



Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

Noises Off

Michael Frayn's farce about theatre takes its name from a dramatists' sound cue. But the library is full of drama too...

Internet Broadway Database

"...before we open tomorrow night - Correction. Before we open TONIGHT!" Want to know when Noises Off (or other plays) appeared on Broadway? Try this source. (For the movie, try the Internet Movie Database, www.imdb.com.)

<http://ibdb.com/>

International Index to Performing Arts (IIPA)

"Only it's like a slot machine in there... I never know what's going to come out: three oranges or two lemons and a banana." If researching plays and the theater is like that for you, try this index to journal and magazine articles:

On the Research Resources page for Theater Arts

Reader's Encyclopedia of World Drama

"That's life! That's theatre! That's farce!" But what *is* farce? Or any other type of drama? See here:

REF 809.2 G253r

Theatre Backstage from A to Z

"Let there be doors that open when they open, and close when they close." But how to make that happen? See this handbook:

REF 792.025 L88t

Oxford Encyclopedia of Theatre and Performance

"Hamlet himself, would you believe, has come down with a psychological problem..." Looking for other connections between Hamlet and Noises Off? Search them both, and "Metatheater" in this online and print reference.

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Or: **REF 792.03 0982o**

Online Guides to Theatre Resources

"All of my studies in world drama lie at your disposal." A number of internet guides collect links to resources on theater and drama:

McCoy's Guide to Theatre and Performance Studies:

http://www2.stetson.edu/csata/thr_guid.html

Jack Wolcott's Theatre History on the Web:

<http://www.videoccasions-nw.com/history/jack.html>

The World Wide Web Virtual Library for Theatre and Drama

<http://www.vl-theatre.com/>

** Warning: browsing reference books can be dramatic!*