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## **THE ROYAL COURT THEATRE RELEASES SERIES 2 OF THE PLAYWRIGHT'S PODCAST**



Today the Royal Court Theatre releases the first episode in Series 2 of the Playwright's Podcast, *S2: E1 Simon Stephens talks to Alice Birch*.

Royal Court Associate Playwright Simon Stephens talks to some of the world's leading playwrights about their lives and their work, their approaches and their careers, and their relationships with the Royal Court. A new episode will be released every Friday for the next 15 weeks. The podcast can be listened to at [www.royalcourttheatre.com/podcasts](http://www.royalcourttheatre.com/podcasts) and is also available to subscribe and download via iTunes [here](#)

In Series 2 Simon talks to playwrights Bola Agbaje, Mike Bartlett, Alice Birch, Alecky Blythe, Howard Brenton, Leo Butler, Anupama Chandrasekhar, Emma Crowe, Nat Martello-White, Abi Morgan, Nick Payne, Penny Skinner, Chris Thorpe, Timberlake Wertenbaker and Roy Williams.

Commenting on the podcast series Simon Stephens said;

*"The response to the first series of Royal Court Playwright's Playwright Podcasts took me completely by surprise. The enthusiasm they engendered was so energising that we decided, fundamentally, to do the exact same thing again. 15 times. Over the course of the past four months I have sat in the sound studio at the Royal Court and talked to playwrights about how they write, how they live, what they do with their days, what they read, what they watch, what they think and why they do, read, watch or think it. And when the first time was that they ever went to the theatre. Not all of them said "it was probably the panto." I hope people find these conversations with these remarkable people as inspiring as I did. We've also added a new bit. At the end of each one. I hope you like our new bit too."*

To listen to *S2: E1 Simon Stephens talks to Alice Birch* see [here](#)

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The Playwrights Podcast is presented by Simon Stephens, produced by Anoushka Warden with editing and sound design by Emily Legg for the Royal Court Theatre.

Playwrights from **Series 1** included April De Angelis, Rachel De-lahey, Tanika Gupta, David Hare, Robert Holman, Dennis Kelly, Alistair McDowall, Anthony Neilson, Joe Penhall, Lucy Prebble, Anya Reiss, Polly Stenham and Enda Walsh. You can listen to them here <https://royalcourttheatre.com/podcasts/>

