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Acting and directing are two essential elements of any theatrical production. Actors bring life to the characters on stage, while directors guide the actors and oversee the overall production. Both actors and directors must have a deep understanding of the craft in order to create a successful performance.

Acting

Acting is the art of creating a believable character that an audience can relate to and empathize with. Actors must be able to use their bodies, voices, and imaginations to bring a character to life. They must also be able to work with other actors and the director to create a cohesive performance.

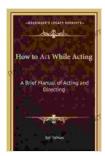
Fundamental Principles of Acting

- Truth: Actors must always strive to create truthful performances. This
 means that they must be believable as the characters they are playing.
- **Emotion:** Actors must be able to convey a wide range of emotions in their performances. They must be able to access their own emotions and use them to create believable characters.
- Imagination: Actors must be able to use their imaginations to create believable worlds and characters. They must be able to visualize the setting of a play and the characters they are playing.
- Physicality: Actors must be able to use their bodies to express emotions and create characters. They must be able to move with grace and agility.
- Voice: Actors must be able to use their voices to convey emotions and create characters. They must be able to speak clearly and expressively.

Techniques for Actors

- Stanislavski System: The Stanislavski System is a method of acting that emphasizes the importance of truth and emotion. Actors using this system strive to create truthful and believable performances by drawing on their own personal experiences.
- Meisner Technique: The Meisner Technique is a method of acting that emphasizes the importance of listening and reacting to other actors. Actors using this system strive to create truthful and believable performances by listening to their fellow actors and responding honestly to their words and actions.

Method Acting: Method Acting is a method of acting that emphasizes
the importance of creating a backstory for a character and immersing
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