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Voice Research

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PANTHEATRE
Acting / Choreographic Theatre

Annual Professional Workshop

September 29 – November 14 - 2008

7 Weeks

PARIS

VOICE PERFORMANCE
&
CHOREOGRAPHIC THEATRE

for actors, dancers, singers

An International Bilingual (French / English) Workshop

16 participants

Location

Studio DTM, 6 rue de la Folie Méricourt, Paris 11^e M° St Ambroise

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VOICE PERFORMANCE & CHOREOGRAPHIC THEATRE

Pantheatre's *Paris Annual Professional Workshop* has been running for over twenty years. It explores the links between vocal expression, singing and actor's work, reconciling especially

TECHNICAL CONTROL and EXPRESSIVE FREEDOM
VOICE, BODY, LANGUAGE
MEANING and EMOTION

Its special interest comes from four main characteristics :

- Its **specificity**, in terms of **vocal training**, including *Roy Hart* extended range techniques, and the experimental applications it offers performers (singers, actors, dancers) – including lyrical singing. This work is done through personal voice lessons, through musical-theatre improvisations and through song, with piano accompaniment.
- The **artistic challenge** of **choreographic theatre**: performance structures that integrate voice work, singing, movement and acting with texts – from solos to ensemble work.
- Its **diversity**, in terms of the participants' *backgrounds* (mixing singers and dancers, actors and circus performers, for instance) and *nationalities*.
- A **professional context** : some ensemble sessions include the active participation of teachers, performers and students from PANTHEATRE ACTS Voice Performance School.

The project selects **16 participants**. Some places are offered to French AFDAS* professionals. Participants are chosen on audition, or, if this is not possible, on CV and a letter of motivation.

A series of open sessions are organized in Paris (see below « Auditions / Open Session ») where the voice and choreographic work is presented, and where candidates are interviewed and auditioned.

*Nota : AFDAS is the French Professional Training programme applicable to professionals having worked in France for 2 years under certain conditions.

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Directors / Teachers / Lecturers / Assistant Teachers

For detailed biographies, see: http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/paris_acts_cv.htm

Linda Wisevoice / actors training / ateliers

Enrique Pardovoice and choreographic theatre laboratories

in the collaboration with

Liza Mayervoice / breath / singing

Izidor Leitingermusical training and improvisation

Céline Marquissongs and piano accompaniment

Caterina Perazziimprovisation and theatrical inventivity

Workshops / Lectures / Round Tables

Besides the regular classes and laboratory sessions, the workshop organizes a series of thematic days, conference demonstrations and round tables.

Nick HobbsLectures, with audio and video recordings, on the notion of "voice performance" in contemporary popular music.

Enrique Pardo / Linda WiseArchive material presenting the Wolfsohn / Roy Hart vocal tradition : video and audio recordings. With a lecture demonstration by Enrique Pardo.

Enrique PardoLectures on Greek mythology, mythic image, and their relationship with contemporary performance arts.

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PLANNING

Dates: from Monday September 29 to Friday November 14, 2008 (7 weeks)
Monday to Friday: 9.30 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00

Mornings 9:30-13:00 : group work
Afternoons 14:00-17:00 : voice lessons (2 groups)

Consult the detailed planning on

http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/paris_pro_planning.pdf

REGISTRATION / PAYMENT

Price of the workshop 2500 €Euros

If you wish to inscribe and are unable to attend an audition in Paris, please send a letter of motivation and a C.V. You will be notified very quickly whether a place is reserved for you.

Confirmation of your place will be given on reception of a **deposit of 500€Euros**. Cancellations will be refunded only up until September 5th 2008 minus 90€Euros for administration costs. The remainder of the fee to be paid on the first day of the workshop.

Pantheatre grants a limited number of **reduced-price places (25% reduction)** on motivated request, in priority to under-26 students.

Quoted prices do not include bank charges. French banks can charge up to 30 Euros for reception of Bankers Orders originating outside France. Please write your name (and the workshop title) on all documents.

Please consult <http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/payments.pdf> for advice on international payments.

Auditions / Open Workshops

check http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/paris_pro.htm

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Three Priorities

This workshop aims for a synthesis of music and language, sense and emotion. Technical exercises are complemented by expressive methods that free the voice in both singing and acting.

3 main lines of work :

I Source and Expansion:

the roots of the voice : extended ranges

II Application:

interpretation : the voice in music and theatre

III Synthesis

the voice in choreographic theatre

I Source and Expansion:

The voice work on extended ranges is based on the *Roy Hart Theatre* heritage, revised and adapted by each teacher.

Voice sessions begin with a progressive physical preparation based on different techniques, which encourage a free and dynamic release of the breath and voice: articulation of the spinal column, pelvis, rib cage, etc. In voice work, special attention is given to each individual's voice in both technical and expressive work, adapting to each participant's professional experience and needs. The aim is for each participant to define and enrich her/his personal and artistic repertory in both group ateliers and individual voice lessons.

II Applications:

The Voice as Interpreter in Theatre and Music

This second objective involves the exploration of the voice in both musical and theatrical contexts. Time will be spent exploring the lesser used colours and dynamics of the voice: timbre, textures and their relationship with sound, singing, text and emotion. The application of extended voice techniques will be encouraged in improvisations and in the interpretation of texts. Song interpretation with piano accompaniment will be worked both in groups and individually.

III "Synthesis" : The Voice in Choreographic Theatre

The integration of all aspects of voice work, including text, in choreographic theatre, directed by Enrique Pardo, will be done mainly through the development of improvisation structures, individual and ensemble, and in coordination with the work developed by the other teachers.

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CONTENT / PRINCIPLES

The Voice "Before becoming a controlled musical instrument, or the modulated support of language, the voice is a fabulous means of expression, linked to our innermost impulses. Each sound, from the most ethereal sigh to a wrenching scream, from the highest coloratura to the lowest of growls, must claim its place in our artistic imagination. Although such an approach to voice expressivity is anchored in musical forms of discipline, it is, nevertheless, open to everyone, regardless of any former musical or artistic experience."

1 Vocal Technique

4 sessions of 3 hours weekly will be dedicated to individual vocal training in small groups.

Application and development of the "Roy Hart" approach to the voice:

- The "pure" voice - development and awareness of the 'natural' voice of each participant - exploration of the different ranges, from singing to the scream.
- Breath - the relationship between sound and breath, the role of the larynx, the diaphragm, pelvis and general physiology leading to a fuller understanding of the anatomy of the voice.
- Exploration and awareness of notions such as "placing the voice" - exploration of head, chest and body chest resonance. How these technical notions can be explored imaginatively and in the creation of characters.
- The dynamic expression of energy and emotion through the voice: 'power', volume, and authenticity of emotion.
- The melodic voice - flexibility, musicality and nuance, with notions of tone, note and rhythm.
- The spoken voice - articulation, projection, communication of emotion and meaning with texts and characters.

2 - Singing

- Preparation of the voice for singing: flexibility, timbres, and study of vowels, vocalizations, melodic line, exploration of nuances.
- Rhythm in musical phrasing and theatricality of words. Melodic and rhythmic improvisation.
- The emotional nuance in a musical phrase.
- Interpretation of songs proposed by the teachers or the students, with piano accompaniment. At all moments the musical and vocal level of the participants is taken into account.
- Young singers are guided to listen to and explore different styles - more experienced singers are encouraged to find vocal and imaginative challenges beyond their usual repertoire.
- The public presentation of songs as a soloist is approached both musically and theatrically.

3 – Improvisation

Theatrical or musical improvisation is an art, which requires the cultivation of the imagination. Both require a capacity to LISTEN in the widest sense of the term. These ateliers will encourage the participants to adventure into the most extensive imaginative worlds possible within the limits imposed by the music, space and the immediate inter-relationship with the other participants.

Improvisation ateliers will take the following forms:

"Free" form, where vocal expression is especially linked to changes of timbres without reference to musical or rhythmic structures, and without texts.

Musical Improvisation: each participant will explore his or her voice within a musical structure (e.g. gospel, jazz or other), according to his or her own capacities.

Theatrical improvisations linked to texts, with choral and/or choreographic structures.

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4 - Texts and Language.

Working Text(s)

- 1 Participants are asked to choose and bring at least one text of some 300 words or more, learnt by heart.
- 2 The work starts with the fantasies and realities of this choice - the text you chose is in many ways your working contract, the challenge you give yourself and bring to the work.
- 3 The choice of text is free: it does not have to be a theatre text. Best in English or French for general comprehension. Avoid texts that are too poetically condensed or linguistically complex. We encourage contemporary texts.
- 4 If you decide to bring more than one working text, be cunning about the contrasts between them. For example: genre (maybe bring a theatre monologue and a piece of prose); dramatics (one, full of exclamations mark, the other, dispassionate); cadence (one, written in short percussive phrases, the other rhetorical,) etc.
- 5 Finally: The better one knows one's text 'by heart', the freer one is... to free the text, to let it play. Also, you will have your hands full while on the floor, so it is essential to be free of memory struggles.

Do not hesitate to consult us on these matters.

These texts will be used in many different contexts, from individual renderings to ensemble work.

Advice on text choices: check <http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/texts.htm>

5 – Synthesis : Voice / Movement / Texts

Choreographic Theatre

"Enrique Pardo's approach to physical theatre explodes the interpretation of texts by stretching them into choreographic networks: language becomes a poetic partner to image, and no longer its sovereign. Illustration yields to paradox. Texts unfold new versions, including subversions and perversions. The body is caught in complex images, while the voice harvests and expresses the emotion.

The work is sometimes described as "playing the piano with three hands", since it involves parallel training on movement, language and voice, their interconnections and, especially, their disassociations. Not cool chance collage work, but synthesis, involving actor and person. It explores fully the training and poetics of contemporary dance-theatre."

Choreographic Theatre brings together voice, text and physical theatre. While based on exacting group-composition disciplines, it promotes personal expressivity (especially vocal). It also implies rigorous poetic and professional work: the demands of ensemble work frame restrict and qualify the expressive freedom of the (protagonist) actor.

Choreographic theatre includes language through a relentless fight against textual tyranny, in order to avert the kind of domination that binds theatre to declamation, illustration, and demonstration. The aim is a dance of ideas, a dance of text and context - "choreographic", in this sense: the body, caught in complex images, the voice harvesting and expressing emotion." These restrictions create complex metaphorical images, working on paradox and contradiction.

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6 - TEORIA

Different theoretical levels are referred to and discussed during the work. There are articles and debates for consultation on the web site, specifically :

- <http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/teoria.htm> references, links, etc.
- <http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/writings.htm> articles.
- http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/myth_voices_forum.htm debates on the voice leading to the "Myths of the Voice" Festival.
- <http://www.mythosandlogos.com/Hillman.html> on the work of James Hillman - whose ideas are one of the foundations of Pantheatre.
- http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/rht_gb.htm on official definitions and historical references

TEACHERS CVs : please check http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/paris_acts_cv.htm

French presentation : http://www.pantheatre.com/pages/paris_pro_fr.pdf

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