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RENARD PRESS ACQUIRES NEW PLAYSRIPT TO ACCOMPANY PRODUCTION AT HOPE THEATRE ISLINGTON: 100 PAINTINGS BY JACK MICHAEL STACEY

- A brand-new playscript, the fourth title in Renard Press' *Playscripts* series.
- Published to coincide with a production at the hope Theatre in Islington (17th May–4th June; for more information: <https://www.thehopetheatre.com/productions/100-paintings/>).
- A new play from a talented young writer who was the runner-up for the Sir Alec Guinness Award.

Renard Press is thrilled to announce that it has acquired world rights to the debut playscript by actor Jack Michael Stacey (best known for his character in the West End production of *The Play That Goes Wrong*), *100 Paintings*, a brilliantly funny exploration of the meaning of art, with publication to coincide with a production at the Hope Theatre in Islington.

Synopsis:

Revolution has torn through the land, leaving society teetering on a knife edge. A young artist finds himself holed up at the City Hotel with his mother, where he must sing for his supper.

In the face of ruin, with a pile of unpaid hotel bills growing out of control, the artist has just three days to produce one hundred artworks before he and his mother are turned out onto the street.

Forced to face his demons, the artist struggles to stay on course, and soon finds he has to consider the very nature of art and capitalism if he is to succeed in his task.

'A stunning debut... a profound examination of the value and meaning of being an artist... a series of hilarious tirades hide a deeper exploration of artistry and the ideal conditions for art to be made.' BROADWAY WORLD



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‘Set in a disturbingly familiar future, this play makes us ponder the true value of art.’
LONDON PUB THEATRES MAGAZINE

Jack Michael Stacey is a graduate of the Academy of Live and Recorded Arts. His first play was shortlisted for Soho Theatre’s Verity Bargate Award, and he was the runner-up for the Sir Alec Guinness Award. His plays have been performed at Edinburgh International Fringe Festival, The Waterloo East, The Arcola, The Bread and Roses and The Hope.

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