

# The Study of Drama Culture Series on China's Belt and Road Initiative: A Journey through Heritage, Identity, and Globalization



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The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), launched by China in 2013, is a global infrastructure project that aims to connect the East to the West through a network of roads, railways, ports, and other infrastructure developments. While the BRI is primarily an economic initiative, it has also had a significant impact on cultural exchange and understanding among the countries involved.

One area where this impact is particularly evident is in the realm of drama and culture. Drama has long been a powerful tool for storytelling, cultural preservation, and social commentary. In the context of the BRI, drama is being used to promote dialogue, preserve traditions, and foster a sense of shared identity among diverse communities along the Belt and Road.

This article explores the dynamic relationship between drama, culture, and the BRI, examining how this global infrastructure project is shaping cultural exchange, cross-cultural understanding, and the preservation of intangible heritage. Through a series of case studies, we uncover the unique ways in which drama and cultural performances are used as tools for promoting dialogue, preserving traditions, and fostering a sense of shared identity among diverse communities along the Belt and Road.

## **Case Studies**

### **1. The Silk Road International Theatre Festival**

The Silk Road International Theatre Festival (SRITF) is a biennial performing arts festival that brings together theatre companies from countries along the BRI. The festival was founded in 2014 and has since become one of the most important platforms for cultural exchange and collaboration in the region.

The SRITF features a diverse range of performances, including traditional folk theatre, contemporary drama, and experimental theatre. The festival provides a unique opportunity for artists from different cultures to come together and share their work, learn from each other, and build networks.



## **2. The Belt and Road Drama Exchange Program**

The Belt and Road Drama Exchange Program is a cultural exchange program that brings together young theatre artists from countries along the BRI. The program was launched in 2016 and has since provided opportunities for hundreds of artists to participate in workshops, residencies, and performances.

The program aims to promote cross-cultural understanding, foster collaboration, and support the development of young artists. Through the program, artists have the opportunity to learn from each other, share their work, and build networks that will support their future careers.



### **3. The Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Silk Road**

The Silk Road was a network of trade routes that connected China to the rest of the world for over 2,000 years. Along the Silk Road, goods, ideas, and cultures were exchanged, leading to the development of a rich and diverse intangible cultural heritage.

The BRI is now reviving the Silk Road, and with it, the intangible cultural heritage that was once lost. Through initiatives such as the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Silk Road project, UNESCO is working to document and preserve this heritage.



The BRI is having a significant impact on cultural exchange, cross-cultural understanding, and the preservation of intangible heritage. Drama is playing a vital role in this process, providing a powerful tool for storytelling, cultural preservation, and social commentary.

Through the Silk Road International Theatre Festival, the Belt and Road Drama Exchange Program, and the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Silk Road project, drama is helping to build bridges between cultures, promote dialogue, and preserve the rich cultural heritage of the BRI region.

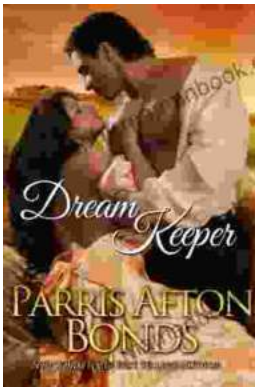


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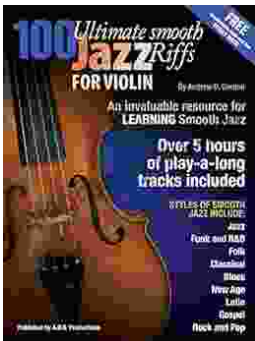
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