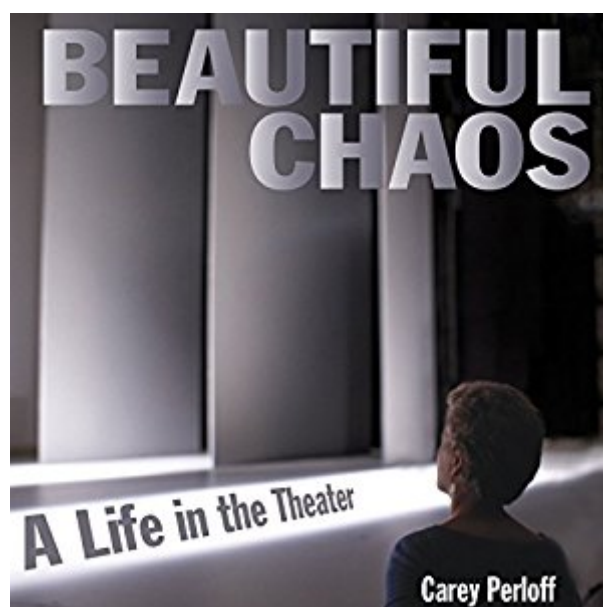


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# Beautiful Chaos: A Life In The Theater



## Synopsis

Carey Perloff, Artistic Director of San Francisco's legendary American Conservatory Theater, pens a lively and revealing memoir of her 20-plus years at the helm and delivers a provocative and impassioned manifesto for the role of live theater in today's technology-infused world. Perloff's personal and professional journey - her life as a woman in a male-dominated profession, as a wife and mother, a playwright, director, producer, arts advocate, and citizen in a city erupting with enormous change - is a compelling, entertaining story for anyone interested in how theater gets made. She offers a behind-the-scenes perspective, including her intimate working experiences with well-known actors, directors, and writers, including Tom Stoppard, Harold Pinter, Robert Wilson, David Strathairn, and Olympia Dukakis. Whether reminiscing about her turbulent first years as a young woman taking over an insolvent theater in crisis and transforming it into a thriving, world-class performance space, or ruminating on the potential for its future, Perloff takes on critical questions about arts education, cultural literacy, gender disparity, leadership, and power. Carey Perloff is an award-winning playwright, theater director, and the artistic director of the American Conservatory Theater of San Francisco since 1992.

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Beautiful Chaos: A Life in the Theater by Carey Perloff is a fantastically insightful read. It will take you right into the heart of the scrum that making real theatre that matters truly is. The entire second half of the book is like a graduate-level class in artistic directorship. The first half introduces you to a

singular asset in the American theatre, Ms. Peloff herself. And she is worth studying in her own right as such, and as an example of the too-rare phenomenon of a strong and inspiring female leader in our art.

So you want to work in the theater? This book gives you an honest and inspirational view on why you should follow your passion. Carey doesn't sugar coat her struggles and is magnanimous around her MANY successes. My only hope is that this book will also be released on tape so people can hear her passionate voice.

I have been going to ACT since 1971. I was so happy to read Director Perloff's philosophy of theater. I would like to thank her for her honest and engaging story of her career and for her honest depiction of a life in the theater.

I' a long time ACT subscriber (American Conservatory Theater)> Carey's book a good read and very interesting.

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