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THE ROYAL COURT THEATRE RELEASES EPISODE ONE, SERIES SIX OF THE PLAYWRIGHT'S PODCAST HOSTED BY OMAR ELERIAN



Today the Royal Court Theatre releases the first of four episodes, *Amir Gudarzi talks to Omar Elerian*, from Series Six of the Playwright's Podcast.

In Series Six freelance theatre maker and director Omar Elerian talks to international playwrights about their lives and their work, their approaches and their careers, and their relationships with the Royal Court.

Series Six playwrights include Caro Black Tam, Amir Gudarzi, Nazareth Hassan and Pablo Manzi.

A new episode will be released every Tuesday at 11am for the next four weeks.

Commenting on the podcast series Omar Elerian said:

"I hope you will enjoy listening and discovering the work of these extraordinary artists who come from the broadest range of backgrounds and approaches. It is a testament to our unflinching need to connect with one another, and expand our experience of what theatre is and can be from different vantage points."

Sam Pritchard, Royal Court Theatre Associate Director (International), added:

"Amir, Caro, Nazareth and Pablo are some of the most exciting writers we are working with at the moment. Distinctive voices from different theatre traditions, working in different forms, contexts and languages. We are really excited to share these brilliant conversations they have had with Omar about how the world has shaped the work they make and their thinking about theatre."

To listen to *S6: E1 Amir Gudarzi talks to Omar Elerian* see [here](#).

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

Transcriptions of the recorded conversations from all four episodes are also available* on the Royal Court website. Please visit the individual episode pages for the link to the transcription.



Series Six of the Playwright's Podcast is presented by Omar Elerian, produced by Anoushka Warden with editing and sound design by Emily Legg for the Royal Court Theatre. Music by Kareen Samara.

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The International Playwrights' Programme at the Royal Court builds and develops the theatre's relationships with writers from around the world. Forming long-term partnerships with theatre makers and organisations from different traditions, working in different languages and cultural contexts. They do this through long-term writers' groups, residencies, exchange projects and productions of work by international artists. The Programme also seeks to support the practice of theatre in translation through working with translators at different stages of their career.

All of the writers featured in this series have engaged with the Programme in different ways across the last 18 months.

Playwrights from past series

Series 1 presented by Simon Stephens April De Angelis, Rachel De-laHay, 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 presented by Simon Stephens 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 presented by Simon Stephens Jez Butterworth, David Eldridge, Peter Gill, Zinnie Harris, Winsome Pinnock and Laura Wade.

Series 4 presented by Simon Stephens Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti, Christopher Hampton, David Ireland, Sabrina Mahfouz, Stef Smith and Jack Thorne.

Series 4 (in partnership with Berliner Theatertreffen Stückemarkt) presented by Simon Stephens Jude Christian, Laurence Dauphinais, Eve Leigh, Sam Max and Ta-Nia (aka Talia Paulette Oliveras & Nia Farrell).

Listen to series 1 – 5 [here](#)

