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THE PAPTANGO NEW WRITING FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FINBOROUGH THEATRE RETURNS IN 2012

A unique opportunity to have your play produced at the multi-award-winning Finborough Theatre

Following the huge success of the Papatango New Writing Festival 2011 in partnership with the Finborough Theatre which saw sell-out productions of the winning play – Dawn King's *Foxfinder* – as well as the three runners up, Papatango are pleased to announce their continuing partnership with one of London's leading new writing venues, the multi-award-winning Finborough Theatre.

The Papatango Playwriting Competition 2012 offers two playwrights the opportunity to have their plays professionally produced at the Finborough Theatre in December 2012. The winner will receive a four week run at the Finborough Theatre and have their script published by Nick Hern Books, and one runner-up will receive a three week run.

The winning plays will be picked by a panel of judges that will include, amongst others, **Howard Davies** (Director), **Matt Charman** (Playwright), **Neil McPherson** (Artistic Director of the Finborough Theatre), **Francis Grin** (Senior Reader at the Finborough Theatre), **Con O'Neill** (Actor), **Tanya Tillett** (Rod Hall Agency), **Blanche McIntyre** (former Leverhulme Bursary Associate Director at the National Theatre Studio and the Finborough Theatre, and director of last year's winning play) and the writer of last year's winner, **Dawn King**.

Please send submissions via email only to scripts.papatango@gmail.com

The Competition opening date is 14 February 2012.

The final deadline for entries is 1 May 2012 at midnight.

The longlist will be announced around 1 July 2012.

The final shortlist will be announced around 21 August 2012.

The winning plays will be announced on 1 September 2012.

The winning productions will run at the Finborough Theatre, London, from Tuesday, 27 November to Friday, 22 December 2012.

For a full list of all the judges and full details on how to enter, please visit the Papatango website at www.papatango.co.uk

The Press on the 2011 winner, *Foxfinder* by Dawn King:

Foxfinder also won playwright Dawn King a prestigious Pearson Award bursary through the Finborough Theatre, was published by Nick Hern Books, and also won the Critics' Circle Most Promising Newcomer Award for director Blanche McIntyre.

Time Out Critics' Choice

The Guardian Critics' Choice

***** Five Stars *WhatsOnStage*

**** Four Stars *The Telegraph*

**** Four Stars *The Guardian*

**** Four Stars *The Independent*

**** Four Stars *Evening Standard*

**** Four Stars *Exeunt*

**** Four Stars *Spoonfed*

**** Four Stars *Time Out*

One of *The Independent's* Top Five Plays of 2011

Nominated for the Off West End Award for 2011 for Best New Play

"In a wan year for new writing, Dawn King's play shines out like a beacon...The most compelling new work I have seen this year." Michael Billington, *The Guardian*

"A bold and often brilliant stab at something new." Dominic Maxell, *The Times*

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"Rich, rare and deeply unsettling...a thrillingly original piece of writing." Sam Marlowe, *Time Out*

"A haunting and striking new piece. Exceptionally written, directed and performed, this remarkably tense modern parable has all the hallmarks of an instant classic – a superlative achievement from all involved." Chris Hislop, *WhatsOnStage*

"An arresting and individual work that haunts the mind long after you've seen it." Michael Billington, *The Guardian*

"This gripping, haunting production is something of a home-grown project for the miraculously fertile Finborough Theatre, nurturing the talent of both new Playwright in Residence King and previous Leverhulme Bursary beneficiary McIntyre." Catherine Love, *Exeunt*

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