1. **Title of the module**

DR867:Performance Practices I Module Specifications

1. **School or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

School of Arts

1. **The level of the module (e.g. Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 7

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

30 Credits (15 ECTS)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

Autumn

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

None

1. **The programmes of study to which the module contributes**

MA Theatre Making.

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**
2. deploy advanced skills in the creation of new performance and performance art (to include techniques associated with, for example, performance art, directing, devising, physical theatre, puppet and object theatre and applied theatre);
3. demonstrate an ability to create original and innovative performance from a variety of stimuli and sources in a range of contexts using appropriate techniques, structures and methodologies to develop those performances;
4. plan appropriate creative processes including warm-up exercises and devising techniques drawing on the work of a variety of key practitioners;
5. use technical apparatus and associated resources necessary to realise the demands of production in live performance safely and effectively, including knowledge of risk assessment procedures;
6. demonstrate a critical awareness of the current discourses of and around contemporary performance and theatre making practices and demonstrate an ability to contextualise their work within these debates;
7. demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the relationships between performers, space and audience in contemporary performance;
8. **The intended generic learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**
   1. deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate their conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences
   2. demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level
   3. continue to advance their knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level;
9. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

This module is one of four co-requisite modules which form the MA Theatre Making. The term ‘performance practices’ includes a diversity of styles and approaches that extend and interrogate the boundaries between theatre forms – such as devising, directing, physical theatre, performance art, applied theatre and so on. Performance Practices I gives students the opportunity to develop advanced theatre making skills by combining techniques, processes and practices from several specialist areas of performance, reflecting the contemporary need and trend to work across genres. Students do so by responding to a range of creative commissions that also introduce them to the possibilities of the local arts scene, in preparation for Professional Practices II in Spring term. At the centre of the course is a commitment to exploring the complexity of relationships between performer, space and audience. Students work in groups, developing their skills and interests in theatre making throughout the term, and are assessed on group or individual projects, and a reflective essay. Topics covered (these are negotiated with the students in accordance with their interests) might include: place and space; site specific performance; working with found materials; object theatre; Auto/biography; the body as material and site; image based theatre; working with text; devising techniques; directing techniques; approaches to applied theatre. This programme of work is supported with workshops delivered by professional practitioners.

1. **Reading List (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

Auslander, Philip (1999), *Liveness: Performance in a Mediatized Culture*, London: Routledge,

Govan, Emma, Helen Nicholson, Katie Normington (2007), *Making a Performance: Devising Histories and Contemporary Practices*. London: Routledge.

Lehmann, Hans-Thies (2006), *Postdramatic Theatre*. London: Routledge,

Radosavljevic, Duska (2013), *Theatre-Making: Interplay Between Text and Performance in the 21st Century*. Baskingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Shepherd, Simon (2012), *Direction: Readings in Theatre Practice*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Prentki, Tim and Preston, Sheila, eds (2009), *The Applied Theatre Reader*. London: Routledge.

1. **Learning and Teaching methods**

Contact hours: 96

Private study hours: 204

Total hours: 300

1. **Assessment methods.**

13.1 Main Assessment Methods

Practical performance, 15-20 min (60%)

Reflective Essay, 3000 words (40%)

13.2 Reassessment methods

100% Coursework

1. ***Map of Module Learning Outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to Learning and Teaching Methods (section12) and methods of Assessment (section 13)***

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| **Module learning outcome** | *8.1* | *8.2* | *8.3* | *8.4* | *8.5* | *8.6* | *9.1* | *9.2* | *9.3* |
| **Learning/ teaching method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Private Study* | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| *Workshops* | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  | **x** | **x** |
| *Seminar* | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  |  |  |
| *Supervised Rehearsals* | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| **Assessment method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Performance* | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| *Reflective Essay* |  |  | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

1. **Inclusive module design**

The School recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

1. **Campus(es) or Centre(s) where module will be delivered:**

Canterbury

1. **Internationalisation**

The content of the module engages with a range of theatre practices, drawn from the UK performance field as well as international theatre practice, and are encouraged to explore these in their own practice. Students on the module will also benefit from the international network of practitioners brought to Kent through the SoA European Theatre Research Network.

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**Revision record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

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