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## 7 More Adventurous Theater Directors to Look Out For

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### Romeo Castellucci

[Mr. Castellucci's](#) cryptic shows exalt rather than frustrate audiences. This Italian director creates masterful living tableaux that often draw from classical and religious themes, and summon tectonic, elemental forces — the striking visuals are sometimes accompanied by deafening soundscapes, and sometimes unfurl in a quasi-mystical quiet. Mr. Castellucci has become an [in-demand opera director](#) in Europe, but he shines most with his own company, [Societas Raffaello Sanzio](#). Their [“Democracy in America”](#) will be part of Montclair State University's Peak Performances series from May 9-12. *ELISABETH VINCENTELLI*