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Engaging Performance: Theatre as call and Response presents a combined analysis and workbook to examine "Socially engaged performance." It offers a range of key practical approaches, exercises, and principles for using perfromance to engage in a variety of social and artistic projects. --

Author Jan Cohen-Cruz draws on a career of groundbreaking research and work within the fields of political, applied, and community theatre to explore the impact of how differing genres of theatre respond to social "Calls." --

Cohen-Cruz also draws on the work of major theoreticians, including Bertolt Brecht, Augusto Boal, and Dorean Massey, as well as analyzing in-depth case studies of the work of US practitioners today to illustrate engaged performance in action.--