

Release: Dec 01 | Show + Tell presents...

# Ross Sutherland:

## The Three Stigmata Of Pacman

*Set amongst the backdrop of mid-recession Britain and a decaying newspaper industry, this is the true-story adventure into the self-fulfilling prophecy.*

*Navigating poetry, stories and animation this is a darkly comic ride head forth into the apocalypse by award-winning poet Ross Sutherland.*

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

THE OLD RED LION THEATRE, LONDON  
418 St John St, London EC1V 4NJ

Show: 9.00pm (60mins)

Box Office: 020-7837-7816

Online: [oldredliontheatre.co.uk](http://oldredliontheatre.co.uk)

Tickets: £10 / £16 to also see The Petty Concerns of Luke Wright (7.30pm show)

"As the national newspaper I work for begins to fill more and more columns speculating on the imminent collapse of Britain, I begin to research the paradox of the self-fulfilling prophecy. Concerned by the attitude of my colleagues (who treat the Future as a country that we are at war with) I start to keep a time capsule in my garden, through which I begin a correspondence with the Future. I feed stories and poems into the box, trying to pave relations between Now and Next.

Soon after, I am made redundant from my newspaper, and have to move back in with my parents. The time capsule suddenly takes on new significance, and I find myself trapped in a world with no future at all; where every day is the same as the last, only slightly faster. This, I realise, is the first stigmata of Pac-man, a character I am fast becoming, and whom I recast as the tragic hero of the final fairytale I post into my time capsule." ROSS SUTHERLAND

Exploring themes such as media rhetoric, historical bias, and posterity in art, *The Three Stigmata of Pacman* attempts to be a snapshot of contemporary Britain at a strange turning point in its cultural legacy; where newspapers are reporting science fiction, and the poets are burying themselves in the garden.

**Ross Sutherland** is an award-winning poet and journalist, who has produced countless collaborative live shows encompassing poetry, performance and mixed media in recent years. Most notable has been his work as part of **poetry collective Aisle 16 (Time Out Critic's Choice of the Year Award Winners)**. His poems have been aired on **Radio 1's Colin Murray Show** and even performed by actor Damien Lewis on **Newsnight Review**. His debut collection, **Things To Do Before You Leave Town**, was released in Jan 2009 (Penned In The Margins).

**Press contact: Tom Searle 07941766608 | [tom@showandtelluk.com](mailto:tom@showandtelluk.com)**

PRESS NIGHT will take place on Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at The Old Red Lion downstairs theatre bar between 6.00 and 11.00pm. Complimentary drinks will be served between performances upstairs of The Petty Concerns Of Luke Wright (7.30pm) and The Three Stigmata Of Pacman (9.00pm).

**To book press tickets for either show please contact Tom Searle.**



**One of the UK's Top Ten  
Literary Talents - Sunday Times**

**Time Out Critic's Choice Of The  
Year Award Winner 2005**

**Pure genius - The Metro**