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Open-Topic Issue

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For this open-topic issue of the journal, the editors invite articles that are both informed by historical inquiry and alert to issues raised by contempo-

rary theoretical debate. We expect that essays will be grounded in an intimate knowledge of a particular past and that their argumentation reveal a concern for the theoretical and methodological issues involved in interpretation. We are particularly committed to work that seeks to overcome the polarization between history and theory in the study of premodern Western culture.

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Performance beyond Drama

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The field of performance studies has inspired critical reevaluations of drama as an embodied, rather than simply textual, medium. However, apart from a few notable exceptions, premodern drama scholarship has yet to examine nontheatrical performances with the same rigor afforded plays and dramatic entertainments. This special issue addresses this gap in the field. What might closer attention to offstage cultural performances—quotidian and ritualized, occupational and festal, carefully premeditated and improvised—reveal about medieval and early modern culture? What are the roles of the premodern spectator and in what ways does the transactional nature of performance redistribute authority? What work does performance do to initiate, reform, or ratify a sense of community? And how might an insistence on performance as decidedly nonmetaphorical—that is, not as a conceit that represents social practice, but as something that is itself a form of social practice—help us to recover voices otherwise silenced in drama-focused studies? We invite submissions that address these inquiries. Of particular interest are essays in dialogue with nonliterary disciplines, such as social anthropology, speech act theory, cognitive theory, and theorizations of political activism and performativity. The volume aims to take performance seriously as a viable medium of cultural and social maintenance, rather than as a symptom of a more text-based interpretive practices.

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