

PRESS RELEASE

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**THE ROYAL COURT THEATRE RELEASES EPISODE ONE,
SERIES FOUR OF THE PLAYWRIGHT'S PODCAST**

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Today the Royal Court Theatre releases the first of six episodes, *S4: E1 Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti talks to Simon Stephens*, from Series Four of the Playwright's Podcast.

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.

Series Four playwrights include Christopher Hampton, David Ireland, Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti, Sabrina Mahfouz, Stef Smith and Jack Thorne.

A new episode will be released every Friday at 11am for the next six weeks.

The podcast can be listened to at www.royalcourttheatre.com/podcasts and is also available to subscribe and download via iTunes [here](#).

Commenting on the podcast series Simon Stephens said;

"I love these conversations. It felt like a privilege to be taking part in them. The podcasts inspire and illuminate me. The fact that other people, especially young and emerging artists engage with them in the way they seem to, means the world. Welcome to Season 4!"

To listen to *S4: E1 Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti talks to Simon Stephens* see [here](#).



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

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Playwrights from past series

Series 1 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.

Series 2 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.

Series 3 Jez Butterworth, David Eldridge, Peter Gill, Zinnie Harris, Winsome Pinnock and Laura Wade.

Listen to series 1 – 3 [here](#)

