

# Dramatic Art

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**Keyword vs. Subject Headings**– Using your own words or phrases to search a topic is a *keyword* search. Performing a *subject* (or *descriptor*) search uses pre-assigned words or phrases. Subject headings are found by looking at a resource’s index, thesaurus, or item record. Both types of searches are helpful in broadening or narrowing search results.

Example of searches using <i>keywords</i> (words you think up on your own)	Example of searches using official <i>subject headings</i> (words you find in index or thesaurus)
Contemporary American plays	American drama-- 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
Victorian costumes	Costume- Great Britain-- History--19 <sup>th</sup> Century
Black playwrights in the U.S.	American drama-- African American authors
Set designs for the stage	Theaters-- Stage-setting and scenery

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- Art Abstracts and Art Retrospective (articles on stage craft)
- Art & Humanities Citation Index (scholarly journals, reviews, and news articles)
- Asian American Drama (full-text plays, bios, playbills, production photos, and ephemera)
- Black Drama (full-text plays, bios, playbills, production photos, and ephemera)
- International Index to Music (articles on opera and musical theater)
- International Index to Performing Arts (scholarly & popular works, bios, interviews and reviews)
- Los Angeles Times, 1999- (theater reviews, articles on actors, playwrights)
- MLA (Modern Language Association: articles and materials in language and literature, drama)
- Music Index Online (articles on opera and musical theater)
- New York Times, 1999- (theater reviews)
- *Teatro Español de Siglo de Oro* (full-text database of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century plays from Spain)

**CDROM's**– Available in the Electronic Arcade on the first floor. Ask at the Electronic Arcade Desk. The following are some CDROM's of interest:

- *El Teatro Campesino*
- *Kutiyattam*, Sanskrit Theater of India
- London Times
- Los Angeles Times
- Performing Arts in Colonial American Newspapers, 1690-1783

## **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE SOURCES**

### **Biographical Sources**

- American and British Theatrical Biography: A Directory, 1979..... Ref PN 2285 W42  
Contemporary Dramatists..... Ref PR 737 C57 1993  
Contemporary Theatre, Film, and Television. 1984-..... Ref PN 2285 C58  
Great Stage Directors..... Ref PN 2205 L44 1994  
Performing Arts Biography Master Index..... Ref PN 1583 M37 1982  
Theatrical Designers: an International Biographical Dictionary..... Ref PN 2096 A1 T54  
Theatrical Directors : a Biographical Dictionary..... Ref PN 2205 T54 1994

### **Drama Criticism**

- American Drama Criticism: Interpretations 1890-1965..... Ref Z 1231 D7 P3  
Critical Survey of Drama..... Ref PR 623 C75 1994  
Drama Criticism..... Ref PN 1601 D59  
European Drama Criticism, 1900-1975..... Ref Z 5781 P2  
International Bibliography of Theatre (IBT) 1982-98. .... Ref PN 1561 I68  
Modern Drama Scholarship and Criticism, 1966-1990..... Ref PN1851 C37 1997

### **Dictionaries and Encyclopedias About Theater**

- Cambridge Guide to Theatre. .... Ref PN 2035 C27 1992  
Dictionary of the Performing Arts..... Ref PN 1579 M66 1999  
*Dictionario de teatro*..... Ref PN 2035 G66 1998  
International Dictionary of Theatre, 3 volumes. .... Ref PN 2035 I485 1992  
McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama, 5 volumes..... Ref PN 1625 M3 1984  
The New Penguin Dictionary of the Theater..... Ref PN 2035 N49 2001  
NTC's Dictionary of Theatre and Drama Terms..... Ref PN 2035 M63 1992  
World Encyclopedia of Contemporary Theatre. .... Ref PN 2189 W67 1994

### **Finding Plays**

- Index to Plays in Periodicals. .... Ref Z 5781 K43 1979, 1990  
Inter-Play (online)..... <http://www.lib.pdx.edu/systems/interplay/>  
Ottemiller's Index to Plays in Collections. .... Ref Z 5781 O8 1988  
Play Index. 1949-..... Ref Z 5781 P53  
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### **Guides to Information Sources**

- Carpenter, Charles, Modern Drama Scholarship and Criticism..... Ref PN1621 C35 1997  
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Shaland, Irene, American Theater and Drama Research ..... Ref Z1231 D7 S53 1991  
Simons, Linda, Performing Arts: a Guide of the Reference Literature.. Ref PN 1584 S56 1994

### **Handbooks and Directories**

- Back Stage Handbook for Performing Artists. .... Ref PN 2055 B27 1991  
Dramatists Bible. .... Ref PN 2289 D727 1989  
Dramatists Sourcebook..... Ref PN 2289 D73 2002/2003  
Handel's National Directory for the Performing Arts, 2 volumes. .... Ref PN 2289 H34 1992  
Theatre Backstage from A to Z. .... Ref PN 2091.M3 L68 1999  
Theatre Companies of the World ..... Ref PN 2091.M3 L68 1999  
Theatrical Costume, Masks, Make-up and Wigs..... Ref PN 2067 .J68 2000

### **Theater Performance Reviews**

- New York Times Theater Reviews, 1920-1970 ..... Ref PN 1581 .N42  
Review of the Arts: Performing Arts, 1975-96,..... Ref PN 1560 P475  
International Bibliography of Theatre (IBT) 1982-98. .... Ref PN 1561 I68

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