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Theatre of Roots Calcutta : Oxford University Press

'A playwright of world stature'—Mario Relich, Wasafiri Tara and Chandan have always been close. They were, after all, born as conjoined twins. But a horrific revelation drives a wedge between the siblings, plunging Chandan into a cycle of guilt and blame from which he cannot escape. One of Mahesh Dattani's most popular works, Tara was also one of the first Indian plays in English to highlight the dangers of gender discrimination, and the insidious ways in which it operates in our society. 'At last we have a playwright who gives sixty million English-speaking Indians an identity'—Alyque Padamsee 'Powerful and disturbing'—The New York Times

Towards an Inclusive Theatre Roli Books Private Limited

Charandas Chor And Other Plays

Charandas Chor Penguin UK

"The present book seeks to provide a generic introduction to the contemporary theatre scenario in different parts of India. Researched and written over a period of nearly a decade, it adopts an approach that may be best termed as quasi-academic and quasi-journalistic. Primarily, it affords understanding as well as interpretation of the trends, experiments and major works; but, in the process, it takes up serious issues for closer scrutiny. Nevertheless, the overall tone and tenor continue to be rather informal throughout. The book was born of interaction with both established and uprising exponents of the theatre arts -- playwrights, directors, performers, designers, critics, etc.; but it purposefully eschews critical or technical jargon. Ultimately, what we get is a phenomenal attempt to build a comprehensive as well as a perceptive overview of the complex and ever-growing dynamics of the contemporary theatres of India as practised in various regions, languages, cultures." -- Back cover.

The Oxford Companion to Indian Theatre PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.

This book examines Shyam Benegal's films and alternative image(s) of India in his cinema, and traces the trajectory of changing aesthetics of his cinema in the post-liberalisation era.

The book engages with the challenges faced by India as a nation-state in post-colonial times. Looking at hybrid and complex narratives of films like *Manthan*, *Junoon*, *Kalyug*, *Charandas Chor*, *Sooraj Ka Satvaan Ghoda*, *Zubeidaa* and *Well Done Abba*, among others, it analyses how these stories and characters, adapted and derived from mythology, folk-tales, historical fiction and novels, are rooted in the socio-political contexts of modern India. The author explores diverse themes in Benegal's cinema such as the loss of home and identity, women's sexuality, and the status of dalits and Muslims in India. He also focuses on how the filmmaker expertly weaves history with myth, culture, and contemporary politics and discusses the debate around the interpretive value of film adaptations, adaptation of history and the representations of marginalised communities and liminal spaces. The book will be useful for students and researchers of film studies, cultural studies, and the humanities. It will also interest readers of Indian cinema and the social and cultural history of India.

Kamaka, Silence! The Court is in Session, Sakharam Binder, The Vultures, Encounter in Umbugland, Ghashiram Kotwal, A Friend's Story Methuen Drama

Based on the life of Nazir Akbarabadi, 1740-1830, Urdu poet.

Beyond the Land of Hattamala and Scandal in Fairyland Oxford University Press

Theatres of Independence is the first comprehensive study of drama, theatre, and urban performance in post-independence India. Combining theatre history with theoretical analysis and literary interpretation, Aparna Dharwadker examines the unprecedented conditions for writing and performance that the experience of new nationhood created in a dozen major Indian languages and offers detailed discussions of the major plays, playwrights, directors, dramatic genres, and theories of drama that have made the contemporary Indian stage a vital part of postcolonial and world theatre. The first part of Dharwadker's study deals with the new dramatic canon that emerged after 1950 and the variety of ways in which plays are written, produced, translated, circulated, and received in a multi-lingual national culture. The second part traces the formation of significant postcolonial dramatic genres from their origins in myth, history, folk narrative, sociopolitical experience, and the intertextual

connections between Indian, European, British, and American drama. The book's ten appendixes collect extensive documentation of the work of leading playwrights and directors, as well as a record of the contemporary multilingual performance histories of major Indian, Western, and non-Western plays from all periods and genres. Treating drama and theatre as strategically interrelated activities, the study makes post-independence Indian theatre visible as a multifaceted critical subject to scholars of modern drama, comparative theatre, theatre history, and the new national and postcolonial literatures.

INDIAN DRAMA IN ENGLISH Seagull Books Pvt Ltd

As the man who brought the popular and the demotic into modern Indian theatre, Habib Tanvir is one of Asia's most important and gifted theatre directors. In this memoir, touching on both the private and the public aspects of his life with startling candour, he takes us on a journey from his childhood in Raipur to the Bombay film world of the 1940s and thence to the Indian Theatre People's Association, offering an invaluable window into twentieth-century India. Whether he is describing his family members, friends or actors, Habib Tanvir is superbly observant and sharply insightful, capturing both the quotidian and the quirky in his distinct style and delightful voice. Written with great warmth and humour, these memoirs provide a memorable portrait of an extraordinary man.

SAGE Publishing India

This Encyclopedic Volume Is The First Of Its Kind In Any Language Covering All Of Indian Theatre. Lavishly Illustrated, With Some Rare Photographs From Archival Collections.

And Other Short Stories India Puffin

Each of the playwrights in this collection takes a folktale and turns it into a contemporary experimental play, intervening in the traditional material and reshaping conventions from an urban perspective. Although the folk and rural element remain embedded in the body of the narratives, it is interesting to note the shifts and intersections which occur in the process of rendering folklore as a present-day performative text. *Jokumaraswami* by leading Kannada playwright and poet Chandrasekhar Kambar is a vibrant, earthy play which creatively reworks the folk myth of a phallic god of fertility into a powerfully

contemporary anti-feudal message. Pebet is a folktale about a mother bird fighting to protect her children from a predatory cat politicized by H. Kanhailal, who transforms this familiar story into a struggle against the political and cultural colonization of Manipur. Charandas Chor by veteran playwright/director Habib Tanvir, performed by Naya Theatre's Chattisgarhi folk artists, is a contemporary Indian classic depicting the irrepressible folk hero and honest thief, Charandas, a Robin Hood figure who charms his way into everyone's heart.

Encyclopaedia of Indian Theatre: Bhasa Oxford University Press, USA

In an unusually irreverent text that plays with the traditional Marathi musical mode of the mourning keertan and the theme of death, Satish Alekar's *The Dread Departure* tells the story of a dead man who will be cremated the way he wants to be and no other way. He lives on as a dead man till he stinks and his son battles with the civic authorities to honour his father's last wishes, while his widow gets enamoured of a ghostly lover, the third man from the left of the pall bearers. The play has a rich dose of black humour, pure fun, and the sense of a community coming to terms with death.

Charandas Chor Seagull Books Pvt Ltd

The nautanki performances of northern India entertain their audiences with often ribald and profane stories. Rooted in the peasant society of pre-modern India, this theater vibrates with lively dancing, pulsating drumbeats, and full-throated singing. In *Grounds for Play*, Kathryn Hansen draws on field research to describe the different elements of nautanki performance: music, dance, poetry, popular story lines, and written texts. She traces the social history of the form and explores the play of meanings within nautanki narratives, focusing on the ways important social issues such as political authority, community identity, and gender differences are represented in these narratives. Unlike other styles of Indian theater, the nautanki does not draw on the pan-Indian religious epics such as the Ramayana or the Mahabharata for its subjects. Indeed, their storylines tend to center on the vicissitudes of stranded heroines in the throes of melodramatic romance. Whereas nautanki performers were once much in demand, live performances now are rare and nautanki increasingly reaches its audiences through electronic media—records, cassettes, films, television. In spite of this

change, the theater form still functions as an effective conduit in the cultural flow that connects urban centers and the hinterland in an ongoing process of exchange.

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Politics in Indian theatre.

Badal Sircar Taylor & Francis

In *Gender and Genre in the Folklore of Middle India*, Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger analyzes six representative Indian folklore genres from a single regional repertoire to show the influence of their intertextual relations on the composition and interpretation of artistic performance. Placing special emphasis on women's rituals, she looks at the relationship between the framework and organization of indigenous genres and the reception of folklore performance. The regional repertoire under examination presents a strikingly female-centered world. Female performers and characters are active, articulate, and frequently challenge or defy expectations of gender. Men also confound traditional gender roles. Flueckiger includes the translations of two full performance texts of narratives sung by female and male storytellers respectively.

Seagull Theatre Quarterly Leftword Books

In this unusual Marathi play the playwright weaves a complex narrative with just four characters Begum Barve, a small-time female impersonator who has spent his life playing bit roles in the professional Marathi theatre of the early twentieth century, his exploitative employer Shyamrao, and two clerks, Jawdekar and Bawdekar. Trapped between sensuous longings and the sordid reality of their humdrum existence, they seek redemption in make-believe. Layers of space and time interweave and overlap in this powerfully haunting play as dreams take shape only to turn into nightmares. Begum Barve in the original Marathi was directed by the playwright himself; it has also been performed in Hindi and Gujarati adaptations. This new edition supplements the text with a critical essay and a note on the songs by Urmila Bhardikar, translator, critic, musicologist, vocalist and Reader, Department of English, Pune University; an interview with the playwright by Dr Shubhada Shelke, scholar and commentator on Marathi theatre, and a note by Amal Allana who directed the play in Hindi. Satish Alekar is Professor and Head, Lalit Kala Kendra, Pune University, and Vice-Chairman, National School of Drama, New Delhi. Shanta Gokhale, the translator is also a critic,

playwright and author of *Playwright at the Centre: Marathi Drama from 1843 to the Present* (Seagull Books, Calcutta, 2000).

An Overview All India Radio (AIR), New Delhi

Hirma Dev, the messianic, wayward and headstrong ruler of a tribal state called Titur Basna, comes into direct conflict with a state determined to replace the traditional tribal way of life with so-called democratic developmental ideas. This gives rise to a sustained struggle between the adivasis and a host of officials with disastrous results. Based on a historical occurrence, this is nevertheless an urgently contemporary tale which highlights the process of assimilation of tribal people occurring all over the world. In the process it raises vital questions with no easy answers. It is left for you to decide who emerges the victor? What does development mean? Who does it benefit? Does it have to mean the same thing for all societies? Anjum Katyal, is an editor and writer who lives and works in Calcutta. Prabha Katyal, is a retired teacher who does translations from Hindi. She lives in Calcutta.

From Fiction to Performance Univ of California Press

The Daughter Was Too Young And Innocent To Understand Either Her Adolescence Or Her Destiny. Having Been Brought Up As A Son For Years, She Now Considered Herself A Man . . . She Believed That She Would Grow A Moustache When She Got Married. Folktales Are The Collective Memories Of People, Handed Down From One Generation To Another. But Often, This Process Of Handing Down Stops The Evolution Of These Folktales. Vijai Dan Detha, One Of India's Most Iconic And Iconoclastic Writers, Not Only Puts These Mostly Oral Stories Into Words, He Also Weaves Contemporary Issues Into Them And Gives Them Renewed Relevance. His Stories Speak Of Alternative Ways Of Life And, Sometimes, They Speak Out For The Most Common Victims Of Feudal Societies—Women. In *'A New Life'*, Two Women, Teeja And Beeja, Are Married To Each Other To Satisfy The Whim Of An Unbending Father. They Realize The Mistake That They Have Been Inadvertently Forced Into, But They Also Understand That This Is The Ideal Union For Them And, With The Help Of The Ghost Chieftain, Build A New Life For Themselves. In *'The Crow's Way'* The Selfishness Of A Husband, In-Laws And Other Benefactors Convinces A Young Wife That The Only True Human Relationship Is The One Between A Prostitute And Her Customer.

“Discretion” Is The Story Of A She-Jackal Who Is More Virtuous Than Sita But Unwittingly Cheats On Her Husband With The Sun And The Moon. The Stories In New Life, Many Of Them Path-Breaking In Indian Writing, Are Refreshingly Free Of Stereotypes. Detha’s Deep Understanding Of Human Relationships And His Matter-Of-Fact Engagement With Unconventional Themes Makes This An Unforgettable Collection.

The Nautanki Theatre of North India Katha

India’s Shakespeare: Translation, Interpretation and Performance is ideal for English literature, performance, translation studies. This collection of essays examines the diverse aspects of Shakespeare's interaction with India, since two hundred years ago when the British first introduced him here. While the study of Shakespeare was an imperial imposition, the performance of Shakespeare was not. Shakespeare, translated and adapted on the commercial stage during the late nineteenth century was widely successful; and remains to this day, the most published and performed western author in India. The important role Shakespeare has played in allowing cultures to speak with each other forms the center of this volume with contributions examining presence of Shakespeare in both colonial and post-colonial India. The essays discuss the several contexts in which Shakespeare was read, taught, translated, performed, and absorbed into the cultural fabric of India. The introduction details the history of this induction, its shifts and developments and its corresponding critical discourse in India and the west. This collection of essays, emerging from first hand experience, is presented from a variety of critical positions, performative, textual, historicist, feminist and post-colonialist, as befits the range of the subject.

Habib Tanvir Penguin Random House India Private Limited A towering figure in twentieth-century theater in India, Habib Tanvir was an actor, director, and playwright, working in Hindi and Urdu. He founded the Naya Theater in 1959, through which he created remarkable works drawing on the history and traditions of the tribal folk of Chhattisgarh. This book brings together four plays, all translated into English for the first time. Agra Bazar (1954), set in the early nineteenth century amid the bustle of a colorful street market in the iconic North Indian city, is woven together by the wonderfully human voice of the poet Nazir,

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India Today International University of Iowa Press

These lively, humorous plays use witty, tongue-in-cheek comedy to communicate social ideas and messages with a contemporary relevance. In Beyond the Land of Hattamala, Kena and Becha, two likeable thieves, jump into a river to escape being caught and get washed up on the shores of a never-never land where buying and selling are alien concepts since everyone works unitedly and everything belongs to the entire community, to be used and consumed as needed. Several hilarious misadventures follow as the pair adjusts to the situation. In Scandal in Fairyland a street-smart newspaper boy vends the Daily Fairy Green which carries fresh news of the heroic prince Thunderbolt who is a champion at beheading ogres which threaten kingdoms. As the action unfolds we discover wheels within wheels, double-dealing and behind-the-scenes fixing. It all however ends happily in true fairytale fashion.

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