

Everything But The Brain: From Stage to Print



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Everything But The Brain (EBTB) is a theatre company that creates innovative and immersive devised theatre experiences. Founded in 2004 by a collective of artists, EBTB has produced over 30 original works, performed at festivals and venues across the UK and internationally. The company is known for its collaborative approach to theatre-making, which involves the performers, designers, and directors working together to create a unique and engaging experience for the audience.

In recent years, EBTB has expanded its work beyond the stage, publishing a number of books and articles on devised theatre and audience engagement. This work has helped to establish EBTB as a leading voice in the contemporary theatre landscape.

Early Years

EBTB was founded in 2004 by a group of artists who had met while studying at the University of Leeds. The company's early work was characterized by its experimental and immersive approach to theatre. EBTB's first production, *The Cabinet of Curiosities*, was a site-specific performance that took place in a disused warehouse. The audience was invited to explore a series of rooms, each of which contained a different performance or installation.

EBTB's early work was met with critical acclaim and the company quickly gained a reputation for its innovative and engaging theatre experiences. In 2006, the company was invited to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where they won the Fringe First Award for their production of *The Anatomy of Melancholy*.

Collaborative Approach

EBTB's collaborative approach to theatre-making is at the heart of the company's work. The performers, designers, and directors work together to create a unique and engaging experience for the audience. This collaborative approach allows for a greater degree of experimentation and innovation than is possible in more traditional theatre companies.

EBTB's collaborative process typically begins with a period of research and development, during which the company explores different themes and ideas. Once a concept has been developed, the company will begin to work on creating the performance. The performers, designers, and directors will work together to develop the characters, the story, and the design of the performance.

EBTB's collaborative approach has led to the creation of some of the most innovative and exciting theatre in the UK. The company's work has been praised for its originality, its engagement with audiences, and its ability to challenge conventions.

Audience Engagement

Audience engagement is a central part of EBTB's work. The company believes that the audience is an active participant in the performance, and

that the best theatre experiences are those that allow the audience to feel connected to the work on a personal level.

EBTB uses a variety of techniques to engage audiences in their work.

These techniques include:

- **Immersive experiences:** EBTB's performances often take place in non-traditional spaces, such as warehouses, factories, and forests. This allows the audience to feel more connected to the performance and to feel like they are part of the world of the play.
- **Interactive performances:** EBTB's performances often allow the audience to interact with the performers and the set. This can range from simple interactions, such as asking the audience questions, to more complex interactions, such as allowing the audience to choose the direction of the performance.
- **Provocative themes:** EBTB's work often explores challenging and provocative themes, such as mental illness, addiction, and violence. These themes can resonate with audiences on a personal level and can lead to discussion and debate after the performance.

EBTB's commitment to audience engagement has helped the company to build a loyal following of fans. The company's work has been praised for its ability to challenge conventions, to provoke thought, and to create a sense of community.

Publications

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EBTB's first book, *Devising Theatre: A Practical Guide*, was published in 2014. The book provides a comprehensive guide to the process of devising theatre, from the initial stages of research and development to the final performance. *Devising Theatre* has been praised for its clarity, its practicality, and its insights into the collaborative process.

EBTB's second book, *Audience Engagement in Theatre: A Practical Guide*, was published in 2017. The book provides a comprehensive guide to the different ways to engage audiences in theatre. *Audience Engagement in Theatre* has been praised for its practical advice, its insights into audience behavior, and its case studies of successful audience engagement strategies.

EBTB's publications have helped to raise the profile of devised theatre and audience engagement within the theatre industry. The company's work has been influential in shaping the way that theatre is made and experienced in the 21st century.

Everything But The Brain is one of the most innovative and exciting theatre companies in the UK today. The company's collaborative approach to theatre-making, its commitment to audience engagement, and its groundbreaking work on stage and in print have established EBTB as a leading voice in the contemporary theatre landscape.

EBTB's work continues to challenge conventions, to provoke thought, and to create a sense of community. The company is an important part of the

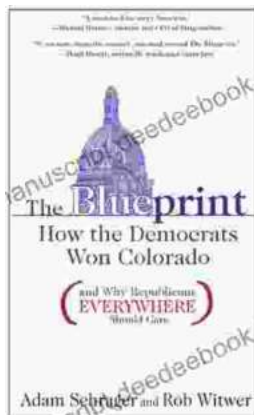
UK theatre scene, and its work will continue to influence the way that theatre is made and experienced for years to come.



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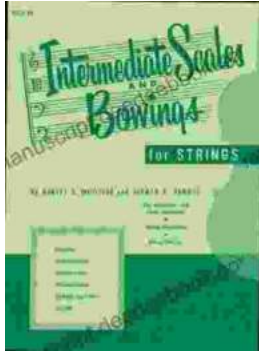
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