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New from TCG Books: *Jerusalem* by Jez Butterworth



“Jerusalem is one of the most exciting new plays in ages.”
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Winner –
New York Drama Critics’ Award for
Best Foreign Play

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Tony Award® for Best Play

NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of **Jez Butterworth’s *Jerusalem*, a comic, contemporary vision of life in rural England.** Best known for his Olivier Award-winning black comedy *Mojo*, British playwright Jez Butterworth has penned “one of the best dramas of the 21st century” (*London Guardian*). Currently in the midst of its Broadway premiere at the Music Box Theatre, *Jerusalem* received an unprecedented set of five-star reviews from twelve London newspapers.

“Jez Butterworth’s gorgeous, expansive new play keeps coming at its audience in unpredictable gusts, rolling from comic to furious, from winsome to bawdy.”
– Observer (London)

Set in Southwest England, *Jerusalem*’s former daredevil motorcyclist and modern-day Pied Piper, Johnny “Rooster” Byron, is “one of the most sensational creations in English drama of the past twenty years” (*New Yorker*). The roguish ne’er-do-well is a wanted man: the authorities want him evicted from his trailer in the woods, his son wants to be taken to the country fair, a stepfather wants to give him a serious beating and a motley crew of friends wants his never-ending reserve of drugs and booze. “A great, sprawling brawl of a play” (*New York Times*), *Jerusalem* is a rousing exploration of national identity, living on the margins and the urgent necessity for rebellion in our time.

“Butterworth’s England is messy, chaotic, rebellious – and above all, infused with the spirit of Shakespeare. Perfect.” – *Guardian (London)*

Jez Butterworth is the multi-award-winning author of *Mojo* and *Jerusalem*. Other plays include *The Night Heron*, *The Winterling* and *Parlour Song*. He also wrote and directed the film adaptation of *Mojo* (1998) starring Ian Hart and Harold Pinter, and *Birthday Girl* (2002) starring Nicole Kidman and Ben Chaplin, and he co-wrote and produced *Fair Game* (2010) starring Sean Penn and Naomi Watts.

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