

National Theatre

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NATIONAL THEATRE TO HOST A FREE SCREENING OF NT LIVE: *DEAR ENGLAND* AT RIVER STAGE FESTIVAL



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The **National Theatre** will host the closing weekend of its free outdoor festival River Stage, from **26 to 28 July**, by inviting everyone to dive into the diverse delights of our South Bank venue.

London's largest free outdoor arts festival, River Stage, returns to the National Theatre for the eighth year this summer, over four weekends from **5 - 28 July 2024** with an exciting programme of live music, theatre, dance and more, curated by some of the UK's leading arts organisations. The South Bank will come to life once again with performances alongside a delicious selection of independent food and drink from street food suppliers **KERB**.

This year's River Stage partners are **The Glory** (5-7 July), **Greenwich+Docklands International Festival** (12-14 July) and **Rambert** (19-21 July). The **National Theatre** (26-28 July) will host the closing weekend of River Stage.

On **Friday 26 July**, **Diane Chorley** returns with her legendary 80s club *The Flick* for her only show of 2024 bringing the very best of character comedy, infectious music, queer cabaret and some special guests. Diane will be joined by an array of notable icons including musical legends **Flo and Joan**, Australian comedian **Reuben Kaye**, **Catherine Cohen** best known for her hit Netflix comedy special *THE TWIST...? SHE'S GORGEOUS*, comedy extraordinaire **Sikisa** and many more for an unmissable night of laughs and joy!

Ease into your Saturday on **27 July** with fun for the whole family hosted by National Theatre's **Anoushka Chakrapani**. Enjoy a puppet making workshop with **Little Angel Theatre** and catch the National Theatre's Wigs, Hair and Make Up specialists in action for a free face painting session. **BAC Beatbox Academy** bring their beats, vibes and high energy performance to the South Bank and **Boy Blue** will be back for a Hip Hop performance you won't forget. Everyone is welcome to have a look behind the scenes with our **free backstage tours** giving audiences a glimpse of the magic of the NT. **Hackney Colliery Band** returns to the National Theatre to play music from across their 15-year career full of brass, drums and electronics. For one day only, James Graham's Olivier Award-winning hit show, **NT Live: *Dear England***, will be screened for free at 7.30pm.

On Sunday 28 July, NT's former artist in residence and Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year, **Curtis Holder**, will lead a portrait workshop where musicians **Fenella Humphreys**, **Kasia Ziminska** and **Cara Berridge** become his muses. Join theatre maker and choreographer Dan Canham for an inclusive **Public Acts Odyssey Workshop** where he will teach the dance from the spectacular *Gods of Olympus* scene. **Some Voices** choir are returning to the River Stage to bring you summer smash hits in glorious harmony. **Chisara Agor** will bring the festival to a close with a boundary-pushing musical performance exploring themes of visibility, magic and solidarity.

Alongside **The Understudy** and the riverside bar, **KERB** will be serving up a range of London's most exciting street food. **Baba Dhaba**, **Mexclub**, **Chicken Bandits**, **Oh My Dog** and **Poke Nom** bring an array of delectable flavours whilst **Hackney Gelato** serve delicious, refreshing ice-cream. KERB will be partnering with **Two Tribes** on the bar for some of the finest cold beer, and **Sen Noods**, **Meltdown Cheeseburgers** and **Sireli** will be serving up mouth-watering delicacies at The Understudy

The River Stage festival will run from 5-28 July. All events are free. For more details and the full programme with schedule, please visit the [website](#).

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The National Theatre makes theatre that entertains and inspires using its creativity, expertise and unique reach. The National Theatre shares unforgettable stories with millions of audience members across the UK and around the world – on its own stages, on tour, in schools, on cinema screens and streaming at home.

World-leading artists make their best work at the National Theatre with the widest possible audience and impact. The National Theatre invests in talent and innovation on stage and off, taking seriously its role as the nation's theatre. Of the new productions developed each year with a wide range of theatre companies, a third of that research and development resource is dedicated to shows staged at theatres outside London.

Through touring our work to local theatres and schools and nationwide education and community programmes, we are active in every local authority in the UK. A registered charity with deeply embedded social purpose, the National Theatre works with hundreds of schools and communities across the UK to fire imagination and inspire creativity, and to develop skills and pathways for careers in theatre.

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