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Eric Bentley THE LIFE OF THE DRAMA

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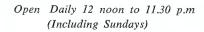
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Slawomir Mrozek was born in Poland in 1930. He studied architecture and painting, and has worked as a journalist and cartoonist for various Polish newspapers and periodicals. In 1957, THE ELEPHANT was awarded the Polish State Cultural Review's annual literary prize. Translations of his work have appeared in almost every European language, and his plays have been performed in London, New York, Moscow, and Paris, as well as in his native Poland. TANGO, written in 1964, is his first full-length play.

Mrozek now lives in Paris.

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