Theatre and Drama
Premium
THEATRE AND DRAMA PREMIUM has everything students and scholars need to study the dramatic arts—from recent productions by Broadway theatre companies to interviews with Arthur Miller and James Earl Jones to previously unpublished plays from Ed Bullins and Jeannie Barroga.

The package covers all areas of study, from the stage to behind-the-scenes, and provides the tools and content faculty and students need to discover, teach, and interpret all aspects of performance, including:

- **13,500 full-text plays**, many published for the first time, from canonical and emerging playwrights
- **150,000 pages** of original and contextualizing materials including designs, reference material, and ephemera
- **300 audio plays** from L.A. Theatre Works
- **750 hours** of filmed stage performances, documentaries, and video training materials
Students and scholars can conduct in-depth analyses on key writers, creators, and performers, and create a new understanding of established pieces of the dramatic canon. For example:

- Using the Bell’s 1623 Edition of the text for comparison, students can examine multiple video productions of *King Lear*, focusing on King Lear’s speech in Act 3, Scene 2, and begin to understand how acting and directing choices can affect an overall performance.

- Faculty can widen the lens of theatrical study to include a diverse cast of pioneers such as designs from Shirley Prendergast, the first black female lighting designer on Broadway in 1973, or plays by R. Lynn Riggs, the first American Indian playwright to have his works produced.

- All patrons can relish award-winning Broadway shows from BroadwayHD™ such as *She Loves Me* (2016) and *Falsettos* (2017), without leaving campus.

- In exploring Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, students can read the original First Folio version, compare it to modernizing translations (Augustin Daly) and adaptations (Frances Elizabeth Clarke) for textual variations, or become immersed in filmed stage versions by acclaimed directors Julie Taymor and Beverly Bullock.

Theatre and Drama Premium is a must-have for any institution with programs in theatre, drama, literature, performance studies, or design. It contains the full contents of the following collections:

- Drama Texts Collection
- Contemporary World Drama
- Black Drama: Third Edition
- Twentieth Century Drama: Second Edition
- Theatre in Performance Collection
- The BroadwayHD™ Collection
- The Royal Shakespeare Company Collection
- Theatre in Context Collection
- Performance Design Archive Online
**Drama Texts Collection**

Covering the most prodigious dramatic literature in English from the late 13th-century to the beginning of the 21st century, this collection includes 7,000+ essential, full-text plays from more than 400 playwrights. Nearly 30 percent of this collection includes rare or previously unpublished content, and many of these items are drawn from the private collections of the playwrights themselves and can be found nowhere else. This collection is curated with assistance from an advisory board of respected scholars in the field. Previously unpublished portions have evolved under the direction of the living playwrights themselves.

Drama Texts Collection brings the best of Alexander Street and ProQuest drama collections together, giving students and scholars the most exciting and complete tools for study in this area:

- North American Women’s Drama
- North American Indian Drama
- Latino Literature (drama content)
- Latin American Women Writers (drama content)
- Asian American Drama
- English Drama (ProQuest)
- American Drama 1714-1915 (ProQuest)

**Contemporary World Drama**

Explore the richness and diversity of contemporary theatre and drama with this collection of new work from established and up-and-coming contemporary playwrights from around the world, including recently produced world premieres and previously unpublished works from every continent. At completion, the collection will include 1,000 contemporary plays, from the year 2000 to present-day. Featured playwrights include Hassan Abdulrazzak (Iraq), Reza de Wet (South Africa), Ramón Griffero (Chile), Vilsoni Hereniko (Fiji), and Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti (United Kingdom), to name a few.

**Black Drama: Third Edition**

Black Drama, now in its third edition, contains the full text of more than 1,700 plays written from the mid-1800s to the present by more than 200 playwrights from North America, English-speaking Africa, the Caribbean, and other countries of the African diaspora. Many of the works are rare, hard to find, or out of print. James Vernon Hatch, the playwright, historian, and curator of the landmark Hatch-Billops Collection, is the project’s foundational editorial advisor. More than 40 percent of the collection consists of previously unpublished plays by writers such as Langston Hughes, Dominique Morisseau, Ed Bullins, Willis Richardson, Toni Morrison, Amiri Baraka, Randolph Edmonds, Zora Neale Hurston, and many others. The result is an exceptionally deep and unified collection that illustrates the many purposes that black theater has served: to give testimony to the ancient foundations of black culture; to protest injustices; and to give voice to the many and varied expressions of black creativity.

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Twentieth Century Drama: Second Edition

With 3,500 plays from over 500 playwrights, this collection contains the most important Anglophone works from the last century. More than 1,250 of the works are in copyright and licensed from the authors or their estates. At least 550 of the works have never been published before, in any format, and are available only in Twentieth Century Drama: Second Edition—including unpublished plays by major writers and Pulitzer Prize winners. The collection’s contents range from canonical authors such as Sam Shepard, Eugene O’Neill, Nora Ephron, David Mamet, and Thornton Wilder, to off-Broadway experimentation and South African township theatre.

The collection brings together the full contents of Alexander Street’s Twentieth Century North American Drama and Twentieth Century Drama from ProQuest.

Theatre in Performance Collection

While the texts of plays can serve as lasting documents, productions are ephemeral. The collaborative elements of theatre in performance – the work of the actors, directors, and designers – have tremendous scholarly and educational value long after a production closes. Now, faculty and scholars will be able to revisit great performances again and again, while learning from masters and professionals as they discuss their crafts.

Theatre in Performance Collection features:

- **Performances**: No need to travel to New York or London to see high-quality performances. Expose your students to professional productions.
- **Documentaries**: Shakespeare is a household name in many Western classrooms. Is it the same in Iraq? India? Theatre in Performance Collection’s documentaries seek to answer that and many other questions.
- **Instructional materials and training videos**: Learn about the blending of art and technology from practicing professionals.
- **Master classes**: Learn from the masters of playwrighting, production, and directing (featuring experts like Lynn Nottage, Lin Manuel-Miranda, and Woodie James, Jr.) without the expense of a master class.
- **Audio plays**: Access hundreds of important dramatic works like Arthur Miller’s *The Crucible* or Caryl Churchill’s *Top Girls* in streaming audio from the curated archive of the nation’s premiere radio theatre company, L.A. Theatre Works.

Theatre in Performance Collection contains the full contents of the following collections:

- Theatre in Video, Volume I
- Theatre in Video, Volume II
- Audio Drama: The L.A. Theatre Works Collection
The BroadwayHD™ Collection
Award-winning writers, directors and actors become partners in theatre, drama, dance, music, and even literature studies. This exclusive collection, available worldwide for educational streaming only from Alexander Street, includes streaming access to 25 premium performances of plays and musicals from the New York theatre scene. The BroadwayHD™ Collection includes musicals and plays like Falsettos (2017) and Buried Child (2016) as well as the biggest names from stage and screen, like Orlando Bloom, Ed Harris, Zachary Levi, Jane Krakowski, Christian Borle, Andrew Rannells, Kevin Kline, Jennifer Garner, and many others.

The Royal Shakespeare Company Collection
Access high-definition, surround-sound recordings of William Shakespeare’s plays featuring the world’s best Shakespearean actors, like David Tennant, Sir Anthony Sher, Paapa Essidu, and Simon Russell-Beale, and directors like Robin Lough and Dewi Humphrey. The Royal Shakespeare Company Collection brings The Tempest, King Lear, Hamlet and other famous performances filmed at the Royal Shakespeare Company’s Stratford-upon-Avon theater to classrooms around the world. Each production is accompanied by creative interviews, production images, teacher packs, and study notes to enhance student understanding of these important plays. Thirteen performances are currently available, with more content to be added in the future.

Theatre in Context Collection
Experience the history of the theatre through 40,000 pages of monumental reference works, encyclopedias, images, flyers, playbills, postcards, scrapbooks, and other resources that offer a glimpse into the productions of the past. Theatre in Context Collection helps students of theatre, literature, and history draw connections between the people who brought key productions and dramatic stories to life – from the directors to the design teams. With Theatre in Context Collection, students can understand the historical significance of certain plays, their popularity, and their role in shaping dialogue outside of the world of theatre.

The collection includes:

- **Essential reference works**, such as O’Dell’s Annals of the New York Stage, catalogue historic performances from the Broadway stage
- **Archival playbills** that document the major players of the day from the 1960s to the 1990s
- **Articles and periodicals** that provide contemporary reactions to performances from as early as 1885
Performance Design Archive Online

Theatre students and researchers can now see behind the scenes of the world’s greatest dramatic performances. Performance Design Archive Online is the first comprehensive, international collection that covers all aspects of theater production design, from the 17th century through to the present day – including scenic and set design, lighting design, sound design, costume design, makeup and more. Dramatic interpretation goes beyond the page, and Performance Design Archive Online allows its users to get a glimpse into a designer’s perspective and understand the level of collaboration necessary between the artistic and directing teams to mount a successful production.

Performance Design Archive Online features 100,000 pages of primary and secondary resources, including sketches, photographs, technical drawings, monographs, articles, and dissertations. Primary resources include never-before-published designs and other crucial research material for diving deep into the history. Secondary material, with monograph titles such as Starting Your Career as a Theatrical Designer as well as the complete run of the United States Institute of Theatre Technology’s (USITT) essential trade periodical Theatre Design & Technology (TD&T) from 1967 to present day, offer practical support for the business of creating designs in professional applications. The pairing of primary and secondary material allows for students at all levels to find content to suit their needs.

TOOLS FOR LEARNING AND SCHOLARSHIP

The Alexander Street platform offers students and faculty a unique opportunity to engage with materials in new and exciting ways, and gives librarians a better view into what users are doing on the platform.

**USERS CAN:**
- Watch synchronized, searchable transcripts running alongside almost all titles (JAWS compatible).
- Search and browse by title, performer, playwright, designer, play/work, character/role, production company, and other discipline-specific terms.
- Watch videos on-the-go with most handheld devices.
- Embed clips and playlists directly into an LMS or an external course page, and share content without requiring students to log in more than once.
- Cross-search easily with other Alexander Street products.
- Export citations in MLA, Chicago, and APA formats to popular reference management software like EndNote and Refworks.

**LIBRARIANS CAN:**
- Receive free detailed MARC records with new records added monthly.
- Access in-depth statistics compliant with top discovery vendors like COUNTER, and monitor usage down to the specific title.
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