

Comedies of Plautus

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Plautus and "New Comedy:"

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- Fragment of Greek archetype for *Bacchides* shows that Plautus felt free to cut and/or meld scenes for his Roman purposes and setting.
- Added new jokes, puns, often very specific to Roman culture - cf. Greek love of comic irony
- Role of stock character, "The Parasite," is greatly expanded - fits Roman client system
- Character and Plot development less important than immediate comic effect.

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Afterwards, when there was an opportunity, the damsel complained to me of her hard fate. Plays were performed in public, for the public, with the most prominent members of the society in the forefront.

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He is then said to have worked as a manual laborer and to have studied Greek drama—particularly the of—in his leisure. In the mean time, by chance, this Captain came to.

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Born in Sarsina, Umbria, in 254 B. His studies allowed him to produce his plays, which were released between c. The plot, which concerns the competition of a father and his son for the same girl and the various scurrilous tricks employed in the process, gives full scope to Plautus' inventiveness and richly comic language.

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Paul's School as early as 1527. The fundamental purpose of comedy is to make the audience laugh. This is not to say that the lower classes did not see the plays; but they probably had to stand while watching.

Types of Plays in the Ancient Roman Theater

For another, this sort of tripartite name was a way of denoting Roman aristocrats, wherein each part of the name designated particular information—the first name praenomen was the name given a nobleman within his immediate family, the second name nomen denoted his gens or the larger family group he belonged to, and the third cognomen his clan or branch within that gens—but it is highly unlikely Plautus was born into the upper classes, at least, to judge from his dramas and what little we are told about his life.

The Life of Comedy after the Death of Plautus and Terence

I became aware of this only slowly. I'll be just the way you want me. They give the reader or, more ideally, viewer not just something to laugh at, but something to think about: an engaged member of the audience cannot simply let a Terentian play wash over him like a Plautine, then leave the theater unchanged by the experience.

T. Maccius Plautus, Miles Gloriosus, or The Braggart Captain, act 2, scene 1

Tolliver argues that drama both reflects and foreshadows. Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors and Molière's The Miser are two subsequent classics directly based on Plautine originals. A playwright of 5th century Athens, he wrote works of such as and.

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