

# Nick Hern Books announces plays selected for VAULT Festival anthology

Plays from VAULT 4 to be published 7 February, available to pre-order now



## Plays from VAULT 4 Seven new plays from VAULT Festival

An anthology of seven of the best plays from VAULT 2019, London's biggest, boldest and bravest arts and entertainment festival

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Leading theatre publishers Nick Hern Books (NHB) are delighted to announce the seven plays selected for inclusion in **Plays from VAULT 4**, an anthology of plays selected from the best new writing being presented at VAULT Festival 2019.

**3 Billion Seconds** by **Maud Dromgoole** is a hilarious, macabre love story about a pregnant couple of activists attempting to offset the carbon footprint of their unborn baby's life.

**Alcatraz** by **Nathan Lucky Wood** is a thrilling play about family and social care that follows Sandy on her daring, Christmas mission to emulate Clint Eastwood and bust her gran out of lock-up.

**Collapsible** by **Margaret Perry** is a funny, furious monologue about navigating a world that cares so much about you keeping it together, it doesn't notice you falling apart.

**Inside Voices** by **Nabilah Said** blends dark comedy and magic realism in its subversive portrayal of three Singaporean Muslim women challenging the bounds of freedom, feminism and faith in a place that isn't home.

**Open** by **Christopher Adams** and **Timothy Allsop** is a frank, refreshing romance that draws on interviews, conversation and private correspondence to explore the authors' real-life open marriage.

**Jericho** by **Malaprop Theatre** is an off-kilter, high-energy, form-pushing play about what pro-wrestling and politics have in common. It asks big questions in weird ways, like what can a pop-culture journalist do to stop the world burning down?

**Thrown** by **Jodi Gray** sees a child-psychologist attempting to record what she's spent her whole life trying to forget, as the memories of former patients collide with her own.

**Plays from VAULT 4** marks the fourth year that NHB has partnered with VAULT Festival on an anthology of new plays; since 2016, three previous anthologies have seen fifteen new writers join NHB's illustrious list. Published on 7 February, this year's collection is available to pre-order now via the NHB website, and will also be on sale at VAULT Festival venues, online and in major bookshops.

Nick Hern Books is also proud to return as sponsors of the VAULT New Writers Programme, a training and mentoring scheme for would-be playwrights that will run alongside the 2019 Festival.

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## About VAULT Festival

VAULT Festival is London's biggest, boldest and bravest arts and entertainment festival, hosting hundreds of events each year across Waterloo.

In 2019, VAULT Festival returns from 23 January to 17 March with 400+ shows from more than 2,000 artists, featuring the best new writing in theatre and comedy, cabaret, immersive experiences, late night parties and more.

Tickets are available now via their website, [www.vaultfestival.com](http://www.vaultfestival.com).

### 'A major London festival ... showcasing new and rising talent'

*Independent on VAULT Festival*

## About Nick Hern Books

Founded in 1988, Nick Hern Books (NHB) is the UK's leading specialist theatre publisher with over 1,000 plays and theatre books in their catalogue. They also license most of their plays for amateur performance.

Their list of plays includes work by many of the UK and Ireland's preeminent playwrights – including Mike Bartlett, Howard Brenton, Jez Butterworth, Caryl Churchill, David Edgar, Helen Edmundson, Debbie Tucker Green, Lucy Kirkwood, Conor McPherson, Rona Munro, Jack Thorne, Enda Walsh and more – plus leading dramatists from around the world such as Annie Baker, Andrew Bovell, Ariel Dorfman, Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, Tony Kushner, Lynn Nottage.

NHB also publish many classic plays and plays in translation, together with a wide range of authoritative theatre books, many of them written by well-known theatre practitioners, on topics including acting, directing, producing, writing and more.

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