



Workshop in Critical Writing: Drama

Eνότητα 2: A Doll's House

Αικατερίνη Κίτση Τμήμα Αγγλικής Γλώσσας και Φιλολογίας





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A Doll's House

Written Text

(Realistic drama, the well made play, themes and characters, the characters' super-objective)

Performance Text (Stagings of the play)



Realistic Theater (1/2)

- A movement in theater that first appeared in the second half of the 19th century.
- It was a reaction to melodrama, the dominant theatrical style in the 19th century.
- Aims at offering a 'faithful' representation of reality.
- Characters are reflecting everyday people and belong to a certain recognizable time and place.

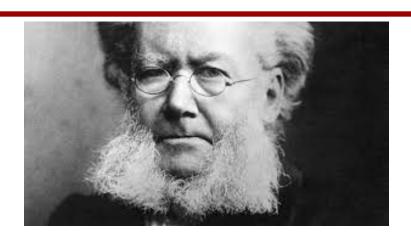


Realistic Theater (2/2)

- Plays deal with themes, problems, concerns that people encounter in their everyday reality.
- Events are presented in a chronological order and plots are usually linear and climactic rather than episodic or cyclic.



Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906)



- Father of modern realistic drama.
- Attacks society's values social protest plays.
- deals with unconventional themes within the form of the well-made play.



Plot

An interconnected system of
 events, deliberately selected
 and arranged for the
 purpose of fulfilling a
 complex set of imaginative
 and theatrical purposes.'

The events that make up a story that relate to one another in a pattern through cause and effect or by coincidence.

(Scholes, et. al. 797)

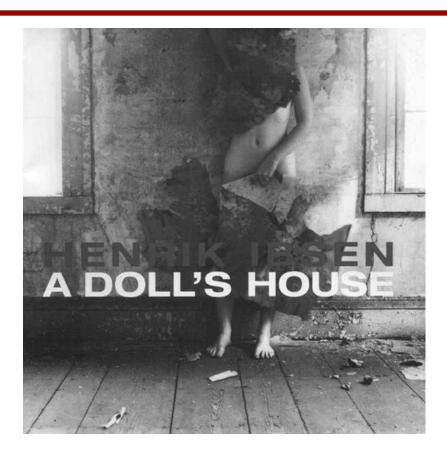


Climactic/Linear Plots

- Exposition
- Rising action
- climax
- Falling action
- Resolution/Dénouement



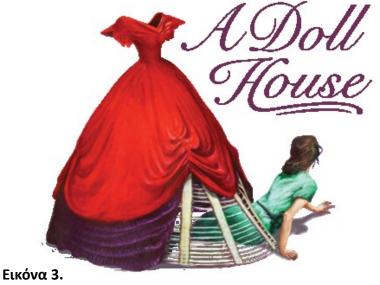
A Doll's House, 1879



Εικόνα 1.



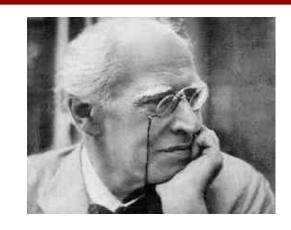
Εικόνα 2.





Constantin Stanislavski (1863-1938)

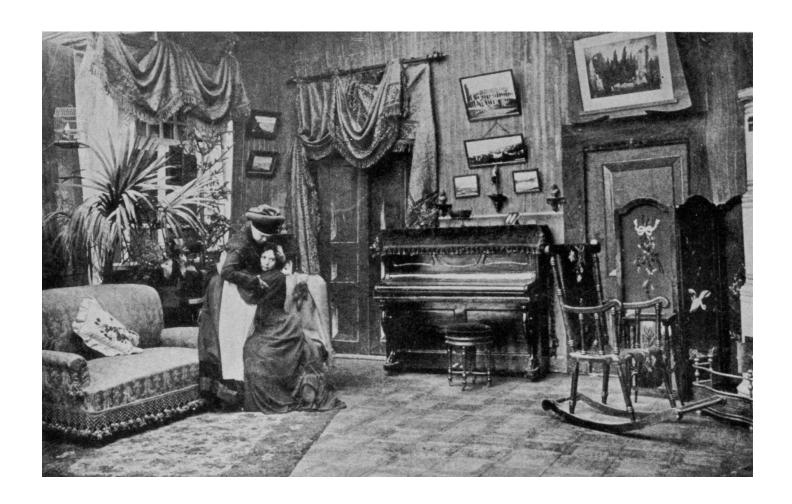
 In performance, the setting, costumes, props, as well as the posture, gestures and acting are as close to reality as possible.



 Realistic directing and acting reached its peak in the late 19th-early 20th centuries with Constantin Stanislavski who developed a system of 'psychological realism'.



Settings for A Doll's House (1/3)





Settings for A Doll's House (2/3)





Εικόνα 4.

Settings for A Doll's House (3/3)





Εικόνα 5.

A realistic staging of the play

 BBC production, 1992, dir. David Thacker, with Juliet Stevenson and Trevor Eve

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Are
 T0mpU-cU (1.40-5.20)



An avant-garde staging

 DollHouse, Dir. Lee Breuer, Mabou Mines: New York-based avant-garde theatre company turns melodrama into surreal comedy.



'Silk Stockings', 'Tarantella'

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=En_xTlhJ27E_(4.50)
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF XHUjL8Ko (4.00)



Points to consider while reviewing Act I:

- What is the importance of the setting and the time in the play?
- What is the theme of the play? How does the exposition take place in the first act?
 What conventions does Ibsen follow to expose the theme in Act I?
- What kind of lies does Nora tell her husband and why?
- Does Nora mature throughout the play, i.e., change from a child to a conscious woman, or is she aware of the role she plays from the very start?
- Why is Nora called a doll by her husband and Mrs Linde? Is Nora just a doll? Why
 does she play that part for her husband?
- What does her secret mean to her? Why is she proud of it?
- Can we predict from the first act what Torvalt's reaction would be if he found out Nora's secret?
- In what sense are Nora & Linde and Nora & Krogstad different/same?
- What kind of game playing does Nora do at various levels?
- How does Nora understand the law? Is she justified in the play?
- What are Nora's feelings for Torvalt?
- According to the Stanislavskian/realistic method of acting: what is Nora's superobjective in Act I? What about Torvalt's?



Points to consider while reviewing Act II:

- What is the importance of Dr Rank's character in the play? How is Nora related with him? Why do they need the company of each other so much?
- How innocent is she in the 'silk stockings' scene she has with him?
- Why is she angry when Dr Rank confesses his love to her?
- What is Nora's dominant feeling and super-objective in Act II?
- What is the 'miracle' Nora refers to on page 415?
- Which elements or characters' lines in Act II foreshadow the ending of the play?
- Is Nora's wild tarantella scene the climax of the play? What does it symbolize? Is it merely a means of distracting Torvald's attention from the letterbox or can it also be a healing dance for Nora? If yes, in what sense? How would you stage this scene?



Points to consider while reviewing Act III:

- What new aspect of Krogstad's character is revealed to us in the beginning of Act III?
- Does Christine love Krogstad or is her offer to him simply aiming at saving Nora? What are her real motives?
- What does Christine mean when says, 'I've seen incredible things happen in this house'? Why does she believe that Torvald must know the truth?
- What is Torvald's super objective in the beginning of Act III?
- In what sense was Nora's dance 'a trifle too realistic'?
- What other role is Nora called to play for Torvalt in Act III?
- What is Dr Rank's mood in Act III?
- How does Torvald react when he hears about Dr Rank's imminent death?
- What does Torvalt mind most about Nora's lie?
- What does Nora's cold and calm expression on p. 421 signify?
- What is the (second) climax of the play?
- What realizations does Nora make?
- When/how is Nora changed/transformed in Act III? How would that influence her acting?
 What is her dominant feeling in Act III?
- Does Torvalt also change in Act III? What is Torvalt afraid of most in Act III? Why does he want Nora to stay? What arguments does he use in order to convince her to stay?
- Is Nora's walking out in the end an act of bravery?



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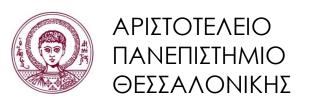
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