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THE STAGE DOOR OPENS FOR RENARD PRESS: ANNOUNCING EXEUNT: THE STAGE DOOR PROJECT – A BEAUTIFULLY PRODUCED PHOTOGRAPHIC HARDBACK WITH TALES FROM LUMINARIES OF THE THEATRE WORLD

- A beautifully produced hardback with a debossed cover and a high-end ‘dark scheme’ employed throughout.
- Contains 46 compelling full-page photographs of stage doors in London’s West End during the lockdown period in 2020.
- Features anecdotes and tales from some of the acting world’s greatest names, including Dame Judi Dench, Simon Callow, Reece Shearsmith, Michael Sheen, Mark Gatiss, Robert Lindsay and Zoë Wanamaker.
- Proceeds from sales of the book go to The Actors’ Benevolent Fund, ArtsMinds and Theatre Artists Fund.

Renard Press is thrilled to announce the impending release of *Exeunt: The Stage Door Project*, an ambitious collaborative project celebrating the theatre world, with proceeds going to charities supporting those in the industry.

Description:

In 2020, for the first time in centuries, heavy red curtains swept closed on stages across the West End; all theatres were closed. Two actors, keenly feeling the loss of their theatre homes, turned to a form of art that could still thrive over the following months, and set about photographing the stage doors of the deserted city.

An extraordinary collaborative project almost two years in the making, *Exeunt – The Stage Door Project* collects together these moving images, alongside anecdotes from some of the world’s leading luminaries who have trodden the boards of the pictured theatres.

A tribute to the magical nature of the stage door and the tales lurking behind it, *Exeunt* is a celebration of the legendary theatres of the city, the



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extraordinary figures behind the curtain – and the faithful audiences who have flocked back after the storm.

Featuring the words of Dame Judi Dench, Emma Rice, Ned Seago, Simon Callow, John McCrea, Diane Page, Reece Shearsmith, Anita Dobson, Macy Nyman, David Bedella, Kwong Loke, Luke Giles, Stephanie Street, Dame Harriet Walter, Rebecca Frecknall, David Jonsson, Jackie Clune, Ben Cracknell, Richard Sutton, Adeyinka Akinrinade, Le Gateau Chocolat, Paule Constable, Lucian Msamati, Adrian Scarborough, David Acton, Natalie Law, Gordon Millar, Leanne Robinson, Thomas Aldridge, Katrina Lindsay, Eben Figueiredo, Andy Taylor, Aimie Atkinson, Jack Holden, Laura Donnelly, Laurie Kynaston, Abraham Popoola, Oengus MacNamara, Louis Maskell, Valda Aviks, Garry Cooper, Mark Dugdale, Lyn Paul, James Graham, Emma Sheppard, Paul Bazely, Preston Nyman, Lauren Ward, Jessica Hung Han Yun, Natalie McQueen, Gavin Spokes, Niamh Cusack, Paterson Joseph, Anna Fleischle, Daniel Monks, Michael Sheen, Lia Williams, Ruthie Henshall, Simon Lipkin, Tom Brooke, Ian Rickson, Rufus Hound, Zoë Tapper, Patsy Ferran, Joshua McGuire, Sharon D Clarke, Mark Gatiss, Taz Skylar, Marianne Benedict, Ferdinand Kingsley, Lez Brotherston, Tamsin Withers, Hadley Fraser, Karl Queensborough, Neil Salvage, Jessie Hart, Kathy Peacock, Howard Hudson, Jonathan Andrew Hume, Andy Nyman, Andrew McDonald, Claire Roberts, Michael Jibson, Jason Pennycooke, Christopher Tendai, Laura Baldwin, Matt Henry, Robert Lindsay, Simon Evans, Fisayo Akinade, Irvine Iqbal and Zoë Wanamaker.

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