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and His Successors

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## FOREWORD

Leaving Etienne Decroux's Corporeal Mime school and returning to the United States in 1972, I noticed a lack of English language texts about Decroux and his mentors Jacques Copeau, Charles Dullin, and Louis Jouvet, as well as his students and collaborators like Jean-Louis Barrault. Also at that time little or nothing existed in print on what we now call "devised" or "actor-centered" theatre. In 1974, using the word "mime" in its largest sense, we published the first issue of *Mime Journal*; since then it has been called "an excellent publication" by the *New York Times*, "unique and imaginative" by the *Library Journal* and "fat...glossy and essential reading" by *American Theatre*.

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We encourage your questions, suggestions, and submissions.

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