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Jean Genet: Literature & Politics
Guest Ed., Patrice Bougon

The posthumous texts of Jean Genet allow us to reread his complete works in a different light. The question of politics is central to the studies in this number. Such perspectives achieved, it is hoped, will renew interest in the work of an author honored so diversely by Sartre, Lacan, and Derrida! Essays by Edmund White, Philip Watts, Cynthia Running-Johnson, Jean-Michel Rabaté, Pascale Gaitet, Scott Durham, Albert Dichy, Gisèle Child-Olmstead, and Patrice Bougon.

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The Erotic & Its Discourses in the
Seventeenth-Century
Guest Ed., Abby Zanger

This issue focuses on discourses of the erotic (in literature, science, politics, philosophy, art, theology, history, etc.) with particular emphasis on the relation between the discourses of sexuality and the construction (and deconstruction) of their authority/authorship. This issue will attempt to broaden the canon of 17th-century "literature" and update the critical paradigms utilized to study the erotic in 17th-century France.

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Beyond Aesthetics
Guest Ed., Rodolphe Gasché

Taking off from the criticism by major twentieth-century thinkers of the discipline and tradition of aesthetics as a way of doing justice to art, this issue seeks to clarify what has motivated this critique, the shape it takes, and to discuss the alternatives to aesthetics that have been proposed.

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Death in Literature, Film, and the Arts
Guest Eds., Liéve Spass and Allan H. Pasco

This number will explore the aesthetics of the culturally marked theme of death in French literature, film, and the arts. Death is often contrasted with life and movement or combined with concepts like love, birth, and peace. Frequently the theme becomes a device, a means to motivate or conclude, a focus around which the work turns.

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XVII Festival Latinoamericano de Manizales

El teatro Los Fundadores fue de nuevo sede principal del Festival Latinoamericano, celebrado en Manizales desde 1968. Comenzando con un desfile por la carrera 22 desde el parque Los Fundadores hasta la Plaza de Bolívar, se inició el festival el 28 de agosto de 1995 y se cerró el 3 de septiembre. En total figuraban 15 obras de teatro puestas en escena en cuatro salas por grupos de ocho países. Al mismo tiempo tuvo lugar la III Muestra Juvenil e Infantil con participantes de tres países.

El propósito, según su director Octavio Arbeláez, fue "tener tantos matices cuantos hay en América Latina." Este festival es el número 17, aunque nació hace 27 años, por razones fiscales y políticas. Con la intención de mostrar nuevos lenguajes del escenario el festival no ha podido escapar la controversia.

Los grupos extranjeros más destacados incluyeron XPTO de Brasil con su obra *Bable Bum* con una lucha entre los ángeles buenos y los malos, acompañados de muñecos y los actores como bailarines, acróbatas y músicos. También de Brasil fue Galpao con una versión de *Romeo y Julieta* con elementos de la cultura popular.

Teatro La Llanura de Argentina trajo dos obras: *Actores de provincia* y *El clásico binomio*. La primera sirve para elogiar los esfuerzos de actores que se sacrificaron llevando teatro a las provincias, mientras la segunda consta de dos tangueros que interpretan su triste realidad.

El teatro de Los Andes de Bolivia llegó con una versión de *Ubu rey*, obra clásica con unos toques bolivianos de traje y música.

Danza Abierta de Cuba vino con dos espectáculos, *Pater y Gaviota*, el primero basada en un episodio autobiográfico y el segundo partiendo de Juan Salvador Gaviota.

Desde España El Teatro Fronterizo dirigido por José Sánchez Sinisterra montó *Marsal-Marsal*, una obra con raíces en un mundo poblado de seres marginales. También de España es Jácara Teatro, dirigido por Sergi Belbel, con una interpretación de una obra del francés Georges Perec, *El aumento*, con una parodia del sistema capitalista y la sociedad de consumo.

Alberto Kurapel, chileno exiliado desde hace mucho años en Canadá, presentó *La bruta inference* con su grupo El Exilio con un mensaje en contra de las sociedades opresoras.

Colombia quedó representada por cinco grupos en total, dos de Bogotá (Colectivo Teatral y El Local), dos de Medellín (Matacandela y la compañía de danza de Peter Palacio) y uno de Cali (Barco Ebrio). El festival resultó tan exitoso como en años anteriores.

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