

## UK Theatre Awards 2020

The UK Theatre Awards will take place on Sunday 25 October 2020 at London's Guildhall.

For 28 years the UK Theatre Awards have been the only nationwide awards to celebrate the outstanding achievements of theatre across the UK. During this time the UK Theatre Awards have celebrated theatre across the country and the contributions UK Theatre make to the industry.

## Awards categories

Awards will be given for work On Stage and Off Stage.

On Stage	Off Stage
Achievement in Dance	Digital Innovation
Achievement in Opera	Excellence in Arts Education
Best Design	Excellence in Inclusivity
Best Director	Excellence in Touring
Best Musical Production	Workforce Award
Best Performance in a Play	
Best Play Revival	
Best Show for Children and Young People	
Best Supporting Performance (in a musical or play)	
Best Play Revival	

## UK's Most Welcoming Theatre

- UK Theatre Organisation Members are invited to tell us why you're a welcoming theatre in three ways; your place, your people and your programme.
- There is no longer a public vote for this award.
- Applications open on 1 May 2020 and close on 30 June 2020.

## Outstanding Contribution to British Theatre

- Outstanding Contribution to British Theatre will continue to be awarded by the UK Theatre Board.

## The Gielguld Award

- We will continue to work with the Shakespeare's Guild to present the Gielgud Award.

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### On Stage Awards

#### Judging the Awards

The **On Stage Awards** are decided through a nominations and panel judging process. Organisation Members will be able to champion their own outstanding productions using the Productions Calendar throughout the year. They can also submit recommendations for their favourite productions from other members for consideration by the judging panel via our survey in September 2020.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for the On Stage categories of the UK Theatre Awards, a production has to be:

- a new production either produced by a UK Theatre Organisation Member in any theatre (excluding a Society of London Theatre venue)
  - or seen in a UK Theatre Organisation member theatre venue
- and*
- Productions should run between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

We want our members to share information about the outstanding productions they wish to be considered for the UK Theatre Awards. Here is how to do it...

#### **Productions Calendar – to champion your organisation’s own productions**

- The **Productions Calendar** allows members to share information about their outstanding productions. It includes show dates, venue/s and booking information for members and the panel.
- You can submit entries to the Productions Calendar by emailing [ukt@soltukt.co.uk](mailto:ukt@soltukt.co.uk) with: show name, venue/producer (name of UK Theatre Member Organisation), running dates, location and booking information/link.
- The On Stage Awards are open to all eligible shows. Inclusion on the Productions’ Calendar is not a requirement for your show to be eligible for nomination.
- It is your decision if you would like to offer complimentary or discounted seats to the judging panel or UK Theatre Members to see your productions. Please include details of how tickets should be booked. You should not cover any further expenses, i.e. travel or accommodation costs incurred by the panel and/or UK Theatre Members.
- An update of all eligible shows will be sent to all judging panels each month to draw their attention to upcoming shows listed on the calendar.
- The judging panels will be advised about how to obtain a house seat using the information supplied by the submitting member.

#### **Recommendations Survey – to champion your favourite productions from fellow members**

- At the end of the eligibility period (1 September - 31 August), all UK Theatre members will be able to recommend (via a survey which we will send to all members in September 2020) one outstanding production/creative and/or performer in each of the On Stage categories.
- Members should recommend eligible productions from other UK Theatre members but *cannot* recommend their organisation’s own productions.
- The results of these recommendations will be given to the relevant On Stage judging panel for consideration.

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### Judging Panels

- The [On Stage judging panels](#) meet in early September 2020 to discuss nominees and vote on a winner in each category.
- There are three On Stage panels; theatre, opera, dance.
- The Judging Panels for both On Stage and Off Stage Awards are chosen one year ahead of the Awards ceremony and [published](#) on the UK Theatre website.
- Panellists will be reviewed and approved by the UK Theatre Board. To ensure that the recruitment process is transparent and the panels are inclusive, the UK Theatre Board will review and have the opportunity to suggest changes or additions to each panel each year.
- Each panel will include an observer from the UK Theatre Board. The Chief Executive of UK Theatre/SOLT will Chair the panels, with the exception of the Dance panel which will be Chaired by Roger Spence.

### Off Stage Awards

The Off Stage Awards are decided through an application and panel judging process. The Awards recognise areas of work which have been identified as crucial to the resilience of the industry.

#### When to apply

- The Off Stage Awards are application based
- UK Theatre Organisation Members can submit their applications for the Off Stage Awards at any time during the 2020 eligibility period and before 10am on 4 September 2020
- [Forms are available now](#)
- All applications will be given to the Off Stage Judging Panel for consideration.

#### Eligibility

- Off Stage Awards are open to UK Theatre Organisation Members only. This can include an employee of the Organisation Member or may be a project run by the member, which could also be a co-production or collaboration with a non-member.
- Members are encouraged to submit applications for the same product during one award cycle. So, if an application was submitted in 2019 but was not successful in winning the Award, they cannot reapply in 2020 for the same project even if a project/campaign/programme is ongoing.

Applications can be submitted throughout the eligibility period but must be submitted before 10am on 4 September 2020 to be considered for the 2020 Awards.

#### Judging Panel

- The [Off Stage Judging Panel](#) meets in early September to discuss nominees and vote on a winner in each category.
- The Judging Panel is made up of the UK Theatre President, Board Members, Chief Executive and others from across the industry.
- The Judging Panel for the Off Stage Awards is chosen and published on our website one year ahead of the Awards ceremony.
- Panellists will be reviewed and approved by the UK Theatre Board. To ensure that the recruitment process is transparent and the panels are inclusive, the UK Theatre Board will review and have the opportunity to suggest changes or additions to each panel each year.

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### The UK's Most Welcoming Theatre

UK Theatre Organisation Member venues are now invited to tell us why they are a welcoming theatre in three ways; place, people and programme.

There is no longer a public vote for this award.

#### Applying to be the UK's Most Welcoming Theatre

- Applications will be judged on a theatre's ability to demonstrate how it is welcoming in these areas.
- To apply, please complete the application form (including a minimum of two testimonials). The [form is available now](#) for information.
- Applications open on 1 May 2020 and close on 30 June 2020.
- Three finalist theatres will be shortlisted and then visited in person by the Judging Panel.
- The Judging Panel will visit the three finalists to talk through your application and so that you can show them your venue. This could involve the panel meeting staff, having a tour of the building, taking part in a scheduled activity, seeing a production and speaking to audience members.

#### Judging Panel

- Applications will be judged by a panel made up of UK Theatre Professional and Partner members and sponsors of the UK Theatre Awards.
- The panel will agree on three shortlisted theatres, and will visit those finalist venues to hear more about how their work could make them the UK's Most Welcoming Theatre. All visits will be pre-arranged.
- [The Judging Panel for Most Welcoming Theatre](#) is published on our website.

#### Eligibility

- Most Welcoming Theatre is open to UK Theatre Organisation Members only.
- The previous year's winner is not eligible to apply.
- To apply, please complete the application form (including a minimum of two testimonials) and submit it to [ukt@soltukt.co.uk](mailto:ukt@soltukt.co.uk) between 1 May 2020 and 30 June 2020.

#### Timeline

- **July:** Applications to be assessed by the judging panel and three theatres shortlisted.
- **October:** The panel visits the three shortlisted theatres/venues on Monday 5 October, Monday 12 October, and Monday 19 October.
- **25 October 2020:** The winner is announced at the UK Theatre Awards at London's Guildhall.

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## Timeline for the 2020 UK Theatre Awards

<b>1 September 2019</b>	Eligibility period for 2020 Awards opens - UK Theatre Organisation Members able to 'champion their own outstanding productions' over the next year
<b>1 May 2020</b>	Most Welcoming Theatre applications open
<b>30 June 2020</b>	Most Welcoming Theatre applications closes
<b>July 2020</b>	Most Welcoming Theatre applications to be assessed by the judging panel and three theatres shortlisted
<b>31 August 2020</b>	Eligibility period for 2020 Awards closes
<b>5, 12, &amp; 20 October 2020</b>	Most Welcoming Theatre panel visit the three shortlisted theatres/venues
<b>Tuesday 1 September 2020</b>	All UK Theatre members invited to submit recommendations for peers' outstanding productions for the 2020 On Stage Award categories via our member survey
<b>Monday 14 September 2020</b>	Deadline for members to submit recommendation survey for On Stage UK Theatre Awards categories
<b>Thursday 17 September 2020</b>	Survey recommendation results sent to panels
<b>w/c 21 September 2020</b>	Panel meetings – Theatre, Dance, Opera and Industry Panels
<b>w/c 30 September 2020</b>	Shortlisted nominations announced for 2020 Awards
<b>Sunday 25 October 2020</b>	2020 UK Theatre Awards