

ART
l'art pour l'art

FOR

ARTS

SAKE

Autoteles

ARS GRATIA ARTIS

“‘true’ art, is divorced from any didactic, moral, or utilitarian function.”
Aestheticism & Decadence
‘quite useless.’

is it possible to make apolitical drama? theatre without a political message?

one of the other *Noff* writers said they really enjoyed *Magic Hour* because it was just a fun spectacle, nothing more. only for us all to attend the discussion where quick duck theatre talked about the lack of representation of queer work.

[the history and legacy of British drag and the political statement made by incorporating such a wide range of drag styles in one show.]

the thing about theatre: we make stories with light with sound with bodies
audiences interpret those things, those people
that is a fact
and that interpretation [that act of reading what u see]
well it's both aesthetic and political
every fucker who comes to the theatre brings their own life experiences / ideologies / beliefs / biases
no one of us is “objective”

even if u choose not to engage with politics in ur art
ITS STILL FUCKING THERE
aka your audience will read politics in the work
because it's not about intention - - but interpretation

Sometimes I wish it were possible to create a universal truth. A bright shining beam of light of true glory, that we can all agree on. However, each time I think that in despair – I am reminded of the chaotic, widely, different twinkling constellations of pinprick-lights of truth in our vast universe. I think about how beautiful that is.

Don't be afraid of The Aesthetic.
But also.
Don't be afraid of The Political.

Techie Mad Libs

So our director is planning on setting the show in _____, but
Historical Era

everything has been built from _____, _____ and _____.
Colour Material Adjective Noun

The _____ costumes need to convey a sense of _____.
Adjective Noun Atmosphere

To show this, the plan is to dress them in _____.
Colour Material Clothing

So they have rigged the speakers _____ and _____, and will play a mix of
Location Location

_____, _____, and _____ ambience with plenty of
Audio effect Genre Soundscape

_____.
Sound effect

The director asked for _____
Adjective Adjective Mood

lighting so the Lighting Designer gave them _____ of _____, a couple of
Number Lanterns

_____, and a spotlight for _____.
Intelligent fixtures Scene description

A two colour wash in _____ and _____.
Your Favourite Gel/LEE Filter No Your second favourite

There is no AV because of _____.
Bullshit Bullshit Excuse

