

Year 8: Stylised

Key term	Definition
Canon	When two or more performers do the same movement or sequence of <u>movements</u> , but start at different times. E.g. A Mexican wave
Synchronised	Doing <u>exactly the same</u> movement, at the time as other performers
Slow Motion	Slowing down the pace
Frantic Assembly	A British Theatre group who tell stories through exciting physical movement.
Stage Types	In the round, Thrust, Traverse, Proscenium Arch
Gestures	Movements with your hands, face or body to express an emotion
Pitch	How high or low your voice is

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Exemplar

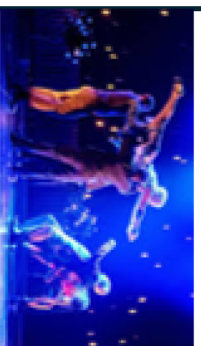


Greater Depth

Powerful knowledge

Imagine a naturalistic play where the goal is to make things seem as real as possible. **Stylised theatre** is the opposite of that! Instead of trying to mimic reality, it deliberately distorts or exaggerates to convey a particular mood or highlight a theme. It's not about being realistic; it's about being expressive.

- **Movement:** Instead of natural walking, actors might use highly choreographed, abstract movements, or symbolic gestures. Think dance, mime, or even slow-motion.
- **Voice:** It could be chanted, sung, delivered rhythmically, or distorted in some way to emphasise emotion or meaning.
- **Set Design & Costumes:** These won't necessarily look like real-world objects or clothes. A tree might be a single, abstract shape, or a character's costume might be a symbolic colour or exaggerated in size to represent their personality.



FRANTIC ASSEMBLY

- A highly influential, groundbreaking British theatre company founded in 1994.
- They use stylised movement to express emotion, narrative, and relationships.
- Their work is largely devised.
- They often explore raw and real contemporary themes such as mental health, relationships, family dynamics, social pressures, and identity.
- Their work is emotionally intense and highly engaging.
- Actors frequently lift, carry, and support each other, symbolizing relationships, burdens, or shared experiences.