

The Actor S Art And Craft Review

This simple and essential book about the craft of acting describes a technique developed and refined by the authors, all of them young actors, in their work with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet, actor W. H. Macy, and director Gregory Mosher. A Practical Handbook for the Actor is written for any actor who has ever experienced the frustrations of acting classes that lacked clarity and objectivity, and that failed to provide a dependable set of tools. An actor's job, the authors state, is to "find a way to live truthfully under the imaginary circumstances of the play." The ways in which an actor can attain that truth form the substance of this eloquent book.

This guide for actors and directors develops a valid method for training performers to act from their core--whether they are cold reading, auditioning, or performing for film or television. This book teaches actors

how to achieve and respond to believable and honest emotions before the camera, and it maintains that the key to a successful performance lies in how the actors relate to one another and to the circumstances. Exercises, including script examples, throughout the book give readers an easy resource for practicing the principles outlined. The Art of Film Acting applies a classic stage acting method (Stanislavsky) to the more intimate medium of performing before a camera, teaching readers to experience an emotion rather than to indicate it. The actress and teacher guides actors in developing their art, covering such aspects as voice techniques, timing, rhythm, and including exercises to correct problems. Collecting advice, quotes, essays, and observations from hundreds of famous actors and highly regarded acting teachers, The Quotable Actor covers a wide range of topics on the art and history of acting. Entertaining, instructive, and informative, it is organized into specific, easy-to-search categories, such as "On Why We Act";

"On Auditioning"; "On Struggling and Building a Career"; and "On Gender Differences and Aging in the Biz." From art and technique to business and lifestyle, entries include fascinating anecdotes and advice from some of the greatest actors in history: Marlon Brando commenting on the rehearsal process Meryl Streep's advice on building a character Al Pacino recalling what it was like to be a starving young artist Beauty tips from some of Hollywood's leading ladies Recollections of horrible auditions from A-list stars Musings from Jack Nicholson, Edwin Booth, and many others Additional contributors include Constantin Stanislavski, Daniel Day-Lewis, Ellen Burstyn, Julie Andrews, Paul Newman, and Peter O'Toole—providing insights into the actor's craft that are equally useful to young actors just starting out and accomplished professionals looking for inspiration in the words of peers.

The Actor's Art and Job
Challenge For The Actor
A Guide For Actors and Directors
Singing and the Actor

The Art of Acting

The Art and Technique of Acting

Actors and the Art of Performance

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Anyone who is really serious about being an actor or teaching true acting techniques needs this book. Leading professionals believe it will be one of the best acting texts ever published.

The author has performed on stage, film and TV opposite many of theatre's leading actors and actresses. In a step-by-step process, Carlton Colyer leads the actor in building a technique and then fully explains how to put that technique to work from basic exercises to multidimensional performances. More than fundamentals, this book covers the complete actor-training process from amateur to professional level. Two sections: PART 1: BUILDING A TECHNIQUE--Exercises, Creative Imagination, Personalization, Physicalization, Improvisation, Releasing Emotion and more. PART 2: PUTTING TECHNIQUE TO USE--Scene Classes, Building Roles in Different Dramatic Forms, Styles of Acting, Developing Characters, Getting a Part and much more.

How did acting begin? What is its history, and what have the great thinkers on acting said about the art and craft of performance? In this single-volume survey of the history of acting, Jean Benedetti traces the evolution of the theories of the actor's craft drawing extensively on extracts from key texts, many of which are unavailable for the student today. Beginning with the classical conceptions of acting as rhetoric and oratory, as exemplified in the writing of Aristotle, Cicero and others, The Art of the Actor progresses to examine ideas of acting in Shakespeare's time right through to the present day. Along the

way, Benedetti considers the contribution and theories of key figures such as Diderot, Stanislavski, Meyerhold, Brecht, Artaud and Grotowski, providing a clear and concise explanation of their work illustrated by extracts and summaries of their writings. Some source materials appear in the volume for the first time in English. The Art of the Actor will be the essential history of acting for all students and actors interested in the great tradition of performance, both as craft and as art. Collection of essays exploring all aspects of the actor in the Greek and Roman worlds.

Achieving Your True Potential as an Actor

Art and the Actor

Meisner in Practice

Conversations with Contemporary American Stage Performers

The Actor's Art and Craft

The Art and Business of Being Yourself

The Essential History of Acting, from Classical Times to the Present Day

Applied Meisner for the 21st-Century Actor develops Meisner's core principles for the contemporary actor and presents a Meisner-based acting technique that empowers practitioners to take ownership of their own creative process. In this book, the authors present the best, most applicable foundational components of Meisner's technique in a clear, pragmatic, and ethical manner, and advance Meisner's core principles with their own innovations. Drawing on the best practices of consent-based work, they outline a specific approach to creating clear boundaries for the actor and establishing an ethical acting studio. Filled with practical exercises, useful definitions and explanations of foundational

principles, and helpful advice on how to recognize and overcome common acting traps and pitfalls, this book provides a replicable and flexible technique that puts the actor at the center of their training. Applied Meisner for the 21st-Century Actor offers actors and students of acting courses a workable technique that will foster growth and discovery throughout their career. The text also includes links to the companion website www.21CActor.com, where readers can engage with the material covered in the book and with Otos' and Shively's most up-to-date research, supplemental materials, and training opportunities. Transformative acting remains the aspiration of many an emerging actor, and constitutes the achievement of some of the most acclaimed performances of our age: Daniel Day-Lewis as Lincoln, Meryl Streep as Mrs Thatcher, Anthony Hopkins as Hannibal Lecter – the list is extensive, and we all have our favourites. But what are the physical and psychological processes which enable actors to create characters so different from themselves? To understand this unique phenomenon, Vladimir Mirodan provides both a historical overview of the evolution of notions of 'character' in Western theatre and a stunning contemporary analysis of the theoretical implications of transformative acting. The Actor and the Character: Surveys the main debates surrounding the concept of dramatic character and – contrary to recent trends – explains why transformative actors conceive their characters as 'independent' of their own personalities. Describes some important techniques used by actors to construct their characters by physical means: work on objects, neutral and character masks, Laban

movement analysis, Viewpoints, etc. Examines the psychology behind transformative acting from the perspectives of both psychoanalysis and scientific psychology and, based on recent developments in psychology, asks whether transformation is not just acting folklore but may actually entail temporary changes to the brain structures of the actors. The Actor and the Character speaks not only to academics and students studying actor training and acting theory, but contributes to current lively academic debates around character. This is a compelling and original exploration of the limits of acting theory and practice, psychology, and creative work, in which Mirodan boldly re-examines some of the fundamental assumptions of actor training and some basic tenets of theatre practice to ask: What happens when one of us 'becomes somebody else'? Bryer (English, U. of Maryland) and Davison (English, U. of Delaware) interviewed 17 seasoned actors about their professional lives, their views of American theater, and their perspectives on acting, the characters they've played, and the directors they've worked with. The interviews are presented in qanda format, and include the thoughts of Zoe Caldwell, Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy, Blythe Danner, Ruby Dee, George Grizzard, Julie Harris, Eileen Heckart, Cherry Jones, James Earl Jones, Stacy Keach, Shirley Knight, Nathan Lane, Jason Robards, Maureen Stapleton, and Eli Wallach and Anne Jackson. Annotation copyrighted by Book News Inc., Portland, OR

Drawing upon her wide experience as actor and director, Janet Sonenberg shows what dreamwork can do. No other acting technique offers the

performer's own dreams as a means to profoundly deepen imaginative and artistic expression. This is a wholly new tool with which actors can unleash startling performances.

From Basic Exercises to Multidimensional Performances

The Intent to Live

The Quotable Actor

If You Survived 7th Grade, You Can be an Actor

To the Actor

The Actor's Guide to Creating a Character

Agonistic Articulations in the 'Creative' City

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*William Esper, one of the most celebrated acting teachers of our time, takes us through his step-by-step approach to the central challenge of advanced acting work: creating and playing a character. Esper's first book, *The Actor's Art and Craft*, earned praise for describing the basics taught in his famous first-year acting class. *The Actor's Guide to Creating a Character* continues the journey. In these pages, co-author Damon DiMarco vividly re-creates Esper's second-year course, again through the experiences of a fictional class. Esper's training builds on Sanford Meisner's legendary exercises, a world-renowned technique that Esper further developed through his long association*

with Meisner and the decades he has spent training a host of distinguished actors. His approach is flexible enough to apply to any role, helping actors to create characters with truthful and compelling inner lives.

A masterful introduction to the actor's craft presents a series of rigorous but flexible exercises, based on the Meisner Technique of acting, designed to help actors deal with a wide variety of performance challenges. Original. 15,000 first printing.

"The most informal - and in some ways the most delightful - of all Stanislavski books" - Sir Michael Redgrave No one has had a greater influence on acting as we know it than Stanislavski. His "method" - or interpretations of it - has become the central force determining almost every performance we see on stage or screen. Stanislavski's Legacy is a companion volume to his three great teaching books, An Actor Prepares, Building a Character and Creating a Role. It is a carefully arranged selection of the articles, speeches, notes and memoirs written between 1898, when the Moscow Art Theatre opened, and his death in 1938. Among the items are a series of brilliant letters on the interpretation of Othello, the long

and affectionate article "Memories of Chekhov" and a final section in which Stanislavski envisages the theatre and the actors of the future. "The legacy which Stanislavski and his collaborators have left us is, in all truth, magnificent; and its benefits are available not only to the actor and actress but to everyone who aspires to become a rounded human being" - Observer

*Applied Meisner for the 21st-Century Actor
The Art of the Actor*

State-of-the-art and Research Perspectives

*William Esper Teaches the Meisner
Technique*

The Actor's Art

Dreamwork for Actors

*Personas, Needs, and Flaws in the Art of
Building Actors and Creating Characters*

This book offers actors a step-by-step introduction to the salient features of the Meisner Technique and puts these to the test through a succession of practical exercises. The aim is to take the reader through the various stages of Meisner training, including addressing certain pitfalls and problems which the author has encountered in his own teaching.

The founder and director of the Yale Repertory Theater, as well as Harvard's American Repertory Theater, and a drama critic for more than thirty years, Robert Brustein is a living legend in theatrical circles. *Letters to a Young Actor* not only inspires the multitudes of struggling dramatists out pounding the pavement, it also reinvents the very state of the art of acting itself.

"I call this book *The Intent to Live* because great actors don't stop

to be acting, they seem to be actually living.” –Larry Moss, from Introduction When Oscar-winning actors Helen Hunt and Hilary Swank accepted their Academy Awards, each credited Larry Moss’s guidance as key to their career-making performances. There is a two-year waiting list for his advanced acting classes, now everyone—professionals and amateurs alike—can discover Moss’s passionate, in-depth teaching. Inviting you to join him in the classroom and onstage, Moss shares the techniques he has developed over thirty years to help actors set their emotions, imagination, and behavior on fire, showing how the hard work of preparation pays off in performances that are spontaneous, free, and authentic. From the foundations of script analysis to the nuances of physicalization and sensory work, here are the case studies, exercises, and insights that enable you to connect personally with a script, develop your character from the inside, overcome fear and inhibition, and master the technical skills required for success in the theater, television, and movies. Far more than a handbook, *The Intent to Live* is the personal credo of a master teacher. Moss’s respect for actors and love of the actor’s craft enliven every page, together with examples from a wealth of plays and films, both current and classic, and vivid appreciations of great performances. Whether you act for a living or simply want a deeper understanding of acting greatness, *The Intent to Live* will move, instruct, and inspire you.

William Esper, one of the leading acting teachers of our time, explains and extends Sanford Meisner’s legendary technique, offering a clear, concrete, step-by-step approach to becoming a truly creative actor. Esper worked closely with Meisner for seventeen years and has spent decades developing his famous program for actor’s training. The result is a rigorous system of exercises that builds a solid foundation of acting skills from the ground up, and that is flexible enough to be applied to any challenge an actor faces, from soap operas to Shakespeare. Co-writer Damon DiMarco, a former student of Esper’s, spent over

year observing his mentor teaching first-year acting students. In this book he recreates that experience for us, allowing us to see the progression of exercises works in practice. The Actor's Art and Craft vividly demonstrates that good training does not constrain actors' instincts—it frees them to create characters with truth and compelling inner lives.

A Practical Meditation for Practicing Theatre Artists
Programming with Actors

Theatrical Reminiscences, Methods of Study and Advice to Aspirants, Specially Contributed by Leading Actors of the Day
Stanislavski's Legacy

Studies of Theatrical History and the Actor's Art
Truth

The Actor's Secret

Singing and the Actor takes the reader step by step through a practical training programme relevant to the modern singing actor and dancer. A variety of contemporary voice qualities including Belting and Twang are explained, with exercises for each topic. A discussion of the actor as an artist, and also as a normal citizen not to be set apart from others socially or artistically. Part of the 'Papers on Acting' series by the Dramatic Museum.

In The Power of the Actor, a Los Angeles Times bestseller, premier acting teacher and coach Ivana Chubbuck reveals her cutting-edge technique, which has launched some of the most successful acting careers in Hollywood. The first book from the instructor who has taught Charlize Theron, Brad Pitt, Elisabeth Shue, Djimon Hounsou, and Halle Berry, The Power of the Actor guides you to dynamic and effective results. For many of today's major talents, the Chubbuck Technique is the leading edge of acting for the twenty-first century. Ivana Chubbuck has

developed a curriculum that takes the theories of the acting masters, such as Stanislavski, Meisner, and Hagen, to the next step by utilizing inner pain and emotions, not as an end in itself, but rather as a way to drive and win a goal. In addition to the powerful twelve-step process, the book takes well-known scripts, both classic and contemporary, and demonstrates how to precisely apply Chubbuck ' s script-analysis process. The Power of the Actor is filled with fascinating and inspiring behind-the-scenes accounts of how noted actors have mastered their craft and have accomplished success in such a difficult and competitive field.

I first met Susan Batson in New York just a week before I made Peacemaker. We worked together in earnest for two years on Eyes Wide Shut in London and on every film I've done since, wherever they've taken us. This book you hold is called Truth, and that title precisely describes the core of the work Susan Batson and I do together. I can't create unless I have truth-I have to feel it. Susan helps me to find the truth in myself and use its purity, intimacy, and honesty to make my work real. She's helped me to nurture and protect truth in myself and in the characters that I've played. What I've learned from Susan is how to keep the truth alive no matter what. There's so much more to acting than just creative success. It runs thicker and deeper than that. It has to-it's in my blood, it beats through me. I know that it's in Susan's blood, too. I feel like we've been together my whole life. A great teacher can make anything seem possible. So many of the actors I've admired and idolized and, in a few lucky instances, been blessed to work with, were shaped and inspired by teachers who opened them to the possibilities of their art. Among actors, Lee Strasberg,

Sanford Meisner, and Jeff Corey are just as legendary as their pupils Marilyn Monroe, Robert Duvall, and Jack Nicholson. I am confident that Susan Batson will go down in history as one of acting's legendary teachers. I only hope that my work can contribute to her legend. I'll always be grateful that I found her. And now, through this book, you've found her, too. Book jacket. On New Actors and Activism in Berlin ' s Cultural Politics

A Practical Handbook for the Actor

Under Exposure

The Actor's Ways and Means

Aspects of an Ancient Profession

A Guide for Actors, Directors and Teachers

Applying The Meisner Technique To Get Outta Your Head in Acting and in Life

Actors and the Art of Performance: Under Exposure combines the author's two main biographical paths: her professional commitment to the fields of both theatre and philosophy. The art of acting on stage is analysed here not only from the theoretical perspective of a spectator, but also from the perspective of the actor. The author draws on her experience as both a theatre actor and a university professor whose teachings in the art of acting rely heavily on her own experience and also on her philosophical knowledge. The book is unique not only in terms of its content but also in terms of its style. Written in a multiplicity of voices, the text oscillates between philosophical

reasoning and narrative forms of writing, including micro-narratives, fables, parables, and inter alia by Carroll, Hoffmann and Kleist. Hence the book claims that a trans-disciplinary dialogue between the art of acting and the art of philosophical thinking calls for an aesthetical research that questions and begins to seek alternatives to traditionally established and ingrained formats of philosophy.

Donna Soto-Morettini has served as Director of Drama for the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Head of Acting for Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, and Head of Acting at the Central School of Speech and Drama. She is currently Casting Director and Performance Coach for Andrew Lloyd Webber and the BBC --Book Jacket.

The set of papers collected in this issue originated from the AGERE! Workshop series - the last edition was held in 2017 - and concern the application of actor-based approaches to mainstream application domains and the discussion of related issues. The issue is divided into two parts. The first part concerns Web Programming; Data-Intensive Parallel Programming; Mobile Computing; Self-Organizing Systems and the second part concerns Scheduling; Debugging; Communication and Coordination; Monitoring.

In To the Actor Michael Chekhov has recorded brilliantly the results of his many years of experimenting, testing and verifying in the professional theater and schools of the theater. He brings to actors far greater insight into themselves and the characters they are to portray, which enables them to approach any role with new ease and skill. "To the Actor is by far the best book that I have read on the subject of acting. Actors, directors, writers and critics will be grateful for it. It should prove enlightening to theatergoers who wish to deepen their appreciation for fine acting and thus help to invigorate the theatrical art."—Gregory Peck "I think without a doubt every creative person in the theater will want to have it as a constant reference book, outside of its being, in my opinion, absorbing and entertaining reading."—Yul Brynner (from the Preface) "One of the most remarkable and practical books on the technique of acting I have ever read....Enthusiastically recommended to all theatre collections of whatever size."—Library Journal

A Journey of Self-Discovery in Letters

The Power of the Actor

The Authentic Actor

1001 Pearls of Wisdom from Actors Talking About Acting

Letters to a Young Actor

***The Philosophical Actor
The Chubbuck Technique -- The 12-Step
Acting Technique That Will Take You from
Script to a Living, Breathing, Dynamic
Character***

*Acting is living and behaving truthfully and fully under imaginary circumstances. But why is "truthfully" and "fully" so hard for us? Why is it so difficult to be in the moment with our art and in our lives? At some point, likely in your youth, you had to split to survive, to deny certain parts of "self," parts needed to get to an intense place of playing the grittiest of supervillains on your favorite TV show, to playing the most important role of your career-your truest self. With Meisner acting technique and a good coach, you can learn how to incorporate all parts of you in every moment...so you can create truthfully and fully. Multi-hyphenate Matthew Corozine comes from the family tree of famed acting teacher and innovator Sanford Meisner. In *If You Survived 7th Grade, You Can be an Actor*, Corozine brings us a practical acting technique and exercises developed during his more than two decades of teaching and coaching acting at MCS Theatre. The work inside these pages helps free actors from self-limiting beliefs and emotional blocks through various exercises and activities, and real-life examples. If you want to "get outta your head" and become freer in your art and in life... then you need to pick up a copy of this book.*

*In *A Young Actor Prepares*, Jeff Alan-Lee masterfully delivers kids' and teens' acting classes presented as plays in script form. The classes are based on actual semesters at the Young Actor's Studio in Los Angeles and provide step-by-step approaches to help children and teenagers portray complex characters and tackle emotionally challenging roles. For over thirty years, Alan-Lee has worked with thousands of young*

people, teaching the work presented in this book. His work has been the springboard for award-winning artists in acting, directing, playwriting, screenwriting, and music. Inspired by Stanislavski's An Actor Prepares, Alan-Lee has developed engaging and exciting ways to create great acting, using a unique version of the Stanislavski system that he reworked for the young actor. It's a fun and easy method to help children and teens learn to apply Stanislavski-based exercises and use their own their own life experiences, imagination, and emotions to create authentic acting and performances. The book is for kids and teens, as well as teachers and parents. Kids and teens can find relatable characters and gain a deeper ability to make their acting shine. Teachers will get a unique look at how to handle a multitude of personalities while teaching the real work to children as young as eight. Parents will discover an actor's process that can lead their kids to greater self-esteem and creativity in all the arts

This is required reading for anyone passionate about the theater, acting, and the teaching of it. The struggles of a young actor, the actor/director relationship, the challenges of teaching art in universities, ageism, and techniques for teaching realistic acting are all communicated through a fictional series of letters between Andy, an anguished young New York City actor and Alice, his Quaker grade-school acting teacher.

This book offers an empirically-grounded account of the emergence and political activities of a new collective actor in Berlin's art field. Investigating the organizational and representative practices of Koalition der Freien Szene (Coalition of the Independent Scene) – a trans-disciplinary action platform assembling a wide variety of cultural producers in Berlin – the author unpacks the political organization of one of the most compelling contemporary art scenes, or 'creative' cities, worldwide, analysing both its concrete policy 'success'

and the means by which it seeks to challenge and rearticulate the meaning of Berlin as a 'creative' city from the producers' point of view. The book thus opens new opportunities for long-term transformations of the cultural political field. Theoretically sophisticated and based on empirical material including interviews with spokespeople and cultural administrators, Agonistic Articulations in the 'Creative' City presents a unique conceptualization of new modes of political collectivization, representation and legitimacy that imagine new avenues of political engagement at a time when political institutions, parties and regimes of representation are in crisis. As such, it will appeal to scholars of sociology, political science and urban studies with interests in social movements and cultural activism.

A Young Actor Prepares

The Invisible Actor

On the Stage

The Actor and the Character

Explorations in the Psychology of Transformative Acting

On the Technique of Acting

The Art of Film Acting

Offering revolutionary new training for the actor, *The Actor's Secret* teaches actors and performers how to incorporate the fundamentals of the Alexander Technique, Somatic Experiencing®, and Breathing Coordination in order to reduce performance anxiety and stress; improve stage presence, breathing, and vocal production; and restore well-being and healthy functioning. These three kinesthetic disciplines are designed to lead to profound change and healing through body-mind reeducation. Part I explains in detail the principles of the three techniques. A practical method for self-improvement and

neuromuscular reeducation, the Alexander Technique focuses on changing inefficient habits of movement and patterns of tension that inhibit the ability to move easily. Breathing Coordination helps increase breathing capacity and awareness. A method for resolving emotional trauma, Somatic Experiencing® follows a process of tracking bodily sensations to restore vitality and health. Enhanced with over 100 instructive photos, Parts II and III present explorations and exercises that draw on elements of the three methods. Topics covered include the importance of presence and non-doing; the proper mechanics of vocalization and singing; the understanding of character and role; and the actor's journey from auditions to performance, including initial script preparation, rehearsal, monologue, and scene work. Developed by Betsy Polatin, a movement specialist and master lecturer at Boston University's College of Fine Arts, the book's exercises provide the actor with simple tools for exploring his or her acting work. Most techniques and self-help books teach a new way of "doing." The secret of this book lies in "non-doing." When the actor learns to first recognize and then suspend habitual patterns, he or she opens the door to deeper artistic choices. "I have worked with many fine Alexander Technique teachers over the years and Betsy Polatin is far and away one of the finest. Her touch, her instincts, and her knowledge are miraculous."—Andre Gregory, actor and director, *My Dinner with Andre*

The Actor's Art and Craft William Esper Teaches the

Meisner TechniqueAnchor

This inspirational guide for advanced acting students brings together multiple ways of creating excellence in performance. David Krasner provides tried and tested exercises, a history of actor training and explores the complex relationships between acting theories and teachers. Drawing on examples from personal experience as an actor, director and teacher, *An Actor's Craft* begins with the building blocks of mind, body and voice, moving through emotional triggers and improvisation, to a final section bringing these techniques together in approaching a role. Each chapter contains accompanying exercises that the actor should practice daily. Combining theory and practice, this thought-provoking and challenging study of acting techniques and theories is for actors who have grasped the basics and now want to develop their knowledge and training further.

Every year, thousands of actors struggle to navigate today's film and TV business while also wanting to grow as performers, as artists. These actors tend to be risk-takers, mold-breakers, and are interested in defining who they are. They are looking for advice and guidance about art and about commerce. *The Authentic Actor* is for them. The actor's path today begins with two questions: Who are you? What do you know? Beginning with personal authenticity, *The Authentic Actor* reveals a holistic approach that fuses discovery of the "actor's fingerprint" with skills for managing performance, career, and life — as artist, businessperson, and citizen. It addresses the toughest

subjects, from mastering auditions and ?dealing with representation to bouncing back from rejection and finding your “tribe” — all with the humor, and the no-b.s. voice of an experienced mentor. The goal? To help actors forge a professional career and meaningful life while never forgetting their artistic core.

The Actor's Way

An Actor's Craft

A Collection of Comments on a Variety of Aspects of an Actor's Art and Life

Techniques for Transforming Habitual Patterns and Improving Performance

The Actor and the Target

Greek and Roman Actors