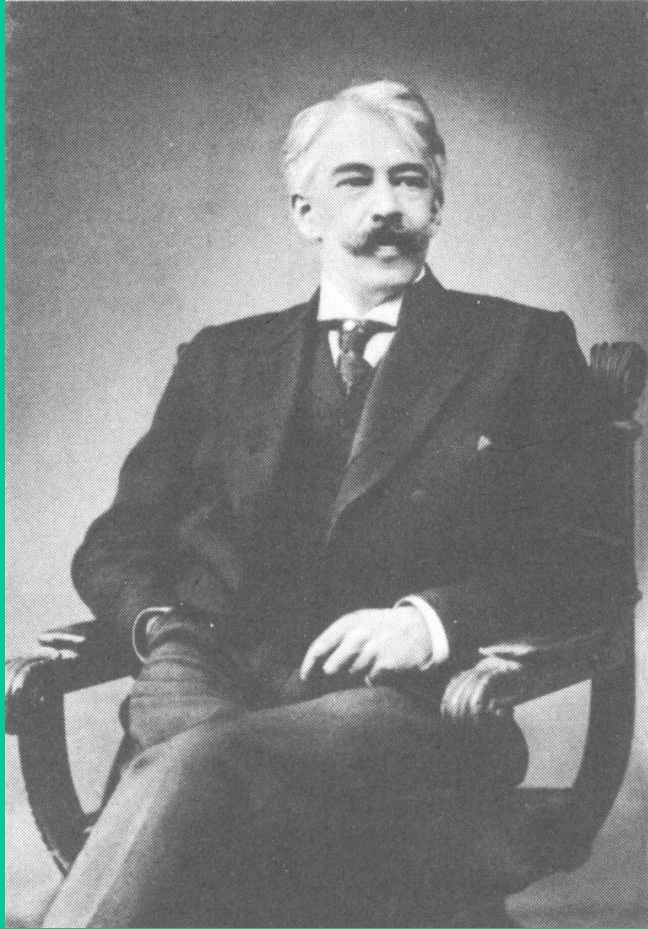


# Modern Theatre History



**Romanticism-** movement with  
emphasis on emotion and  
imagination

*Response to  
neoclassicism*



**Melodrama**- highly dramatic,  
over performed style of theatre





# Crash Course Theatre History: Melodrama



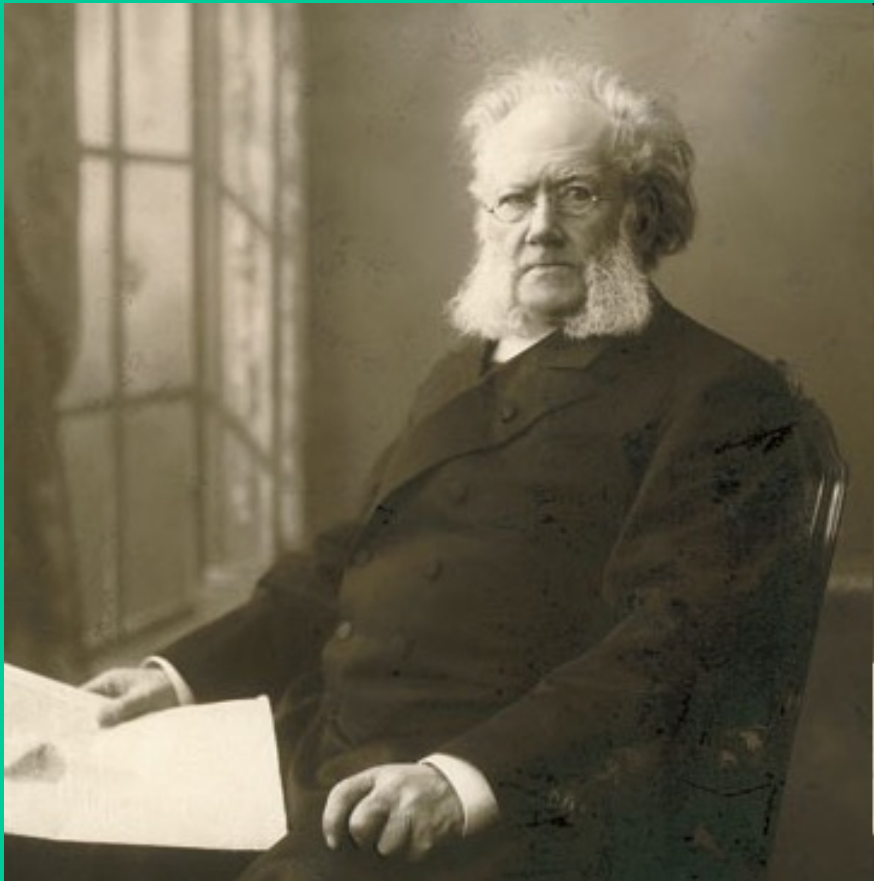
**Realism** movement to represent truth and reality on stage, no symbolism

*Response to Romanticism*



**Henrik Ibsen** realistic playwright

*'father of modern drama'*



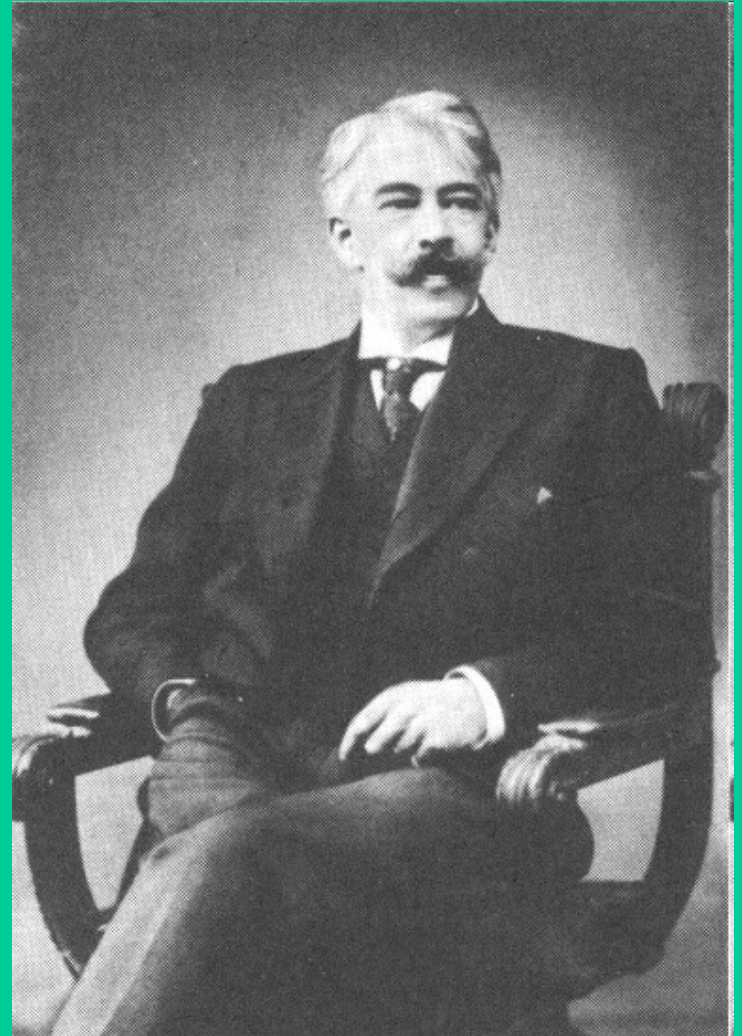


# Constantin

Stanislavski- Russian

actor, developed  
system for actor  
training

*'father of realism in  
acting'*



# Edwin Forrest:

American Actor, first  
American ‘Superstar’

*Center of major  
scandals in the 19<sup>th</sup>  
Century*





# Edwin Booth:

One of the most famous  
Shakespearean Actors  
of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

*Has played Hamlet  
more than any other  
performer*



Expressionism- artistic movement , emphasized expression of the artist's inner experiences

*Response to realism*



August Strindberg-  
expressionist playwright



# Crash Course Theatre History

## Expressionism (watch through 4:00)





Surrealism- artistic movement express  
the workings of the subconscious



# Jean Cocteau- surrealist playwright



Video of Surrealist Play, through  
about 4:00



# Theatre of Cruelty-

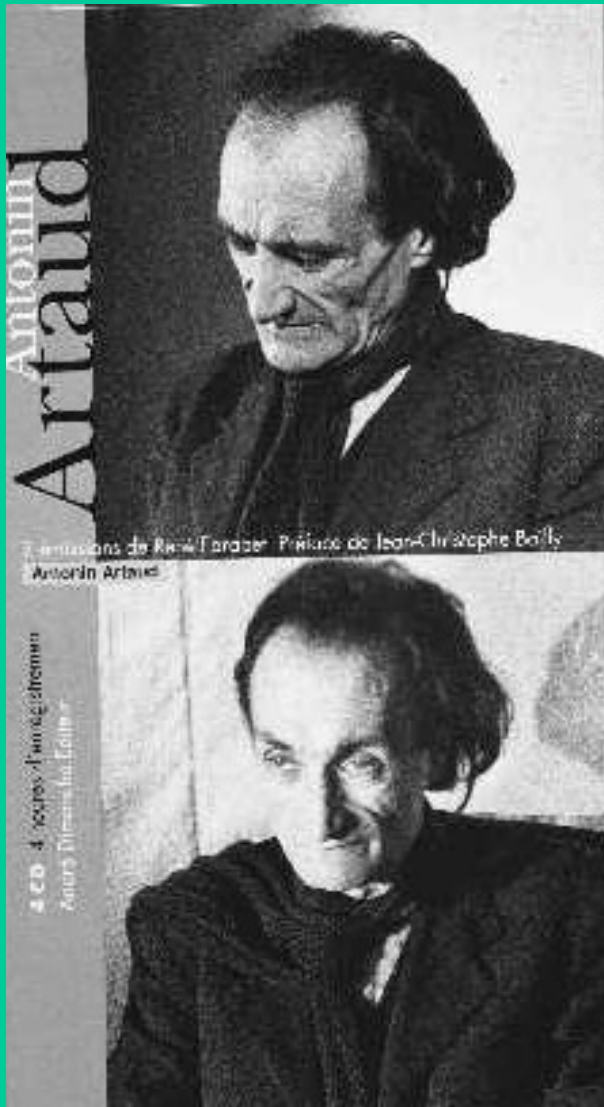
movement to remove  
barrier between stage  
and audience

*assaulted the  
audience's senses*





# Antonin Artaud created theatre of cruelty



# Crash Course Theatre of Cruelty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D>

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5:00-7:20

Epic Theatre movement that  
appealed to reason, not  
emotion

*tried to influence social  
change*



# Bertolt Brecht- creator of Epic Theatre





# Crash Course Theatre History, Epic Theatre, 2:23 through about 5:20

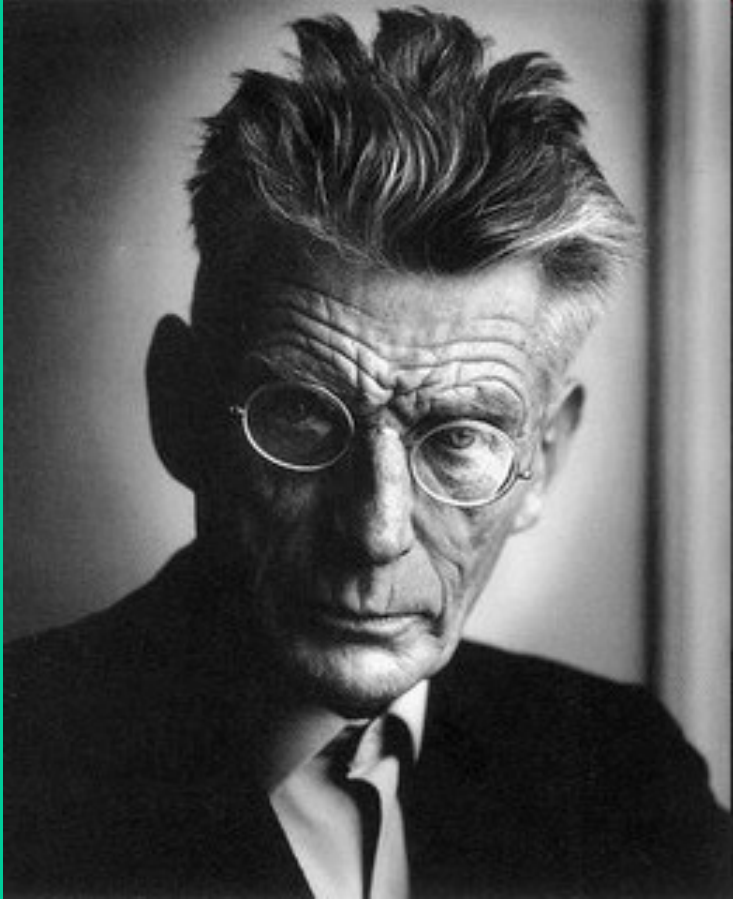


**Absurdism-** movement  
that is intentionally  
ridiculous and bizarre

*humans exist in a  
meaningless, irrational  
universe*



# Samuel Beckett: Absurdist playwright



# Broadway Waiting for Godot trailer

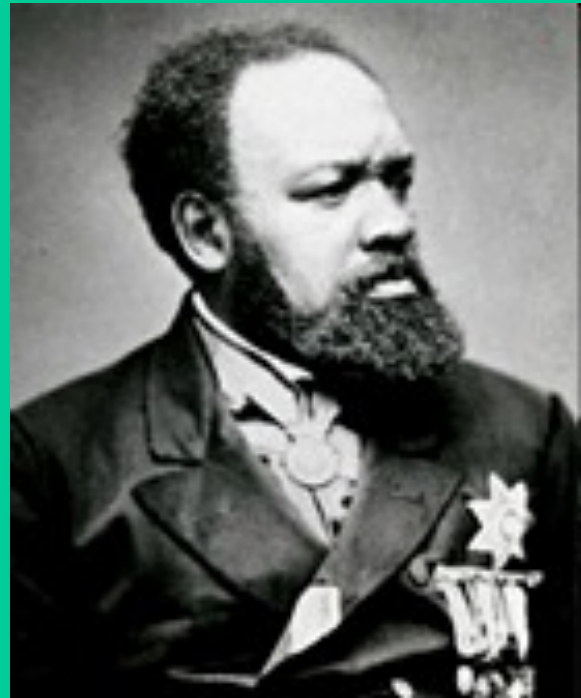




# American Theatre and Race



Ira Aldridge- African American actor, discriminated against in America, first celebrated black actor in Europe



# Jump Jim Crow- song and dance in blackface from early 1800' s





# African Grove- NY theatre founded and operated by African American Artists

## THEATRE,

IN MERCER STREET.  
In the rear of the 1 Mile Stone.  
Broadway.

**African Company.**

Saturday Evening, June 7th,  
Will be presented with new Scenery prepared expressly for this Piece  
the Musical Burlesque of

**Tom & Jerry,**  
*Or, Life in London.*

Given up under the Direction of Mr. Brown,  
Scene I.

Outchua Tom, Jerry Sawbush	Life on Foot	Mr. Williams Jesse
Legs, Tommy Green	Life on Horse Back.	Mr. Bates Mr. Jackson
Honorable Dick Tiddie Gulden	Life in Fancy.	Mr. Matthews Mr. Bates
Cap Pierrot Bill Tarter Jase	Life in the Dark.	Mr. Davenport Mr. Jackson Miss F. Green Miss Johnson
Waitman Dany Bob	Life in Rags,	Mr. Smith Miss Johnson
Col Africa Bel	Life in Bond Street,	Mr. Wilson Mr. Jackson
Col Doo	Life in Wapping	Miss Davis Miss F. J.
Mr. Davis	In The course of the Evening an additional Scene	Miss Johnson

**Life in Limbo—Life in Love.**  
VAMBO RANGE in Charleston  
On the Slave Market.

By the Company  
Mr. Marsh

In the course of the Evening a variety of

**Songs & Dances.**

The whole to conclude with the Performance of

**OBI:**

*Or, Three Finger'd Jack.*

Old, Mr. Bates, J. Plaster, Mr. Johnson.  
Plaster's Wife, Miss Hicks.

Box Tickets To Cent, Pl. 50, Gallery 37 1/2.

ON MONDAY Evening next,

**Tom & Jerry, or, Life in New-York,**  
With an additional scene.

**Life in Fulton-market!!!**

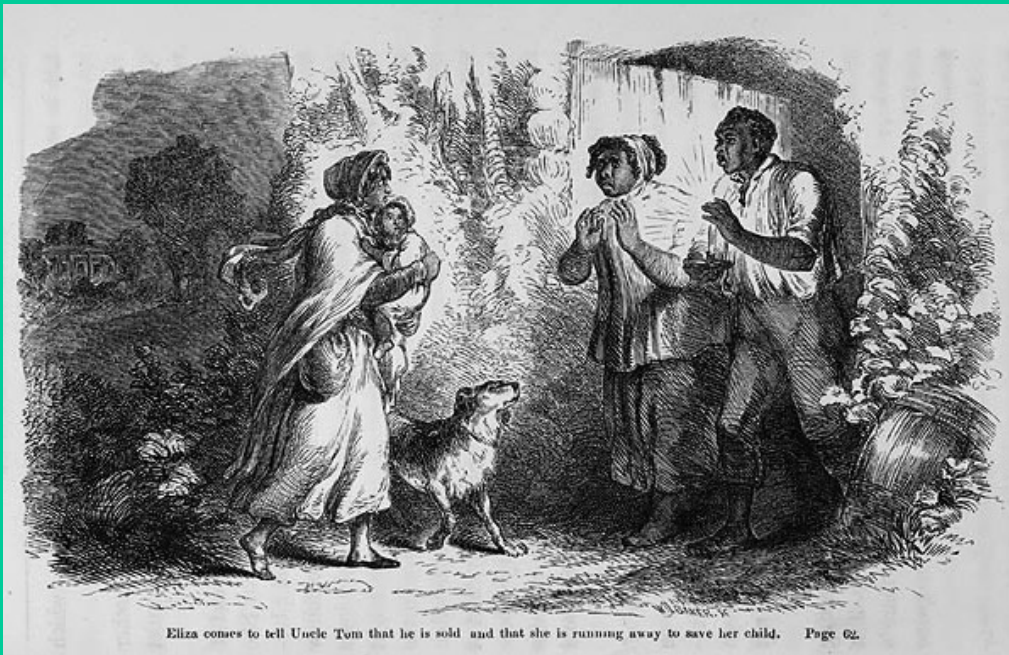
And FORTUNE'S FROLIC.





# Uncle Tom's Cabin- Influential Book in the Abolitionist Movement

*also turned into a play*



# Women in Theatre





# Sarah Bernhardt- French performer, most famous actress of the 19th century



# Silent Film footage of Bernhardt





Charlotte Cushman- American actress,  
most famous for performing as Romeo  
opposite her younger sister



Ellen Terry- British actress, first female performer knighted as a Dame



Lotta Crabtree- American actress,  
singer, dancer, comedian

‘The Nation’s Darling’

