

The **FORUM LIST** comprises a selection of writers and projects deemed by the Jury as having real potential – giving agents, producers, industry executives and directors an opportunity to discover new and emerging writing talent. To contact any of the writers, simply email [office@rocliffe.com](mailto:office@rocliffe.com) with your details and we will connect you with them.

**A STRANGER COMES TO TOWN** by Thomas Perry  
*A naked man emerges from the Arizona desert, claiming to carry a message from God. A family fights back to save their divided town.*

**FLAWLESS** by Emma Gordon & Shaun Topp  
*An orthodox Jewish widow is forced to take over her husband's dodgy diamond business, only to discover it might have been her calling all along.*

**PAPER DOLLS** by Claire Elizabeth Alberie  
*The eldest daughter of a powerful international gangster must takeover his UK operations after her estranged mother's betrayal plunges the whole family into crisis.*

**A huge thank you to our script selection panelists and judges. They included:**

#### The Jury

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#### The Panel

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**EMILY JOUFFROY** Producer, Elation Pictures Ltd  
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# BAFTA ROCLIFFE NEW WRITING SHOWCASE – TV DRAMA 2017

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**CHRIS LANG** is a writer and producer of primetime British drama. He trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. He has contributed many episodes to existing shows like Sky Atlantic's *The Tunnel*, *Torn*, *Amnesia* and *A Mother's Son*.

In 2015 he created, wrote and co-executive produced *Unforgotten*. The series was nominated as Best English Language Drama at the C21 Awards. Chris is currently writing season three.

He has just completed post production on *Innocent*, a four-part thriller for ITV. It is set to air in the autumn of 2017.



**JAMES DORMER** worked as a civil servant, including time spent as a ministerial speechwriter and a diplomat, before becoming a full time writer for TV and film about ten years ago.

Since then he has been the lead writer on *Strike Back*, co-created and show run the short-lived and catchily titled *Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands*, as well as writing episodes of various shows including *Wallander*, *Spooks* and *The Fixer*.

He is also credited as the writer on arguably one of the worst Nic Cage films ever.



**FARAH ABUSHWESHA**, a BAFTA-nominated producer and best selling author, is a champion of new talent.

Her most recent feature films include *Irreplacable You* with Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Michiel Huisman, Christopher Walken and Steve Coogan and Danny Huston's *The Last Photograph*. She is the founder of the BAFTA Rocliffe New Writing Showcase.

Farah has produced comedy content for the White House (under the Obama Administration).



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# THE HAND THAT MOCKED THEM

by ALYN FARROW  
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Directed by ISABELLE SIEB  
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*Refusing to follow in his father's footsteps and succumb to a life of crime, a young man of Romany Gypsy heritage battles to forge his own identity.*

## CAST

Narrator  
YVONNE GIDDEN  
Michelle Braidman

Dickey  
DEAN MICHAEL GREGORY  
Mark Jermin Management

Joy  
MILLY THOMAS  
United Agents

Young Bo  
LOUIS TAFLE  
N/A

Bo  
MICHAEL HANRATTY  
Middleweek Newton Management

Ulysses  
NICK CAVALIERE  
Polly's Agency

# DRY

by PETER FELLOWS  
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Directed by SAM WASHINGTON  
sam@samwashington.com

*24 chaotic hours in the life of in-denial alcoholic Tom Bennett.*

## CAST

Narrator  
RHIAN BLUNDELL  
Royal Welsh College

Tom Bennett  
PATRICK ELUE  
Royal Welsh College

Pally  
WALEED AKHTAR  
Katie Threlfall

Lydia  
MORGANA ROBINSON  
John Noel Management

Toby  
CIARAN GRIFFITHS  
Curtis Brown

AA Session Leader  
PHALDUT SHARMA  
Dalzell and Beresford

# HIGHBINDER

by ROLAND WALTERS  
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Directed by SUSAN JACOBSON  
susan@pistachio.co.uk

*The untold story of Chinese-American gangs in San Francisco during the 19th century.*

## CAST

Neptune  
AARON VODOVOZ  
Simon & How

Levy Helmsman, one-eyed Italian  
JACK WHITTLE  
Winterson's

James Curtis  
EAMONN HEARNS  
N/A

George Hall, V2, Irish man  
GRAEME DALLING  
Winterson's

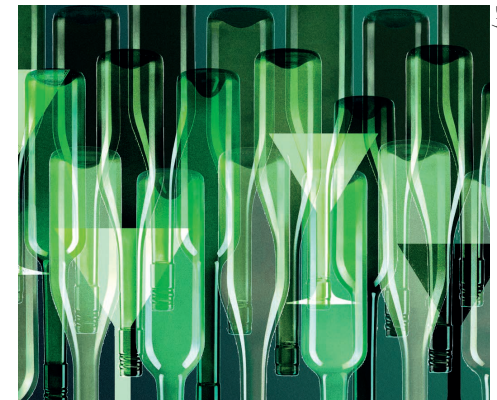
Norman Sing, V1, second narrator  
DAVID K.S. TSE  
The Harter Allen Agency

Chen Yucheng, Kai Sing  
ANDREW KOJI  
Eamonn Bedford Agency

Catherine Fallon, Ah Toy, first narrator  
SUE APPLEBY  
The Markham Agency



The Hand That Mocked Them



Dry



Highbinder