



Booker Prize-winner Ben Okri at Pin Drop, London.

Welcome to Pin Drop Studio, the home of art and short fiction. We are pleased to present this proposal to bring Pin Drop Studio to Manchester Art Gallery in Spring 2019.

As part of our Arts Council England funded UK tour surrounding the publication of *A Short Affair*, Pin Drop's first anthology of original short fiction (published July 2018) we propose hosting a high-quality live event at Manchester Art Gallery, as part of your public events programme.

The regional tour includes confirmed events with leading arts institutions across the country such as New Art Gallery Walsall, Turner Contemporary and Pallant House.

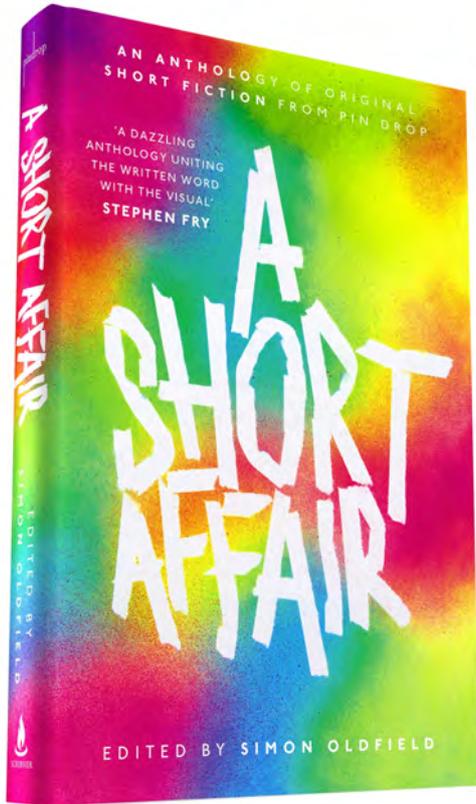
Founded in 2012 by curator, Simon Oldfield and author, Elizabeth Day, Pin Drop works in collaboration with major partners including BAFTA, Hauser & Wirth, Burberry and the Royal Academy of Arts, to bring extraordinary stories to life. In London, LA and NY, Pin Drop presents a critically acclaimed programme of live events with 40 sold-out events in 2016/17 alone.

We showcase compelling stories and exceptional people including Stephen Fry, Will Self and Sir Peter Blake. This is all recorded for the Pin Drop Podcast series, available on iTunes.

Pin Drop also operates numerous non-profit projects including the prestigious Pin Drop Short Story Award, an annual open-submission prize for new writing hosted in collaboration with the Royal Academy of Arts.

*“Pin Drop is
wonderfully innovative ...
I really believe in Pin
Drop.”*

- Stephen Fry



"A dazzling anthology uniting the written word with the visual"

- Stephen Fry

"A Short Affair is a vibrant anthology bringing you the very best in short story writing. "

- Scribner



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THE BOOK TOUR

Pin Drop is staging a regional book tour in support of *A Short Affair*. Following its successful London launch, the regional tour will feature events with leading arts institutions around the country, each focusing on a live reading by a noted author or actor of a story from the anthology selected especially for each event and in the context of our venues exhibition programme, delivering a unique storytelling experience.

We propose a public event at **Manchester Art Gallery** in **Spring 2019**, as part of a series alongside events at New Art Gallery Walsall, Turner Contemporary and Pallant House.

ABOUT A SHORT AFFAIR

In this anthology of original short fiction, Simon Oldfield, Artistic Director of Pin Drop, brings together eighteen new stories from giants of the short form (including Ben Okri, A. L. Kennedy, Will Self and Nikesh Shukla) alongside fresh voices from the Pin Drop Short Story Award, each coupled with a unique artwork by an artist from the Royal Academy Schools, in a first-of-its-kind collaboration for the iconic institution.

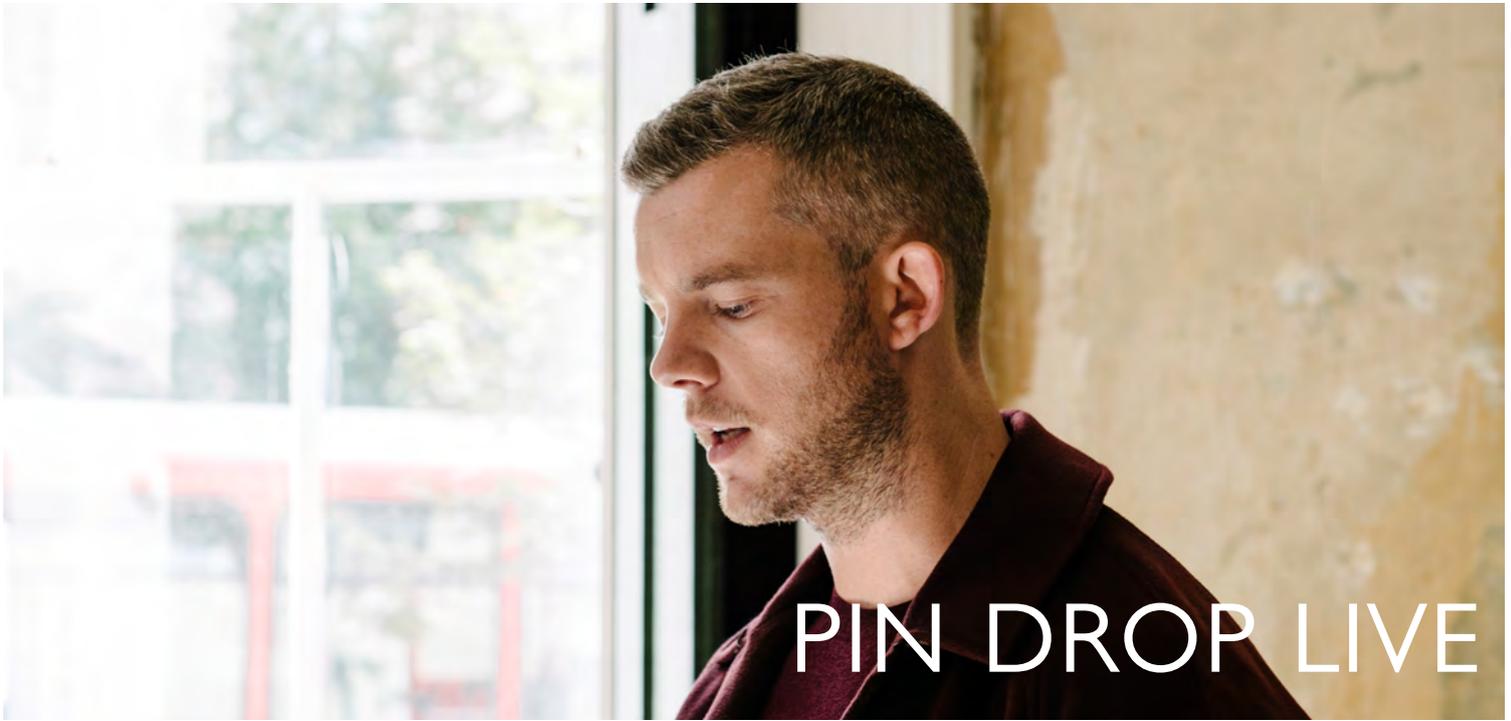
It features a foreword by Tim Marlow, Artistic Director of the Royal Academy of Arts, and artwork created especially for the jacket by British artist Eddie Peake.

It includes stories by:

Elizabeth Day, Bethan Roberts, Nikesh Shukla, Claire Fuller, Ben Okri, Anne O'Brien, A. L. Kennedy, Anna Stewart, Craig Burnett, Douglas W. Milliken, Will Self, Jarred McGinnis, Barney Walsh, Rebecca F. John, Joanna Campbell, Emily Bullock, Cherise Saywell and Lionel Shriver

...with artwork from:

Eddie Peake, Kay Harwood, Gabriella Boyd, Jonathan Trayte, Luey Graves, Marco Palmieri, John Robertson, Coco Crampton, Fani Parali, Murray O'Grady, Pio Abad, Declan Jenkins, Mary Ramsden, Carla Busuttill, Jessy Jetpacks, Nick Goss, Tim Ellis and Adam Shield.



Russell Tovey at Pin Drop, London.
Appearing at Hauser & Wirth Somerset, June 2018

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PIN DROP LIVE

In 2016/2017, Pin Drop staged 40 fully-booked events, collaborating directly with our iconic partners, to showcase the extraordinary stories, recorded for the Pin Drop Podcast series.

Highlights from the live programme include:

Stephen Fry at the Royal Academy of Arts

Graham Swift at the Royal Academy of Arts

Andy Burnham at Pin Drop Studio London

Sebastian Faulks at the Royal Academy

Juliet Stevenson at the Pin Drop Short Story Award

William Boyd at BAFTA

Ben Okri at the Royal Academy of Arts

Lindsey Marshal at Houses of Parliament, Westminster

Dame Eileen Atkins & Dame Sian Phillips at the Royal Academy

Gwendoline Christie at Royal Academy of Arts, London

Lionel Shriver at the British Academy

SUPPORTING NEW TALENT, NON-PROFIT PROJECTS

As champions of new writing, we operate non-profit projects in support of new writing talent. We commission original short fiction and discover new writers through our broad programme.

“Pin Drop offers a sophisticated immersion in a primal human pleasure.”

- Graham Swift,
Booker Prize-winner



Stephen Fry presents the Pin Drop Short Story Award to Bethan Roberts



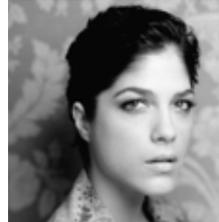
Russell Tovey



Lionel Shriver



Stephen Fry



Selma Blair

Pin Drop has established relationships with prominent writers, actors, thinkers and other high-profile figures. We work with an incredible array of talent.



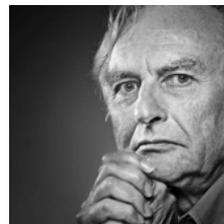
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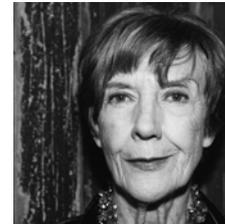
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A. L. Kennedy



Richard Dawkins



Eileen Atkins



Nathan Stewart Jarett



Maura Tierney



Peter Blake



Penelope Wilton



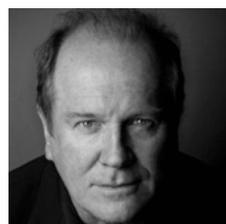
Will Self



Sebastian Faulks



Ben Okri



William Boyd



Tuppence Middleton



Bethan Roberts



Curtis Sittenfeld



Lyndsey Marshal



Tom Rob Smith



Pin Drop's Audience

Extensive & influential press

c.100 million

*Social Media reach **

"Pin Drop is a wonderful and rare conception. The perfect antidote to the sound-bite culture."

- William Boyd

Pin Drop Studio has featured in global print and digital press with a substantial media reach through publications, including **Vanity Fair's A-List**, **The Telegraph**, **Independent**, **Metro**, **Harper's Bazaar**, **FT Weekend**, **Soho House magazine**, **Monocle magazine**, **GQ**, **ES** and **iD**.



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