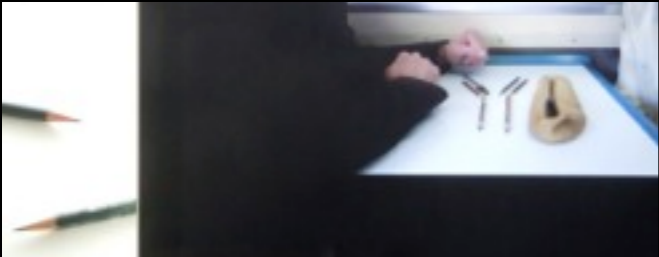
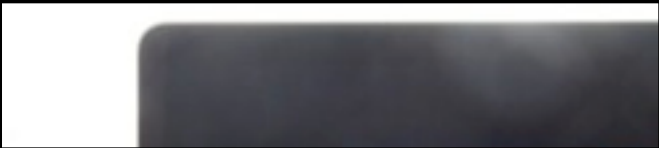
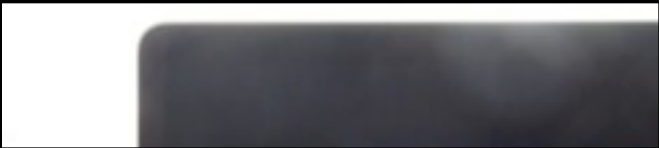


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Dictionary

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noun

P **1** the proffering or giving of something to someone, esp. as part of a formal ceremony: *the presentation of certificates to new members* | *the trophy presentations.*

- the manner or style in which something is given, offered, or displayed: *the presentation of foods is designed to stimulate your appetite.*
- a formal introduction of someone, esp. at court.
- chiefly historical the action or right of formally proposing a candidate for a church benefice or other position: *the Earl of Pembroke offered Herbert the presentation of the living of Bremerton.*
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Dictionary

pre-sent² | pri'zent |
verb [with obj.]

P **1** (**present something to**) give something to (someone) formally or ceremonially: *a top executive will present an award to employees who built the F-150.*

- (**present someone with**) give someone (something) in such a way: *my students presented me with some flowers.*
- show or offer (something) for others to scrutinize or consider: *he stopped and presented his passport.*
- formally introduce (someone) to someone else: *may I present my wife?*
- proffer (compliments or good wishes) in a formal manner: *may I present the greetings of my master?*
- formally deliver (a check or bill) for acceptance or payment: *a check presented by Mr. Jackson was returned by the bank.*
- **LAW** bring (a complaint, petition, or evidence) formally to the notice of a court.
- (of a company or producer) put (a show or exhibition) before the public.

2 bring about or be the cause of (a problem or difficulty): *this should not present much difficulty.*

- exhibit (a particular state or appearance) to others: *the EC presented a united front over the crisis.*
- represent (someone) to others in a particular way, typically one that is false or exaggerated: *he presented himself as a hardworking man.*

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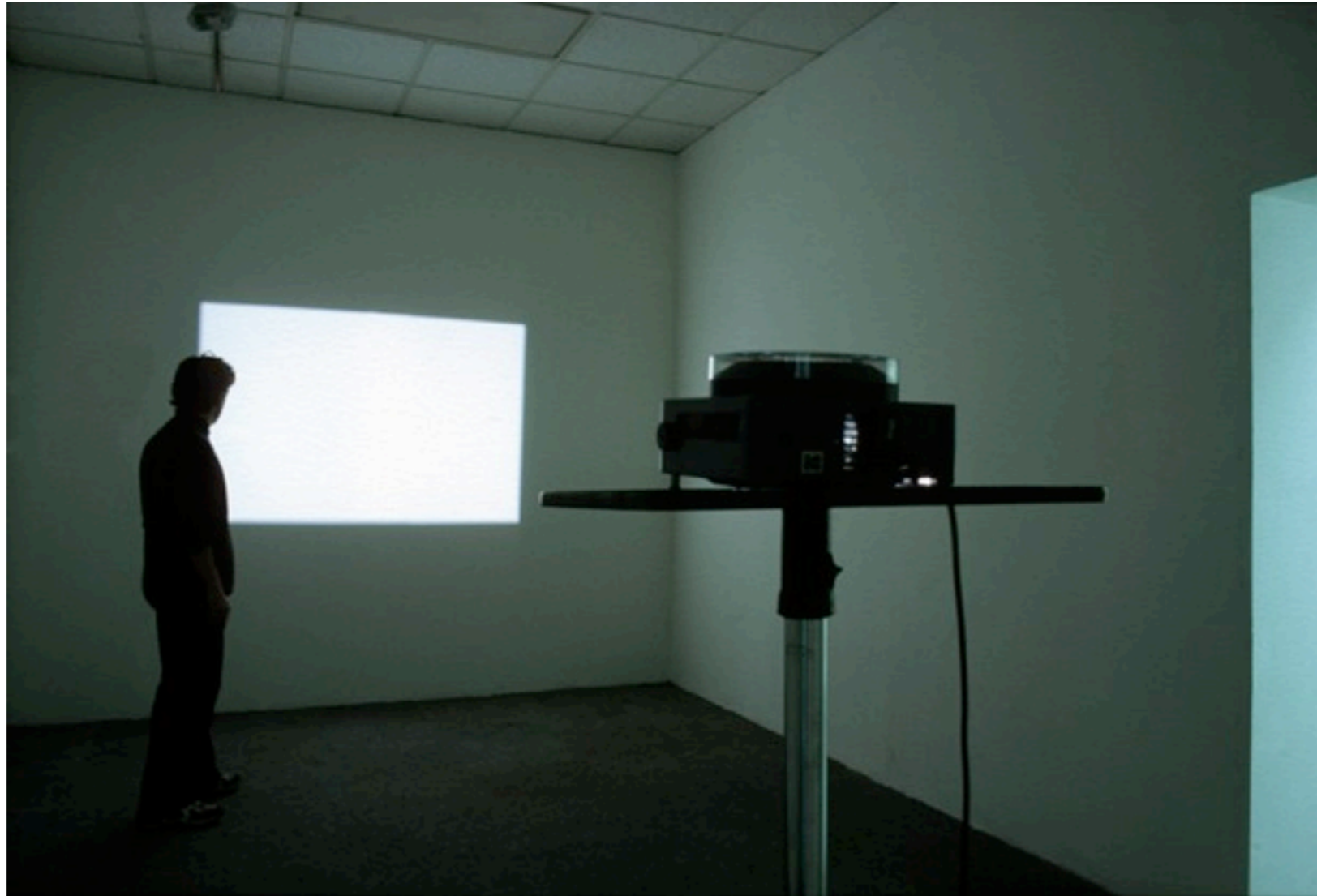
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adjective historical

P (of a benefice) to which a patron has the right of presentation.

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Figure 61. Edgar Schaeffer and his family at the Frankfurt Fair, 1930. These *Bänkelsänger*s have various musical instruments and other elaborate paraphernalia. From Zimmermann, *Lehzend nach Tyrannenblut*, p. 61.

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Figure 22. The Italian picture reciter Luigino di Parabita with his brother Leonardo as assistant. From Schenda, "Der italienische Bänkelsang heute," pl. 3.

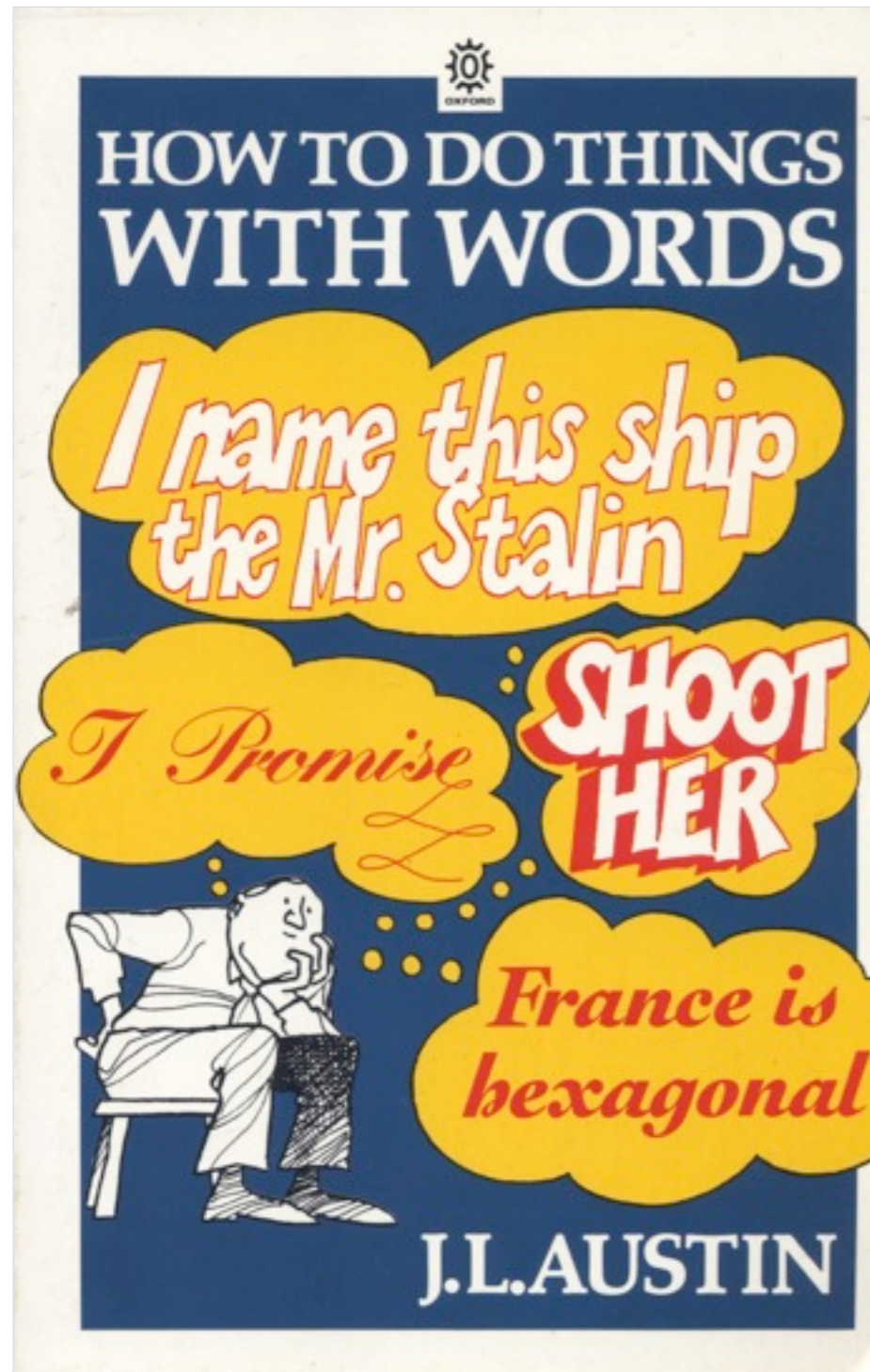
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Figure 53. Philipp Müller (1869–1918). Wood engraving of a picture reciter and his troupe at a village fair in Elsass, 1880. Apparently from an illustrated newspaper. Puppet theater collection of the Stadtmuseum, Munich. From Petzoldt, *Die freudlose Muse*, p. 25.



they have detected (curious words like 'good' or 'all', suspect auxiliaries like 'ought' or 'can', and dubious constructions like the hypothetical): all will have, as it happens, humdrum verbs in the first person singular present indicative active.¹ Utterances can be found, satisfying these conditions, yet such that

- A. they do not 'describe' or 'report' or constate anything at all, are not 'true or false'; and
- B. the uttering of the sentence is, or is a part of, the doing of an action, which again would not *normally* be described as, or as 'just', saying something.

This is far from being as paradoxical as it may sound or as I have meanly been trying to make it sound: indeed, the examples now to be given will be disappointing.

Examples:

- (E. a) 'I do (sc. take this woman to be my lawful wedded wife)'—as uttered in the course of the marriage ceremony.²
- (E. b) 'I name this ship the *Queen Elizabeth*'—as uttered when smashing the bottle against the stem.
- (E. c) 'I give and bequeath my watch to my brother'—as occurring in a will.
- (E. d) 'I bet you sixpence it will rain tomorrow.'

¹ Not without design: they are all 'explicit' performatives, and of that prepotent class later called 'exercitives'.

² [Austin realized that the expression 'I do' is not used in the marriage ceremony too late to correct his mistake. We have let it remain in the text as it is philosophically unimportant that it is a mistake. J. O. U.]

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per•for•mance | pər'fɔrməns |
noun

P 1 an act of staging or presenting a play, concert, or other form of entertainment: *Don Giovanni had its first performance in 1787.*

- a person's rendering of a dramatic role, song, or piece of music: *Bailey gives a sound performance as the doctor.*
- [in sing.] informal a display of exaggerated behavior or a process involving a great deal of unnecessary time and effort; a fuss: *he stopped to tie his shoe and seemed to be **making quite a performance** of it.*

2 the action or process of carrying out or accomplishing an action, task, or function: *the continual performance of a single task reduces a man to the level of a machine.*

- an action, task, or operation, seen in terms of how successfully it was performed: *pay increases are now being linked more closely to performance \ a dynamic performance by Davis.*
- the capabilities of a machine, vehicle, or product, esp. when observed under particular conditions: *the hardware is put through tests that assess the performance of the processor.*
- the extent to which an investment is profitable, esp. in relation to other investments.
- (also **linguistic performance**) Linguistics an individual's use of a language, i.e., what a speaker actually says, including hesitations, false starts, and errors. Often contrasted with **COMPETENCE**.

Dictionary

per•for•ma•tive | pər'fɔrmətɪv |
adjective Linguistics & Philosophy

P relating to or denoting an utterance by means of which the speaker performs a particular act (e.g., *I bet, I apologize, I promise*). Often contrasted with **CONSTATIVE**.

noun Linguistics & Philosophy
a performative verb, sentence, or utterance.



J.S. Bach birthplace and museum - Eisenach, Germany



Sona Barseghyan performing Bach's D Minor Chaconne



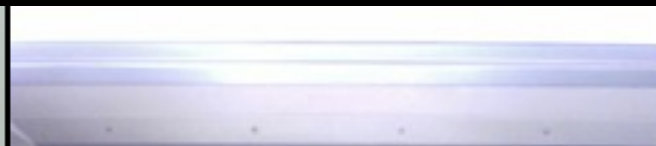
Glenn Gould recording Bach's Goldberg Variations, March 1955, Columbia Recording Studio, New York



Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford



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