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Sir Richard Wadd, Pornographer
Written and directed by Shawn Postoff
World premiere at the Fringe Toronto Theatre Festival

TORONTO – Award-winning writer, director and producer Shawn Postoff presents his first theatrical production at the Fringe Toronto Theatre Festival July 7th to July 16th. *Sir Richard Wadd, Pornographer* uses powerfully evocative, sexually explicit language to investigate the aesthetics of arousal. In the process, it grapples with difficult issues surrounding the legal, cultural and emotional definitions of sexual maturity.

Sir Richard Wadd (John Healy) is an intelligent, proud and unapologetic producer of homemade gay porn with a decidedly literary flair. Assisted by **Tristan** (Michael Facciolo) and **Troy** (Rick Grayson), his two dashing and loyal performers, Sir Richard takes his voyeuristic web-cam audience on a wide-ranging romp through modern-day cyber-erotica.

75% of the dialogue is written in iambic pentameter (the kind of verse that Shakespeare wrote in) and its sexually charged imagery is the “hook” that Sir Richard uses to draw his Internet audience into his website. But when **Kevin** (Jefferson Guzman), a 14 year-old runaway poet shows up on his doorstep looking for work (not to mention validation, compassion, and love), Sir Richard’s humanity is suddenly put to the test. The law makes it extremely dangerous for the pornographer to have underage kids anywhere near him, yet Richard’s genuine sense of decency longs to offer Kevin a much-needed helping hand.

While this is Postoff’s first foray into the world of theatre, he is no stranger to the written word. He recently completed his third season on the writing staff of Showtime’s hit television series, *Queer as Folk*, for which he was the youngest writer on staff and twice nominated for a Writers Guild of Canada screenwriting award. His award-winning short films have traveled to festivals around the world. His second short, *Coming To Terms*, was selected for the American Library Association’s 2002 Booklist, and has been screened at over 30 international film festivals.

The cast of Sir Richard includes: John Healy (Sir Richard) recently appeared in George F. Walker’s *Criminal Genius* at the Alumnae Theatre and plays Eddy in the recently released *Cinderella Man* with Russell Crowe; **Michael Facciolo** can be seen in Clement Virgo’s upcoming *Lie With Me*; **Jason Fraser** (John) recently returned from New York City where he directed two plays with The Bridge Theatre Company; **Jefferson Guzman** (Kevin) premiered his first short film, *M-F*, at the Canadian Filmmakers Festival this spring. This is **Rick Grayson’s** debut. Jennifer White is Stage Manager and Stephen Koshurba is Producer.

**7 performances ONLY! Opens Thursday July 7th and runs to Saturday, July 16th,
Thurs, July 7 @ 7:00 pm, Sat, July 9 @ 11:00 pm, Mon, July 11 @ 1:00 pm, Wed, July 13 @ 7:30 pm,
Thurs, July 14 @ 4:30 pm, Fri, July 15 @ 9:15 pm, Saturday, July 16 @ 12:00 pm**

Ticket Prices: \$10 / Less with a Fringe Pass

Location: Royal St. George Theatre 120 Howland Ave., Venue # 8.

Tickets: Fringe Hotline 416-966-1062 For more info: www.fringetoronto.com or www.sirrichardwadd.com

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