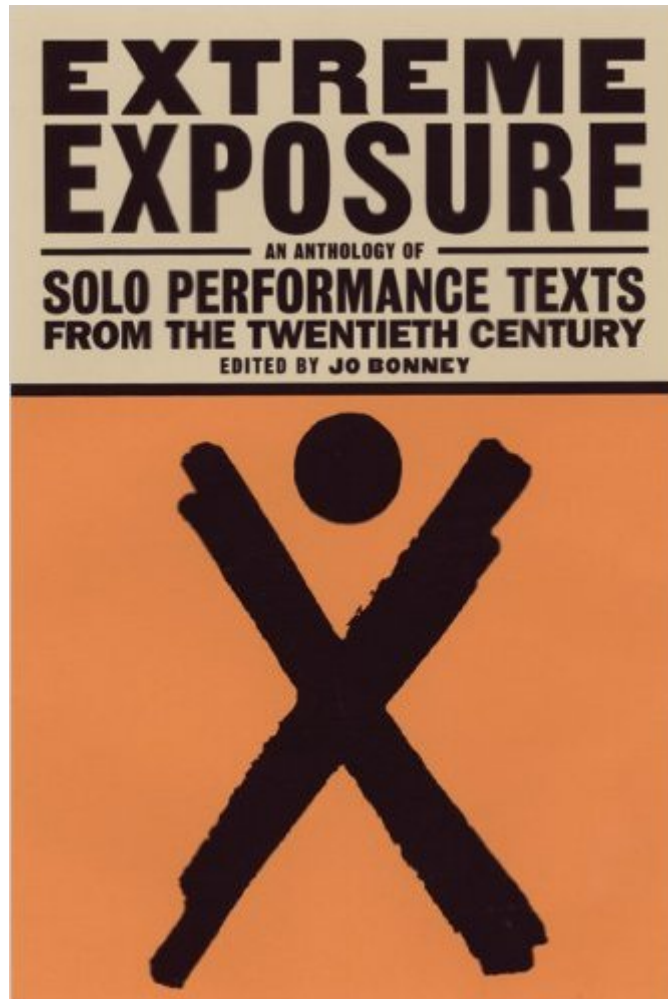


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# Extreme Exposure: An Anthology Of Solo Performance Texts From The Twentieth Century



## Synopsis

Extreme Exposure: An Anthology of Solo Performance Texts from the Twentieth Century, edited by director Jo Bonney, features the work of 42 solo artists spanning the century—from Beatrice Herford in 1869 to Dawn Akemi Saito in 1994. Each artist's work is introduced by a journalist, artist, critic, agent, producer or educator who is intimately familiar with the material and its links to other forms such as vaudeville, theatre, cabaret, music, standup comedy, poetry, the visual arts and dance. In Bonney's words, "This anthology documents a part of our literary/stage history and offers the possibility of its being appreciated in a new context, for a new generation." Includes work by Beatrice Herford, Jackie "Moms" Mabley, Ruth Draper, Lord Buckley, Brother Theodore, Lenny Bruce, Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner, Andy Kaufman, Ethyl Eichelberger, Laurie Anderson, Rachel Rosenthal, Spalding Gray, Eric Bogosian, Jessica Hagedorn, Diamanda Galás, Ann Magnuson, Rhodessa Jones, Tim Miller, John O'Keefe, Anna Deavere Smith, Danitra Vance, David Cale, Whoopi Goldberg, John Fleck, Reno, Heather Woodbury, Robbie McCauley, Lisa Kron, Brenda Wong Aoki, Guillermo Gómez-Peña, Holly Hughes, Luis Alfaro, John Leguizamo, Josh Kornbluth, Deb Margolin, Roger Guenveur Smith, Anne Galjour, Danny Hoch, Marga Gomez, Mike Albo and Virginia Heffernan, Dael Orlandersmith and Dawn Akemi Saito.

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This is a fantastic compilation of some of the most innovative and passionate solo performances in recent history. For actors, artists, and writers, it is endlessly inspiring. For the casual reader, it provides an accessible means of understanding performance art and appreciating the form as art. Highly recommended. And, remember, read these out loud!

*Extreme Exposure* is AWESOME. It is (to say the least) a great sample of solo performance. These one man shows are both funny and touching. You'll be glad you checked it out! Ryan Smith TTU

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In my undergraduate studies, our final project was to produce a One Man Show of our own. I used this book to format my own. It has so many examples, all different. I highly recommend this for all acting students as there are many untapped monologues in here!!!

great information about what was done and how it was done

If you are looking to do solo performance this is a great "manual" to read up on so many techniques and styles of performance by the performers that were pioneers in the field. Recommend.

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