

National Theatre

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A feast for the senses: National Theatre announces food and drink offerings for summer 2024



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 - **New food trader Sen Noods will join KERB at The Understudy.**
- **Voices Radio to bring live music to the National Theatre every Sunday in August.**
- **Forza Taps, presented by Forza Wine, will open on the lower Weston Terrace at the National Theatre in May serving a selection of wine, beer and snacks.**

Summer at the **National Theatre** on London's South Bank is set to be a feast for the senses, with a diverse offering of food and drink to suit everyone's palate, served up alongside a variety of events in and around the building, including the National Theatre's free festival [River Stage](#).

KERB's [open-air market](#) will return to Theatre Square for the fifth year from Thursday 9 May, bringing some of the best street food London has to offer. **Baba Dhaba** will serve up their fiery

Pakistani naan bread wraps, spicy masala chicken thigh bites and crunchy poppadom nachos; **Chicken Bandits** will bring their buttermilk chicken thigh burgers, mushroom burgers and loaded fries; and **Hackney Gelato** will offer respite from the heat with a rotating menu of slow-churned, creamy gelato. On the bar, **Two Tribes Brewery** will serve independent craft beers from their giant 20ft bar, alongside **KERB**'s signature pint-sized cocktails, slushies and other classic summer drinks.

KERB will also be partnering with **Voices Radio** to bring a curated lineup of live music performances and DJs to the South Bank every Sunday afternoon in August, with the full line-up to be announced soon.

Inside **The Understudy**, the riverside craft beer bar, **KERB** will be welcoming a new street food trader – **Sen Noods** - as part of their commitment to incubate up and coming food talent. From May, **Sen Noods** will bring their signature noodle soups to the Understudy menu, incorporating locally sourced ingredients into East Asian-inspired dishes.

This summer, **KERB** will also strive to increase the sustainability of their products served across the bars at the National Theatre. Jordan Reid, Head of Bars at **KERB**, said:

*"Through our partnership with **Gipsy Hill Brewery** we have already introduced **TRAIL**, a carbon negative pale ale to the menu in **The Understudy**. In the year ahead, we predict carbon savings upwards of 3.4 tonnes through sustainable beer sales alone within **The Understudy** (the equivalent of a car driving 18,000km)."*

Forza Taps, presented by the National Theatre's rooftop venue **Forza Wine**, will open on the lower Weston Terrace at the National Theatre in May. Following the opening of the 110-cover restaurant at the National Theatre last September, visitors can now enjoy drinks and snacks alfresco from May through to September. Offering a selection of wine and beer (on tap), as well as a smaller "Italian-ish" snack menu, **Forza Taps** will seat for walk-ins only.

Lasdun, the modern British dining experience in the heart of the National Theatre, will also be opening for Friday lunches from 10 May. Patrons can book a table to enjoy timeless classics such as beef and barley buns, pies to share and their take on classic cocktails.

For further information about food and drink at the National Theatre visit

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About KERB

KERB is a hospitality organisation founded in 2012, focused on delivering impact, opportunity and joy through great food. To this day, they remain at the heart of London's street food and independent food scene. Starting out as a pop-up markets and membership organisation, they have evolved to operate iconic food halls internationally, offer event catering services empowering independently run businesses to serve at some of the most recognisable venues, and run a social enterprise focused on business incubation, mentorship and strengthening pathways into the hospitality industry.

KERB believes all projects should look and taste like the surrounding community, and they exclusively work with owner-operated food and drinks businesses. They launched their first food hall Seven Dials Market in 2019 which now feeds upwards of 30,000 hungry visitors each week.

In 2020, KERB started a first-of-its-kind collaboration with the National Theatre, bringing brilliant food and drink to this iconic British cultural institution, and in 2023 formed KERB+, a not-for-

profit social enterprise which supports 120 independent food and drink businesses across the UK.

Future projects include a collaboration with INGKA Centres, on a plant-forward food hall Saluhall, and the launch of KERB Berlin, due in Autumn 2024.