre is under contract with the city schools to present twenty performances for elementary and secondary gifted programs. The group will present two-day workshops for various communities including Ventura, El Centro, Phoenix, and Yuma. Convention appearances will include. Southern California Educational Theatre Association and the International Reading Association Major productions will include The Rape of Lucrece and The Grapes of Wrath A special tour of multilingual schools will present an English-Spanish version of A Unicorn in the Garden and other specially prepared scripts Preparation of Readers Theatre News and plans for the Fourth National Summer Workshop in England next July are activities that keep students and faculty happily involved

READERS THEATRE FESTIVALS

Tenth Annual Intercollegiate Festival at Kutztown. State College Nov. 6 & 7 is following a Bicentennial theme, Celebrate!, featuring American literature of all genres and encouraging experimentation and creativity Contact Roberta Crisson, Kutztown State Coll, Kutztown, PA 19530 . Ozarks Spring Interpretation Festival meets April 22-23-24 in Springfield, Mo. This year it emphasizes the kinesic approach to interpretation. Special guests include Elizabeth Worrell, and Tom. Liebhart and his Mime Troupe. Contact Dr. Leslie Irene Coger, Southwestern Mo. State U., Springfield, MO 65802. Otis J. Aggertt Memorial Oral Interpretation Festival will be held Feb. 27-28. Contact Prof. Pattison, Indiana State U., Terre Haute, IN 47809... First Annual Biola Invitational Individual Events Tournament will be Oct 31-Nov 1. There will be RT competition, plus a 'mini-RT' or duo-interp experimental format. Scripts will be provided, and after an hour for preparation, two students from different schools will compete as a team for the remainder of the tournament. They hope to provide a good test of "off-the-cuff" skills and creativity and offer a

chance for students from different schools to work together. New Horizons Interpretation Festival on March 11-12 will allow each participating college two solo readers and one 20-min. RT or Chamber Theatre performance. There are no requirements as to genre or theme. There will be two critical evaluators, emphasis will be on sharing and experimentation. Contact Marlene Stone, Towson State College, Baltimore, MD 21204 Fifth Annual Snobird Festival is scheduled Nov 13-15 in sunny Florida The special "teacher-critic-judge" this year will be Dr. Mel White. Contact Frances L Johnson, Florida Technological University, Box 2500, Orlando, FL 32816.. Thunderbird Invitational Speech Tournament will be held January 30-31 at Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arız, and will include RT Write James Mancuso, Director of Forensics, Mesa Community College, 1833 W Southern Ave, Mesa, AR 85202 Oral Interpretation -9th Readers Theatre Festival takes place on Jan 10 at Cerritos College and hvites all interested colleges Contact James Dighera, Cerritos College, 11110 E Alandis Blvd., Norwalk, GA 90650

Gregory article ...

conception which is in itself an extension of contemptation and perception

We will not all of us immediately be able to produce that which we would like but we must not become discouraged. We must know that the very first intention was and is creative, and that its corresponding growth is taking place. As we gain experience in these lines of thought, confidence will increase. As this happens, subconscious mind becomes the builder and acts in accordance with the suggestion impressed upon it by the conscious mind. Each expression will be different, each mind activity will be subject to the personal creative energy inherent to each individual.

One of the widest gaps in human experience, as I have found it, is the gap between what we want to be, what we want to do, and our willingness to discipline ourselves to accomplish that goal

What is indicated with my opinion is a new concept. Our whole way of life has to alter. What is wrong with the theatre today is just a sampling of the ills we are experiencing in every level of world society. The enemy

today is indeed MAN his pride his greed his prejudices his arrogance and lastly his stupidity No person, no class, no race is immune, no single system, holds a panacea

What we must have is a new surge of honesty, an extended reach for truth. We must rise out of mental, stagnation and call for that something more and beyond what we know and have today. The edifice of wonderment must again fill our lives with the excitement inherent in the promise of man and his genius.

Life is a perpetual doing. It is exactly in proportion as we expand our doing that we expand our livingness, our abilities, our senses, our challenge, our opportunities. No one can grow for us. Through the process of our thoughts we can become what we choose. This is the limitless possibility we share together.

The great thing to bear in mind is that if a thing is true at all, there must be a reason why it is true. When we find this reason we know the truth at first hand, for ourselves, not from some one else's report. Then it becomes our own and we begin to learn how to use it. This is the secret of individual progress in art, the same method will serve equally well in our search for life itself.

¹√Bacon article . . .

Chamber Theatre and one called Readers Theatre Chamber Theatre is a term which Dr Robert Breen devised some years ago as a way of teaching prose fiction. He discovered that as students read fiction, they would do very well, with the dialogue, they would brighten up. But with passages of narration, everything would just, die it was as if somehow you were waiting to get to the scene. Then the curtains opened and you had a lively text again.

• So he wondered what would happen if he staged prose fiction not as if it were dramatized—keep it as it is a with the harrator—but put it in the stage up the harrator.

becomes a character too, with a voice of his own. The students responded very warmly to that

So the Chambet Theatre class takes prose fiction and performs it and the Readers Theatre class tends to take other forms. There's no reason why they shouldn't both be called Readers Theatre or interpreters. Theatre or any one of the other names that have been proposed. The mistake comes when you decide that here is Readers Theatre and here is Chamber Theatre, and here are the six rules for RT and here are the six for CT and you'd better do what the rules say, or else That seems to me monstrous—to put that sort of strait jacket on any work of literature, or indeed on any performance!

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