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Documenting the Resistance

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**Demonstrates how documentary theatre, adaptation, and digital theatre have enabled displaced, dissident artists to form international communities to support Belarusians in troubled times**

This book highlights the important creative work of Belarusian theatre and filmmakers seeking to raise awareness of the Pro-democracy movement and human rights abuses in Belarus and to build communities of care and mourning following the fraudulent 2020 presidential elections in Belarus.

#### Readership

This book would appeal to professional theatre makers, scholars and students of performance of resistance and social justice, scholars and students of politics in Eastern Europe, and general readers.

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- Demonstrates the power of theatre and performance to build solidarity to resist authoritarianism.
- Shows the potential of the arts to reach and influence international audiences and foreign policy.
- Enhances our understanding of digital theatre as a space of resistance.
- Shows that theatre and performance cultivate communities of resistance and care in times of crisis.

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