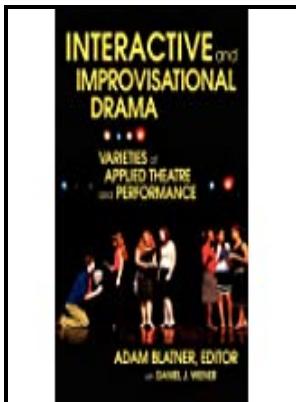


# Compass - the improvisational theatre that revolutionized American comedy

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Improv groups frequently solicit suggestions from the audience as a source of inspiration, a way of getting the audience involved, and as a means of proving that the performance is not scripted.

**Nichols and May**

We immediately spent it on beer. From the 16th to the 18th centuries, commedia dell'arte performers improvised based on a broad outline in the streets of Italy. In September 2011 the UCB opened a third theatre in New York City's East Village, known as UCBeast.

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He tells all in this account of the first 50 years of the Chicago improv scene. Many of the original cast of came from The Second City and the franchise has produced such comedy stars as , , , , , , and. Many of these games, like simple mirroring exercises, speaking in gibberish, and tossing an imaginary ball back and forth, are still used in improv classes.

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