ANCIENT GREEK THEATER

The Origin and Architecture of Western Drama

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INTRODUCTION

• Why Classical Drama Matters Today

• Empatheia

• The Birth of Greek Tragedy

ORIGINS

• Ritual Celebrations

• In Honor of Dionysus

• The Festival of Dionysus

THREE FORMS

• The Dithyramb Chorus

• The Rhapsode

• The Kitharode

• Music!

TRAGEDY

• Troigos – Goat Song

• The Structure – Parodos/Scene/Ode/Exodos

• The Tragic Hero

• Fate?

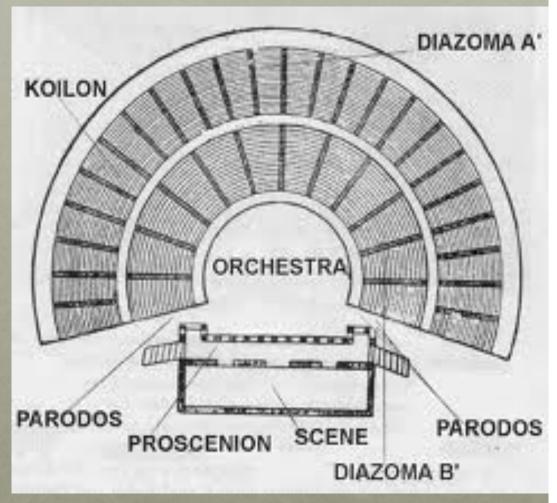
THE PERFORMANCE SPACE

• The Amphitheatre

• The Circle – Orkestra

• The Skene

The Legacy



PRODUCTION ELEMENTS

• The Costumes

• The Masks

• The Scenery

• The Music

THE TEXTS

• 31 Extant Dramatic Texts survive

• Aeschylus – Prometheus Bound

• Sophocles – Antigone

• Euripides – The Bacchae