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Reading List for incoming MFA design students – 2007

This is a pretty general list. You should have some familiarity with at least the following works: [Books that are out of print often may be found where second hand books are sold, (including Amazon.)]

American Set Design by Arnold Aronson and American Set Design 2 by Ronn Smith

British Theatre Design: The Modern Age, edited by John Goodwin (out of print)

Making Space for Theatre: British architecture & theatre since 1958, edited by Ronnie Mulryne & Margaret Shewring (out of print)

The Historical Mode: Fashion and Art in the 1980s, Richard Martin and Harold Koda. This is out of print, but if you find a copy, buy it!

The Costume Designer's Handbook, Rosemary Ingham and Liz Covey, Heinemann Pub.

Costume Design: Techniques of Modern Masters, Lynn Pecktal, Back Stage Books

Patterns of Fashion, 3 volumes, Janet Arnold

The Dramatic Imagination, Robert Edmond Jones

The Magic of Light, Jean Rosenthal (out of print)

Designing and Painting for the Theatre and Designing and Drawing for the Theatre, Lynn Pecktal (both out of print),

Stage Lighting Design, Richard Pilbrow (out of print)

The Making of Modern Drama by Richard Gilman

The Elizabethan World Picture by E. M. W. Tillyard

Robert Venturi: Complexity and Contradiction in Architecture by Robert Venturi

The Empty Space by Peter Brook

The Earth, the Temple, and the Gods: Greek Sacred Architecture, Revised Edition by Vincent Scully (out of print)

Mielziner: Master of Modern Stage Design by Frank Rich (Foreword), Mary C. Henderson

You should also have some familiarity with a majority of the following artists:

Photographers

Ansel Adams, Diane Arbus, Eugene Atget, Mathew Brady, Andre Burtynsky, Julia Margaret Cameron, Robert Capa, Edward Curtis, Frederick Evans, Walker Evans, Nan Goldin, Yasuhiro Ishimoto, JH Lartigue, Joel Meyerowitz, Man Ray, Jacob Riis, Cindy Sherman, Edward Steichen, Alfred Stieglitz, Weston, Joel-Peter Witkin

Painters/Artists

Bosch, Caravaggio, Cezanne, Judy Chicago, Chuck Close, Lucian Freud, Caspar David Friedrich, Andy Goldsworthy, Edward Gorey, David Hockney, Holbein, Edward Hopper, Paul Klee, Franz Klein, Manet, Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Rembrandt, Mark Rothko, Rousseau, Sargent, Maurice Sendak, Kiki Smith, Titian, James Turrell, Van Gogh, Vermeer

Writers

Aeschylus, Edward Albee, Jon Robin Baitz, Samuel Beckett, Lee Blessing, Anton Chekhov, Ping Chong, Kia Corthron, Noel Coward, Euripides, Richard Foreman, Amy Freed, Athol Fugard, Philip Kan Gotanda, Richard Greenberg, Lillian Hellman, Henrik Ibsen, Eugene Ionesco, Tony Kushner, Federico Garcia Lorca, David Mamet, Marlowe, Terence McNally, Arthur Miller, Moliere, Eugene O'Neill, Suzan-Lori Parks, Harold Pinter, Jose Rivera, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Sarah Ruhl, Shakespeare, George Bernard Shaw, Sam Shepard, Sophocles, Tom Stoppard, Lope de Vega, Gore Vidal, Paula Vogel, Tennessee Williams, August Wilson, BD Wong, Virginia Woolf, Chay Yew

Filmmakers

Pedro Almodovar, Wes Anderson, Ingmar Bergman, Tim Burton, Jean Cocteau, Ethan and Joel Coen, Francis Ford Coppola, Vittorio De Sica, Federico Fellini, David Fincher, Steven Frears, Peter Greenaway, Jim Jarmusch, Stanley Kubrick, Akira Kurosawa, Fritz Lang, David Lean, Spike Lee, Sidney Lumet, David Lynch, Hayao Miyazaki, Max Reinhardt, Carlos Saura, Martin Scorsese, Stephen Soderbergh, Oliver Stone, Preston Sturges, Lars Von Trier, Francois Truffaut, Peter Weir, Orson Welles, Wim Wenders

Directors

JoAnne Akalaitis, Christopher Alden, Christopher Ashley, Anne Bogart, Joseph Chaikin, Graciela Daniele, David Esbjornson, Oskar Eustis, Robert Falls, Michael Greif, Jon Jory, Moises Kaufman, Tina Landau, Elizabeth LeCompte, Robert Lepage, Irene Lewis, Baz Luhrmann, Des McAnuff, Michael Mayer, Jack O'Brien, Carey Perloff, Lisa Peterson, Harold Prince, Bill Rauch, Peter Sellars, Bartlett Sher, Peter Stein, Dan Sullivan, Tony Taccone, Kate Whoriskey, Robert Wilson, George C. Wolfe, Garland Wright, Jerry Zaks, Mary Zimmerman

Designers

James Acheson, Kevin Adams, Chris Akerlind, Theoni V. Aldredge, Colleen Atwood, Chris Barreca, Cecil Beaton, Jenny Beavan and John Bright, Lewis Brown, Milena Canonero, Heather Carson, Pat Collins, Bob Crowley, Candice Donnelly, Deborah Dryden, Beverly Emmons, Heidi Ettinger, Jules Fisher, Rick Fisher, David Gallo, Paul Gallo, Jess Goldstein, Jane Greenwood, Edith Head, Mark Henderson, Riccardo Hernandez, David Hersey, Susan Hilferty, Constance Hoffman, Don Holder, Richard Hudson, Jim Ingalls, Irene, Eiko Ishioka, Bob Israel, Robert Edmond Jones, Peter Kaczorowski, Barbara Karinska, Natasha Katz, Willa Kim, Hugh Landwehr, Eugene Lee, Ming Cho Lee, Charles LeMaire, Adrienne Lobel, William Ivy Long, Santo Loquasto, Thomas Lynch, Brian MacDevitt, Bob Mackie, Peter Maradudin, Catherine Martin, Jo Mielziner, Tanya Moiseiwitsch, Motley, Martin Pakledinaz, Chris Parry, Richard Pilbrow, Ken Posner, Sandy Powell, Dunya Ramicova, Carrie Robbins, Ann Roth, James Schuette, Mimi Jordan Sherin, Paul Steinberg, Tony Straiges, Paul Tazwell, Jennifer Tipton, George Tsypin, Robin Wagner, Tony Walton, Robert Wierzel, Franco Zeffirelli, Scott Zielinski, Patricia Zipprodt