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The Youth Theatre Director's Handbook

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This book is designed to provide you, the director, with information and tools to produce and maintain a single play, a festival or season of plays in a school, community or professional venue or even a long-term theatrical venture with and for the young. In this book you will find:

- A basic methodology to aid you in the nurturing and training of young actors
- Tools (forms, checklists, speeches, calendars, etc.)
- Tips and examples
- Production methods
- Funding and support recommendations
- Directing techniques
- Encouragement

You will, at times, be informed and guided by the irrepressible producer and director of theatre by and for youth, Dot Baldwin. Dot is a fictional character who, nevertheless, provides real-life examples from youth theatre. Imagine her as a cheery-faced woman, prone to gesturing boldly and often. She never walks; she charges through life. Her wildly curly and tangled hair is always stuck full of pencils. Her clothes are a brightly colored afterthought. She cooks meals rarely but bakes great cookies. She sings loudly even on the street and understands and adores young people and their talent. She is a consummate theatre professional and educator. Her methods, stories and advice are based on a combination of twenty-five years of actual successes and mistakes (provided by the authors and by their colleagues and friends) directing and producing theatre for youth. It is hard-won information that is offered to you with the passionate wish that your theatrical quest with young actors will be filled with many victories and wondrous discoveries along the way.

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