



# DRAMA PRACTITIONER STUDY



Augusto Boal and Newspaper  
Theatre





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**INTERVIEW WITH**  
**AUGUSTO BOAL**  
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A male director and political activist who died in 2009

Developed Theatre of the Oppressed, Legislative Theatre, Newspaper Theatre and Forum Theatre

From: Brazil

Boal received The Cross Border Award for Peace and Democracy by Dundalk Institute of Technology in 2008

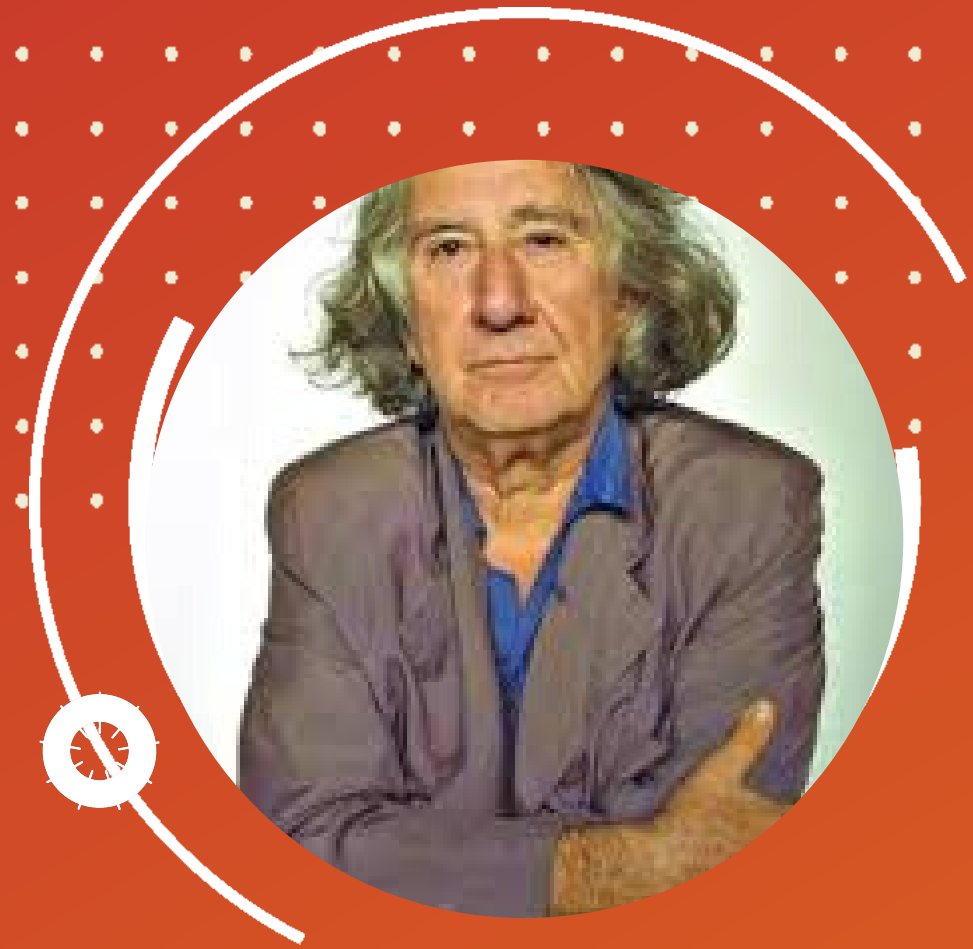
His son Julian Boal continues his work.

▷▷▷ This week we are going to look at 'Newspaper Theatre' since there is an awful lot of news around!

▷▷▷ Newspaper theatre uses what is printed in the media and online to make theatre.

▷▷▷ Watch this video of Cardboard Citizens - a theatre of the oppressed company who work with the homeless in the UK. They are using newspaper theatre techniques. CLICK HERE

▷▷▷ How are they using newspapers to create plays?



# TO DO

1

Find a newspaper article you like  
and share it here.

You can record yourself reading it  
and see the others doing this task!  
There are options to blur your face if  
you don't want to be on camera  
<https://flipgrid.com/a284fd2a>

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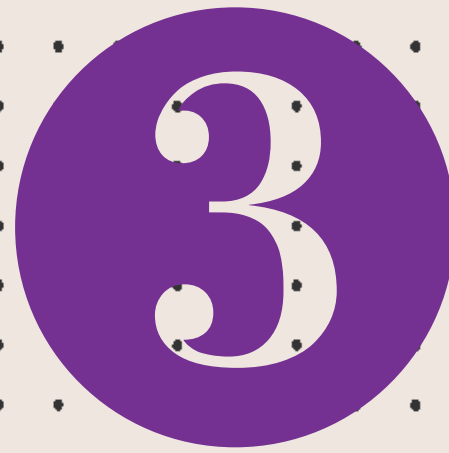
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The news item is read, but information generally omitted by the newspapers is added to give a more “complete” version.

This additional information can be sourced from other news, research, or the knowledge of the reader: The leading questions in this stage are what do we know that is not there? What is left out of what we are told?

For example: Newspaper says "The president says the Irish people have been responding wonderfully to the crisis"

You say: The president says Irish people have responded well to staying in, watching their favourite shows on netflix and having a holiday from school. Sales of scented soap have gone through the roof.



## COMPLETE number 2 OR 3

**Parallel action:** The same item is read, while parallel actions are mimed to show either the context in which the reported event really occurred, or to complement the spoken story.

**Example:** You read : "The president says the Irish people have been responding wonderfully to the crisis", And after the sentence you act : annoyed by being in the house all the time, complain to your friend that you can't see them, you are bored and your Dad is hogging the TV and your hands hurt from washing them so much.



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