SEMINAR IN DRAMA II

PRODUCTIONS

MACHINAL By Sophie Treadwell University of Calgary February 8 – 16, 2019

BILLY ELLIOT: THE MUSICAL By Lee Hall and Elton John Theatre Calgary – Max Bell Theatre April 7 – May 11, 2019 (Final Dress TBA) Assignment Due by April 15, 2019

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Production Critique (Best)	40%
In-Class Test on Unit #1	
In-Class Test on Unit #2	
	100%

REQUIRED TEXTS

Sophie Treadwell. MACHINAL. Nick Hern. 978-1854592118. Richard Rogers & Oscar Hammerstein II. OKLAHOMA. Applause. 978-1423490562.

SOUTH PACIFIC. Applause.

978-1480355545.

Joseph Stein and Sheldon Harnick. FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. Limelight. 978-0879101367.

Stephen Sondheim & James Lapine. INTO THE WOODS. TCG. 978-1559364997.

. SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE.

Applause. 978-1557830685.

Stephen Sondheim & Hugh Wheeler. SWEENEY TODD. Applause. 978-1557830661.

Craig Lucas & Adam Guettel. THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA. TCG. 978-1559362672.

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TEST ON SHAKESPEAREAN COMEDY UNIT

Open-Book Test. But do not use class notes. Answer TWO of the following questions. Think and write for about an hour on each question. Support your ideas with examples or other forms of documentation.

- 1. Consider Shakespeare's use of the tension between Appearance and Reality in THE TAMING OF THE SHREW. How is the use of the tension related to the action of the play as a whole?
- 2. Consider the dramatic function of the Forest in A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. How is the use of the locale related to the action of the play as a whole?
- 3. Consider Shakespeare's attitude toward Love in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. How is the attitude related to the action of the play as a whole?
- 4. Consider the dramatic function of the character of Touchstone in AS YOU LIKE IT. How is the use of the characterization related to the action of the play as a whole?
- 5. Consider the dramatic function of the character of Malvolio in TWELTH NIGHT. How is the use of the characterization related to the action of the play as a whole?



GUIDELINES FOR PRODUCTION CRITIQUES:

Some assumptions:

- 1. Broadly speaking, I believe there are no valid universal rules or methods for analyzing a work of art. Each work of art is unique and determines, by its very uniqueness, its own special needs for analysis. Generic forms of art may have similarities, but ultimately each work is distinguished by its special combination of form and content.
- 2. Each person is unique, and each person may well respond to and interpret a work of art differently. Similarities may be shared by people of like taste, historical eras may be characterized by common critical values, but ultimately critical analysis is an individual and very creative act.
- 3. It follows from the first two points, then, that there are no true absolutes in either art or criticism. A work of art, for example, must not necessarily contain any particular quality nor meet any particular external standard. But for purposes of this course, I will set certain criteria which are generally, but not universally (I dare say), agreed upon by members of our culture and historical era:
 - a) A work of art should be clear (lucid, comprehensible, intelligible, etc.). The work may make use of ambiguity or contradiction or paradox, but the formulation or presentation of these elements should be clear to a reasonably perceptive person.
 - b). A work of art should be consistent (unified, cohesive, organic, etc.).
 - c) A work of art should be effective (moving, funny, interesting, vivid, etc.).
- 4. The production of a play exists independently from its textual source as a unique work of art. Thus, the critical "truth" of a written text may be said to be the sum of its past, present, and future theatrical representations.

As a result of the above assumptions, when discussing a theatrical production, do not measure the success of the production by the extent to which it agrees with your own vision or interpretation of the text. Do not measure the success of the production by the extent to which it accords with the interpretation we may agree upon, if we do, in class. We study the texts and surrounding materials beforehand in class so that we may be more informed about and sensitive to the possibilities of their production and not so as to form rigid preconceptions. There are thus no "correct" interpretations of plays. Rather, measure the success of the production by the standards of clarity, consistency, and effectiveness -- or, in conventional theatrical jargon, did the production "work"?

In your critiques, deal with the following questions:

1. What was the theatrical interpretation given to the textual material? Was it a "conservative" or traditional realization of the material — something very "true to text" or very faithful to the playwright's perceived intentions in the work? Was it a "radical" reworking or revisionist reading of the text, with the director imposing his/her own unique ideas on the text in place of the playwright's ideas? Or was the interpretation something in between these two extremes — something which offered both traditional and revisionist elements? Was there new material added to the text? Were there significant cuts to the text? What aspects of the textual material were emphasized? What aspects were

diminished or even completely ignored? How was the text adapted to the demands of the chosen performance space? Be sure in this regard that you are comparing the production with the text and describing how the director interpreted the text in terms of its theatrical realization. Do not confuse this issue with the playwright's philosophy or interpretation of life <u>in</u> the text, as this material would be apparent in any "true to text" production.

Give clear descriptive production data to demonstrate how the directorial interpretation was realized. If you saw no comprehensible interpretation (and this happens!), say why this was so (see next paragraph). But try not to evaluate or "judge" the experience either positively or negatively before you have first offered a detailed and fair-minded descriptive analysis of the experience. You must, in a sense, earn your right to "judge" the experience by first demonstrating that you understood what the production actually achieved or at least was trying to achieve in its interpretation of the text.

- 2. Was the interpretation consistently expressed? If the directorial interpretation seemed incomprehensible (as per above paragraph), it was probably because of gross inconsistencies in the theatrical realization. Give clear descriptive production data to demonstrate the unity or disunity of the production, mindful that even in very well thought-out productions, there may be minor elements that do not seem completely cohesive (perfection is a rare commodity). In this as in other aspects of your work, you should always strive for fairness and balance.
- 3. Was the interpretation effectively expressed? This is a rather subjective component of the assignment. For grading purposes, the first two questions are much more significant. But I am interested in your feelings and and, by inference, your "taste" as well. Accordingly, if you were moved and/or amused by the production, say how and why. Likewise, if you were bored and/or insulted by the production, also say how and why. However, keep in mind that I do not necessarily regard your emotional responses as beyond comment. Not all responses may be equally insightful. One may be bored, for example, merely by one's lack of perception. Similarly, one may be thrilled and/or entertained merely by seeing one's friends on stage. At all events, do your best to convey your honest feelings to me, with as much objective data as you can muster in this admittedly subjective component.

Elaborate the strengths and weaknesses of the production in the above terms, with the following limitations:

- a) You must write only about what is actually apparent in the production itself. Any special knowledge of the production's intentions is irrelevant, except perhaps by way of further elaboration of an obvious fact of the production.
- b) Do not belabor the acting of individual cast members, either positively or negatively. Try to keep your focus on the production as a whole, using individual cases only as examples of general points you wish to make. Consider the overall acting style in relationship to the production as a whole. Was it clear, consistent, and effective? Did it "work" in the particular context of this production?
- c) You cannot expect to cover all aspects of the production, but you should say something about: i) the overall interpretation of the text ii) the visual elements (sets, costumes, lighting, props) iii) the overall style of the acting iv) any special features of the production, including music and choreography if they are significantly employed. You may wish to focus on one of two of these aspects, but you should include some mention of them all.



Drama 348. Seminar in Drama II (4S-0) 3 Units
Further development of skills and competencies, and critical and interpretive skills.
Prerequisite(s): Drama 346

Winter 2019: TuTh 10:00AM - 11:50AM Craigie Hall E012 Instructor: Heery Lynn

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the completion of this course, successful students will:

- 1) have been exposed to the analysis of additional bodies of dramatic literature/theatre history, as well as examples of their performance in theatre and related media.
- 2) have gained additional and advanced practice in writing persuasive arguments both at home and in class, under the pressure of time.
- 3) have gained additional and advanced exposure to methods of production analysis.
- 4) have gained additional and advanced practice in the writing of production critiques.

Formatting of assignments should conform to the most recent edition of the MLA HANDBOOK FOR WRITERS OF RESEARCH PAPERS.

GRADING SCALE

Grades for all termwork components will be given in the numerical scale as follows:

90-100	A÷	-	Outstanding.
85-89	Α	-	Excellent - superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of
80-84	A-		subject matter.
75-79	B+		
70-74	В	=	Good - clearly above average performance, with knowledge of subject matter
65-69	B-		generally complete.
60-64	C+		
55-59	С	-	Satisfactory - basic understanding of subject matter.
50-54	C-		, and the same of
45-49	D+		
40-44	D	-	Minimal pass - marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for
		*	subsequent courses in the same subject.
00-39	F	-	Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

The final course grade will be awarded in the University of Calgary letter-grade which most closely approximates the numerical average attained in the termwork components.



Grading scale	For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.1.1 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for		
	2018-2		
	Grade P	Grade Point Value	Description
	A+ 4	4.00	Outstanding performance
	A 4	4.00	Excellent performance
	A- 3	3.70	Approaching excellent performance
	B+ 3	3.30	Exceeding good performance
¥.	В 3	3.00	Good performance
	B- 2	2.70	Approaching good performance
	C+ 2	2.30	Exceeding satisfactory performance
	C 2	2.00	Satisfactory performance
63			Approaching satisfactory performance.
		-	Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject
			Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
			Failure. Did not meet course requirements.
	FC	0.00	Several Faculties utilize an F grade that does not carry weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable.
	**1 0	0.00	Incomplete. Sufficient work has not been submitted for evaluation, unable to adequately assess. May also be used when a final exam is not submitted.
	CR		Completed Requirements. Carries no weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable
	Notes:		
			e of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific
	faculty regulations. The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific		
			raduate faculty promotional policy.
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Important Term Dates	Fall 2018 Thursday		ptember 6 th to Friday December 7 th 2018
	Reading	Wee	k: November 11-17
*	Last day to drop a course: Thursday September 13 th Last day to add a course: Friday, September 14 th Tuition and fee payment deadline: Friday, September 21 st Winter 2019 Thursday, January 10 th to Friday April 12 th 2019 Reading Week: February 17-23 Last day to drop a course: Thursday January 17 th Last day to add a course: Friday, January 18 th Tuition and fee payment deadline: Friday, January 25 th		
Midterm and final			nations may be scheduled at any time during the examination period (December
examination scheduling	10-20 for Fall 2018; Apr. 15-27 for Winter 2019); students should therefore avoid making prior		
	travel, employment, or other commitments for this period. If a student is unable to write an		
	exam through no fault of his or her own for medical or other valid reasons, documentation		

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	must be provided and an opportunity to write the missed exam may be given. Students are
	encouraged to review all examination policies and procedures:
	ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred final
Deferrals of	It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of illness,
exams/term work	accident, family or domestic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with your advisor if
	any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by stated
	deadlines. ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final
	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html
	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html
Academic	Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact
accommodation	Student Accessibility Services (SAS); SAS will process the request and issue letters of
	accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and
	accommodations for students with disabilities,
	visit <u>ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy</u> . Students who require an accommodation in
	relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should
	communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.
	The full policy on Student Accommodations is available
	at ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf
Academic integrity,	The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and
plagiarism	honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty
PidBiditotti	and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are referred to the section
	on plagiarism in the University Calendar (<u>ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-3.html</u> ;
	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html) and are reminded that plagiarism—using any
	source whatsoever without clearly documenting it—is an extremely serious academic offence.
	Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension
	or expulsion from the university. You must document not only direct quotations but also
	paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient
	by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other
	people's words and ideas begin. This includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats
	such as Web pages or visual media, and material taken from such sources. Please consult your
	instructor or the Student Success Centre (TFDL 3rd Floor) if you have any questions regarding
,	how to document sources.
Internet and electronic	elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/
communication device	ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app
	The in-class use of computers may be approved by your Instructor. Cell phones and other
	electronic communication devices should be silenced or turned off upon entering the
	classroom. If you violate the Instructor's policy regarding the use of electronic communication
	devices in the classroom, you may be asked to leave the classroom; repeated abuse may result
	in a charge of misconduct. No audio or video recording of any kind is allowed in class without
	explicit permission of the Instructor. For more information on Freedom of Information and
	Privacy visit: ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip
Copyright	It is the responsibility of students and professors to ensure that materials they post or distribute
SOP 711BITE	to others comply with the Copyright Act and the University's Fair Dealing Guidance for
	Students. Further copyright information for students is available on the Copyright Office web
	page (library.ucalgary.ca/copyright).
Students' union and	Student Union: su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/
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contacts	arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
ontacts	Graduate Student's Association: ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/graduate-students-
	association-gsa-grad.html
	Student Ombudsman: ucalgary.ca/ombuds/contact
Student Wellness and	
	The University has a wealth of resources to support student physical and mental health, please
Mental Health	see the SU Wellness Centre (http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/) or the Campus Mental Health Strategy (https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/) for more information on these
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mergency evacuation	resources. Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. THE PRIMARY ASSEMBLY



	For classes in the Kinesiology buildings, the primary assembly point is in the MacEwan						
2	Student Centre - North Courtyard. The alternate assembly point is in the lobby of the						
	University Theatres.						
	For more information, see the University of Calgary's Emergency Management website:						
	ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints						
Campus security	220-5333. Help phones: located throughout campus, parking lots, and elevators. They connect						
	directly to Campus Security; in case of emergency, press the red button. For safewalk info visit:						
	ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk						
SCPA Claim Your Seat	1. The Claim Your Seat (CYS) program allows all University of Calgary students to attend on-						
Program: Student	campus School of Creative and Performing Arts (Dance, Drama and Music) events free of						
Guidelines	charge.						
2	2. Depending on the performance, there is a limited number of seats available for CYS. There is not a guarantee that tickets will be available for all CYS patrons for every performance,						
	based on audience size, demand, etc.						
	3. CYS tickets are a privilege. If a student receives a ticket to attend a performance, it is						
	expected that they will respect the value of the admission and attend the performance.						
	4. Process for students: On the date of the performance, from the time the Box Office opens						
	until 15 minutes prior to the performance start time, students should find the UTS staff						
	member with an IPad and show their UCID card to print their CYS ticket. If students arrive						
	after 15 minutes prior to the performance start time, they can also go to the Box Office and						
	purchase a ticket at the student rate. Students should not go to the Box Office unless they						
	are purchasing a ticket.						
	5. they can find a UTS staff member with an IPad and get their CYS ticket from them.						
	6. If students have a course requirement to attend a performance for a specific date, access						
	to the tickets will be communicated by the instructor to University Theatre Services prior to						
	the event. The best guarantee for a free ticket is to arrive early, up to 45 minutes prior to						
	the performance start time.						
	7. Respect for the Front of House and theatre staff, performers and fellow patrons is an						
	absolute requirement. Failure to comply with this will lead to being asked to leave the						
	venue and could result in the revoking of CYS privileges.						
SCPA Librarian	Marc Stoeckle, MLIS, BA						
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	Linguistics, Literatures & Cultures Libraries & Cultural Resources, University of Calgary						
	Ph: 403.220.6777, Email: mstoeckle@ucalgary.ca, Office: TFDL 160D						
Faculty of Arts program	For academic advising, visit the Arts Students' Centre (ASC) for answers about graduation						
advising and student	checks, and the 'big picture' questions. Drop in at SS102, email at ascarts@ucalgary.ca or call at						
information resources	403-220-3580.						
Illioi mation resources	For academic success support, such as writing, learning and peer support, visit the Student						
	Success Centre on the third floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL), email them at						
	success@ucalgary.ca.						
	For enrolment assistance, including registration (add/drop/swap) changes, paying fees, and						
	navigating your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625], or visit						
	them at the MacKimmie Block 117.						
Letter of permission	If you wish to study at another institution while registered at the U of C, you must have a letter						
Letter of permission	of permission. You can submit your request through your Student Centre at MyUofC. Students						
	must have the Letter of Permission before they take the course at another school. Failure to						
Course outlines for	prepare may result in no credit awarded and could result in suspension from the faculty.						
Course outlines for	It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other						
transfer credit	institutions or for proof of work done. It is the student's responsibility to keep these outlines						
	and provide them to employers or other universities when requested. Please ensure that						
	outlines of all the courses you take are kept in a safe place for your future reference.						
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