

The Theatre of Dionysus at Athens

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Stone theatre of Dionysus on the south-west of the Athenian Acropolis

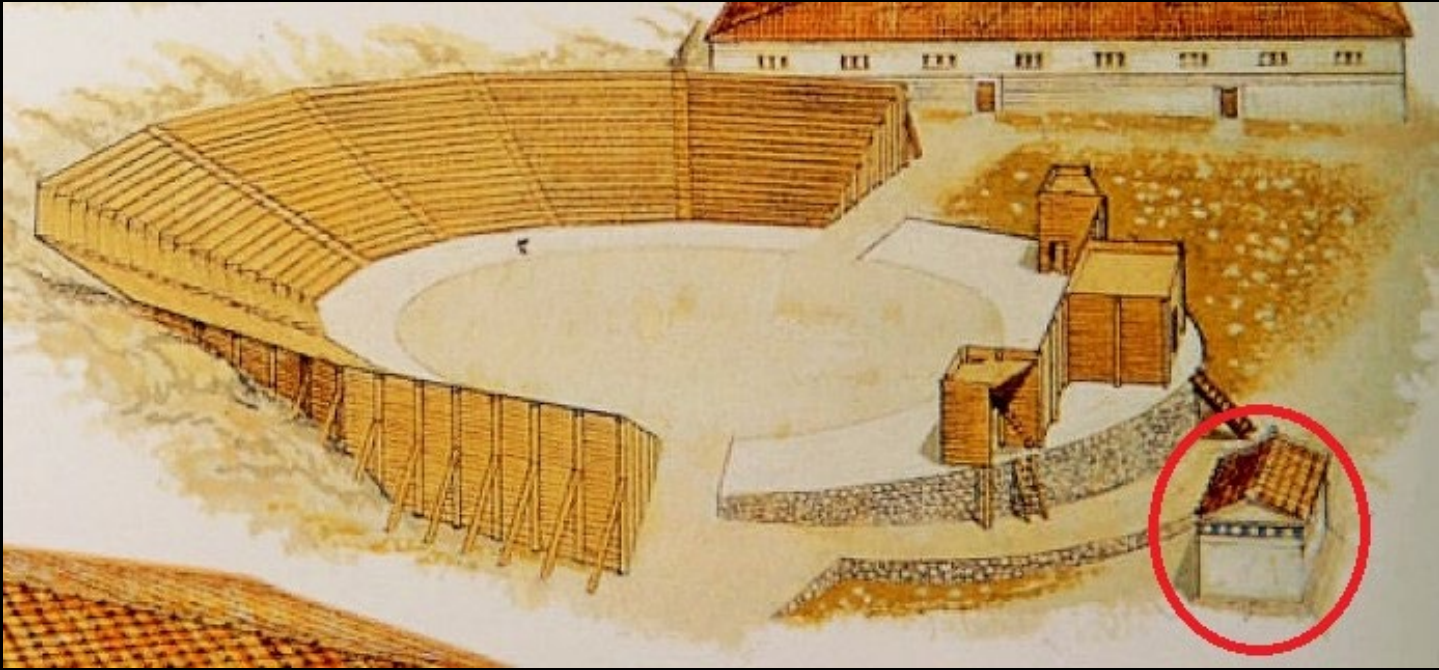


Peisistratus the Tyrant



Festival Procession of Dionysus





Creon in Sophocles' *Antigone*;



Chorus of Aristophanes' *Frogs*



Oedipus



Medea



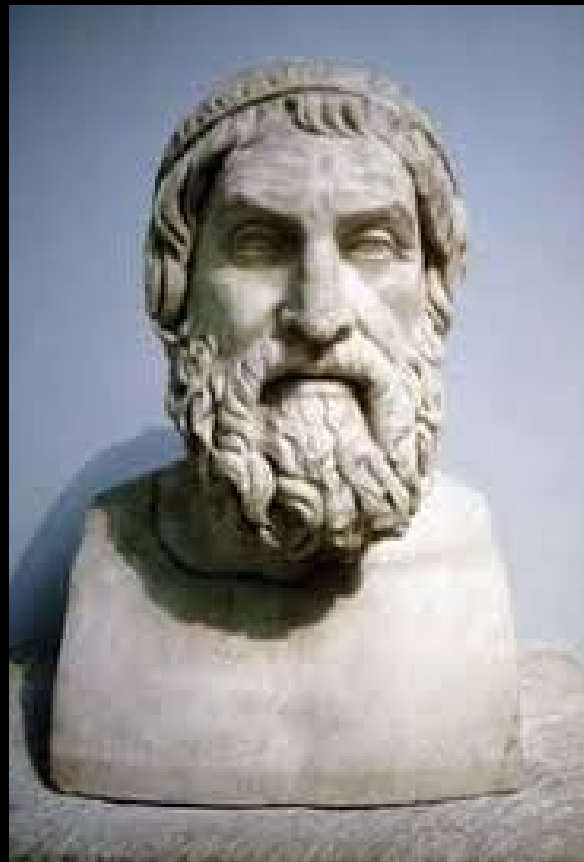
Athens within Attica within Greece



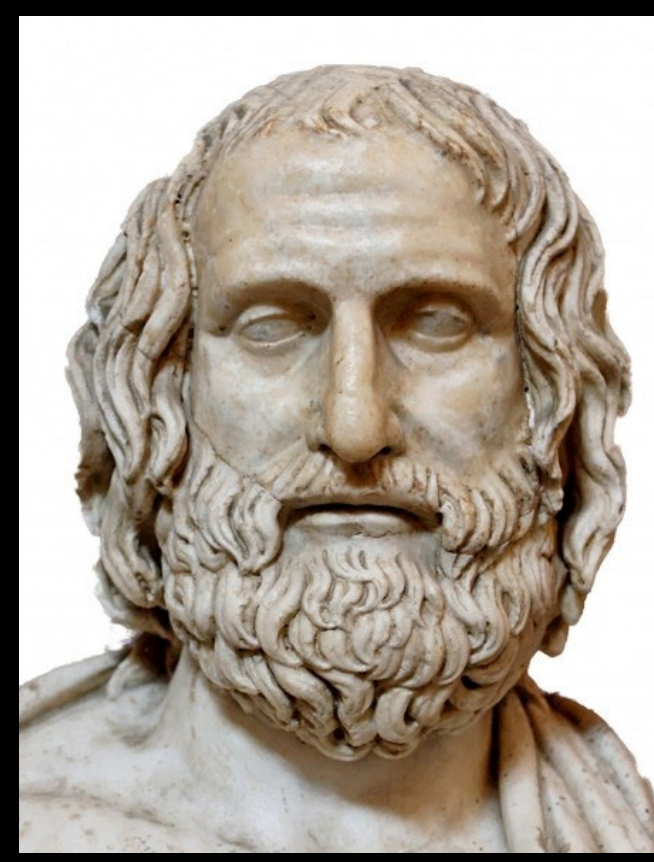
Aeschylus



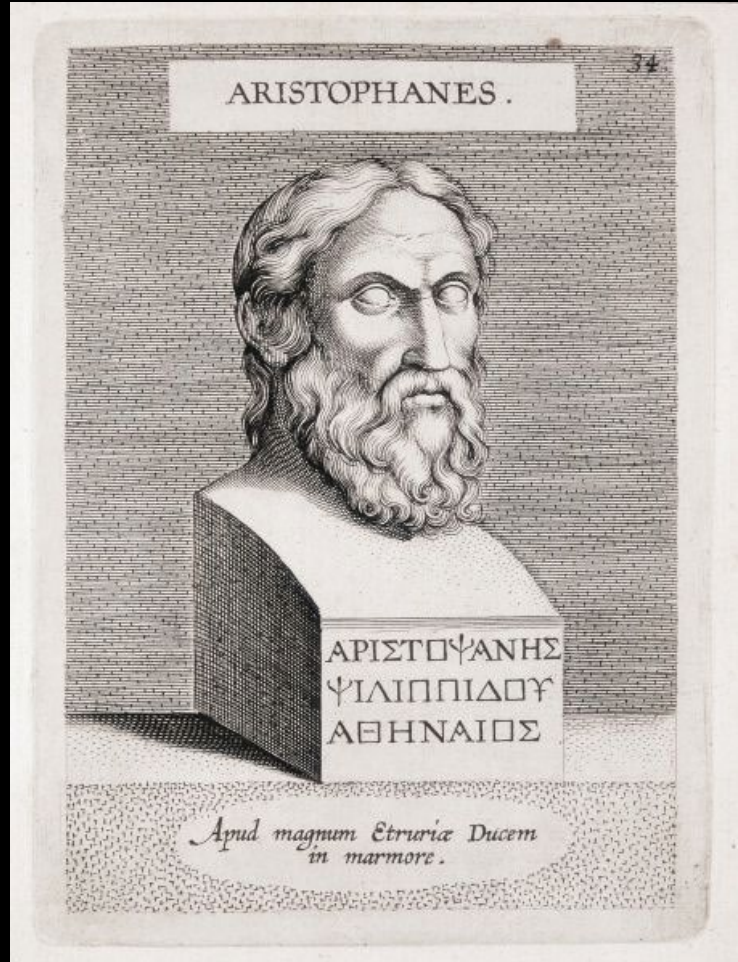
Sophocles



Euripides



Aristophanes, last man drinking with Socrates in Plato's *Symposium*



Thespis and his Itinerant Theatre Company



Theatre was always masked



Christopher Ecclestone and Jodie Whittaker in *Antigone*
at the National Theatre





Odeion



Dionysus Procession









Chorus' shifting identities



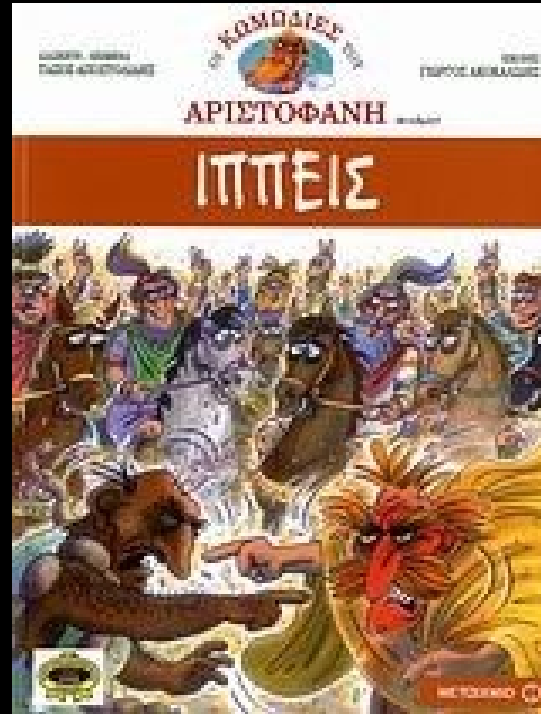
The boisterous satyr chorus

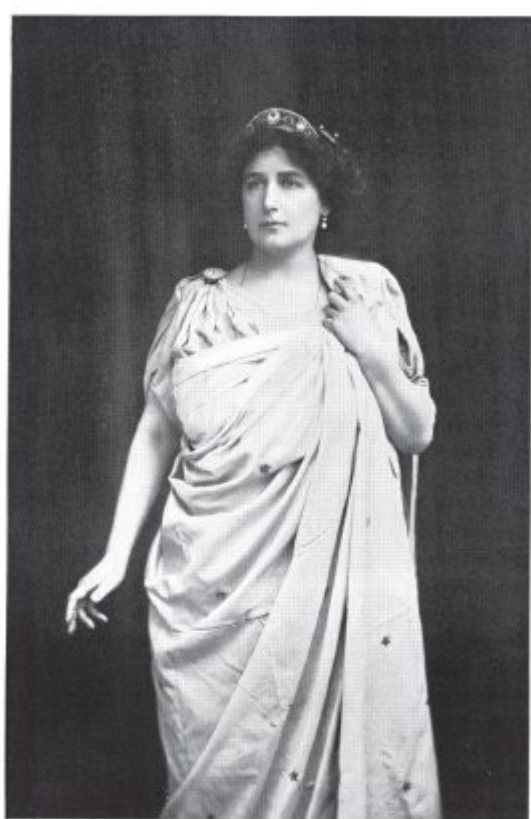


Comedy



Aristophanes' *Knights*





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Miss Gertrude Kingston in the Title Rôle of Lysistrata.



Aristophanes' *Birds*



Berlusconi tried to censor Ronconi's *Frogs*

