Discussion #4

DEADLINES:
**MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED AT LEAST ONCE BY Friday, April 1st at 11pm (CST)**
**ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION DUE BY Friday, April 8th at 11pm (CST)**

We’ve spent a decent amount of time asking about how you, as an individual, value theatre. This discussion will allow us to open up that discussion to the entire class. Now that you’ve read a substantial amount about theatre and have actually attended some theatre productions - How have you started to explore the value of theatre? Have you reached any conclusions about the importance of theatre in your life? Have you discovered anything about the importance of theatre in others’ lives? Do you have any observations about the impact theatre can have in a society? Can you, in some direct and some indirect ways relate theatre (or aspects of theatre or the art of theatre) to your own major or particular area of interest? We often hear from students that they like theatre but it has nothing to do with them - is that really true or is that simply an easy way out of a discussion that requires more thought?

Take the time to start to contextualize the art of theatre into your own life and experience. We don't expect everyone to suddenly believe theatre is their life but we do want you to start exploring roles you think theatre can play in your life as well in society.

There are many questions being asked above. Be sure to evaluate each part of the prompt in order to give depth and meaning to your exploration. We expect to see your own answers to these questions in an initial posting.

Discussion forums are a chance to interact with your fellow students and instructors through a threaded, ongoing discussion. A successful grade on a discussion will be determined by:

1. The quality and depth of your postings
2. Interactions with more than one idea
3. Full and complete addressing of all questions asked in the prompt
4. Interaction with others’ posts
5. The number of submissions **throughout** the discussion period. Making several posts on the final day will have a negative impact on your grade.

Simply writing, "I agree with you" is NOT an example of a quality submission! Students participating with meaningful and complete postings at least 4 or 5 times throughout the forum have met with the most success.