The Underground Railway Theater: Engine of Delight and Social Change

The Underground Railway Theater was a Boston-based theater company that used the arts to promote social change. Founded in 1969, the company produced plays, workshops, and other events that addressed issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality. The company's work was often controversial, but it also helped to raise awareness of important social issues and to create a more inclusive and just society.

A History of the Underground Railway Theater

The Underground Railway Theater was founded by a group of young activists who were committed to using the arts to challenge social injustice. The company's first production was a play called "The Slave," which was written by Amiri Baraka. The play was a powerful indictment of racism and white supremacy, and it helped to put the Underground Railway Theater on the map.



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Over the next few years, the Underground Railway Theater produced a number of other groundbreaking plays, including "No Place to Be Somebody" by Charles Gordone, "The Amen Corner" by James Baldwin, and "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide / When the Rainbow Is Enuf" by Ntozake Shange. These plays all dealt with important social issues, and they helped to attract a diverse audience to the theater.

In addition to its plays, the Underground Railway Theater also produced a number of workshops and other events. These events often focused on issues of social justice, and they helped to educate and empower members of the community.

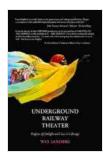
The Impact of the Underground Railway Theater

The Underground Railway Theater had a profound impact on the Boston community. The company's work helped to raise awareness of important social issues, and it inspired people to work for change. The theater also provided a safe and welcoming space for people of all backgrounds to come together and share their experiences.

The Underground Railway Theater is still considered one of the most important theater companies in American history. The company's work continues to inspire and challenge audiences, and it remains a vital force for social change.

The Underground Railway Theater was a truly unique institution. The company used the arts to promote social change, and it played a vital role

in the Boston community. The Underground Railway Theater's legacy continues to inspire and challenge artists and activists today.



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