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Propositions

- 1. Jelgerhuis's treatise *Theoretische lessen* and his lesser-known writings must be considered as complementary sources.
- 2. Historical acting techniques based on Jelgerhuis's legacy can inspire contemporary performers to balance imagination, discipline, and expressivity in performance and practice.
- 3. In HIP, *welstand* is not merely ornamental grace, but includes the performer's ease of motion within the chosen acting style.
- 4. Jelgerhuis does not cover the expression of certain 'softer passions', yet roles that embody love, hope, longing, or desire are indispensable for the full scale of theatrical expression.
- 5. Attitudes, often thought of as merely empty poses, become meaningful tools of expression when animated by the performer's imagination.
- 6. There is no single 'correct' way of performing historical repertoire; historically informed performance benefits from diversity of styles and interpretations.
- 7. The scarcity of functioning historical stages worldwide compels historically informed practitioners into compromises and creative solutions when working in non-historical venues.
- 8. Theatres are spaces where performers and audiences can feel, learn, rehearse compassion, and balance the passions.
- 9. Attitudes are empowering and disempowering poses.
- 10. The disappearing ability to recognise a beloved person's handwriting is a potential consequence of our digital age.