

Zak Zarafshan

Zak Zarafshan is a British-Iranian playwright and screenwriter from the East Midlands, based in London. His debut play *THE BOYS ARE KISSING* was developed as part of Theatre503's Writers In Residence scheme, the 503Five, and opened at Theatre503 in January 2023 to a sell-out run and critical acclaim, earning him pending nominations for Best Writer at The Stage Debut Awards, Most Promising New Playwright at The Off West End Theatre Awards, and Best Writing at the London Pub Theatre Awards.



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Credits

Theatre

Production	Company	Notes
THE BOYS ARE KISSING	Theatre503	Dir. Lisa Spirling

Additional information

THE BOYS ARE KISSING - Theatre503

★★★★ (Arifa Akbar, [The Guardian](#)) "*Zarafshan has bold talent and this debut is an exciting discovery.*"

★★★★ (Nikita Karia, [The Stage](#)) "*Zarafshan's writing feels fresh and intelligent. He is an emerging talent whom we can expect to excel.*"

★★★★ (Alun Hood, [WhatsOnStage](#)) "*Zarafshan's unfettered imagination and zestful gift for comic dialogue rooted in truth, are surely something to celebrate. It's thought-provoking and eventually rather touching, but most of all, it's great fun.*"

★ ★ ★ ★ (Benedetta Mancusi, [The Upcoming](#)) *"The Boys Are Kissing is a fantastic debut. Tender moments followed by sexy moves and hilarious outbursts, leave the viewer with something to take home with them."*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (Nilgin Yusuf, [London Pub Theatres](#)) *"A wickedly entertaining debut that manages to discuss gender, identity, tolerance and inclusion with wry observation, intelligence and wit."*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (Gerrard Martin, [Afridiziak](#)) *"Razor-sharp wit and pathos... 'The Boys Are Kissing' is a must-see!"*