

PRESS NOTICE
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**TROUBADOUR WEMBLEY PARK THEATRE TO WELCOME THE
NATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF *WAR HORSE*
AUTUMN 2019**



- ***War Horse* will return to London as part of the 2019 UK and international tour, playing Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre, for a limited run in October.**
- **Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre set to open in Summer 2019 with inaugural production and further programming to be announced.**
- **Fully flexible 1,000 – 2,000 seat theatre from the award-winning team behind the King’s Cross Theatre.**
- **New destination theatre will include a spacious modern bar, restaurant and an open air terrace.**
- **First new theatre to open in Brent in 39 years.**

Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre, Wembley Park’s highly-anticipated new theatre venture announces that the acclaimed **National Theatre** production of ***War Horse*** will return to London for a strictly limited run from **18 October – 23 November 2019**.



Tickets will be on sale to the public from **15 February 2019**, with booking for NT priority members from **29 January 2019** and Troubadour Theatre's priority members and American Express® Cardmembers can book from **12 February 2019**.

For further information and to sign up to Troubadour Theatres priority membership visit www.troubadourtheatres.com/wembley-park.

Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre is being created inside the former Fountain Studios by award-winning Troubadour Theatres. The venue will open in summer 2019, with the inaugural production - further programming to be announced.

The National Theatre's acclaimed play *War Horse* is now on a UK and international tour throughout 2019, having visited 11 countries around the world and playing to nearly 8 million people over the past 11 years, including a recent sold out return to the National Theatre.

War Horse is directed by **Marianne Elliott** and **Tom Morris**, designed by **Rae Smith**, with puppet direction, design and fabrication by **Basil Jones** and **Adrian Kohler** for Handspring Puppet Company, lighting by **Paule Constable**, and movement and horse choreography by **Toby Sedgwick**, with video design by **Leo Warner** and **Mark Grimmer** for 59 Productions, songmaker **John Tams**, music by **Adrian Sutton** and sound by **Christopher Shutt**.

Katie Henry is the UK & International Tour Director and **Craig Leo** is the Associate Puppetry Director. **Charlotte Peters** is the Associate Director and **Matthew Forbes** is the Associate Puppetry Director. They are joined by Resident Director, **Charlie Kenber** and Resident Puppetry Director, **Gareth Aled**.

Tickets for the productions run start from £15. The six week run of *War Horse* will include a programme of activity which engages with schools and the local community in Brent in the lead up to the yearlong Brent London Borough of Culture collaborative project in 2020.

Speaking about the announcement Tristan Baker and Oliver Royds of Troubadour Theatres said:

"We are delighted to be welcoming the acclaimed National Theatre production of War Horse to Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre this Autumn. We couldn't think of a more fitting production to welcome to this state-of-the-art theatre. 2019 will be a hugely exciting year for Troubadour Theatres and Wembley Park as we open a brand new venue in the heart of one of Europe's most dynamic regeneration areas."

James Saunders, COO of Quintain, the developer behind Wembley Park, says:

"We're thrilled about the Troubadour Theatre opening, as it adds to the growing cultural offering of the area, that already boasts Wembley Stadium, SSE Arena and Boxpark Wembley, and will be an intrinsic part of the lively new neighbourhood that is providing much needed homes to rent in North London, as well as giving Londoners more reason to come and enjoy Wembley Park."

Councillor Muhammed Butt, Brent Council Leader, says:

"It's been incredibly exciting to see Wembley Park's transformation over the past few years. The Troubadour Theatre is set to be another great addition to the area, as well as to Brent's busy arts scene. As we gear up to become the London Borough of Culture in 2020, we hope productions like War Horse will pull in audiences from across the capital, and that more and more people will recognise Brent as a cultural destination."

Troubadour Theatres will run the brand-new theatre in Wembley Park, and will work with well-known and emerging production companies and artists to stage world-class entertainment within a flexible space, unmatched by other London theatres. In addition to a versatile performance space, Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre will also house a modern state-of-the-art restaurant and a fun, sociable bar space and an open air terrace.

Located within the historic former Fountain Studios - best known for being the venue of live televised shows including *The X Factor*, *Britain's Got Talent* and *Pop Idol* - the new theatre will be in the heart of Wembley Park, an area that is fast becoming one of London's most lively new creative districts, with affordable artist studios in addition to the sporting and musical events for which the area is internationally known.

Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre will be a fully flexible theatre; a space that can be transformed to suit the requirements for every show - traditional proscenium arch theatre, in-the-round theatrical experiences, or immersive shows. It will encourage theatrical producers to think big, offering them an affordable alternative space to present bold and ambitious shows.

The Troubadour team has extensive experience of running spectacular theatres including the King's Cross Theatre which consisted of two 1,000 seat theatres and one 450 seat studio housing the Olivier Award-winning production of *The Railway Children*, Lin-Manuel Miranda's *In The Heights*, David Bowie's *Lazarus* and the Donmar's *Shakespeare Trilogy*.

This will be the first theatre to open in Wembley Park and first venture between Quintain, the developers behind the transformation of Wembley Park, and Troubadour Theatres, providing a new cultural offering for those living, working and visiting Wembley Park.

War Horse at Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre is supported by American Express, the National Theatre's preferred Card Partner.

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War Horse

based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo

adapted by Nick Stafford

presented in association with the award-winning Handspring Puppet Company

Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre

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About Troubadour Theatres

Troubadour Theatres specialises in the creation of temporary and semi-permanent theatre venues – utilising spaces which would otherwise be empty, derelict or unused.

We have been creating, designing, building and running temporary venues across the world for nearly ten years. Troubadour's ambition is to transform local areas into vibrant cultural hubs, creating modern, sociable spaces which showcase the best of theatre and offer audiences a great night out.

Flexible, dynamic and exciting new venues have been created by the team behind Troubadour Theatres in Camden, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, in tented and semi permanent-structures, abandoned buildings and The Royal Parks.

About Wembley Park

Wembley Park is a neighbourhood being created in North West London. Building on the international reputation for music and sporting events for which the area is known, Wembley Park is being transformed into a landmark destination with culture, entertainment and a community at its heart. It includes homes, shops, and places to work, as well as attractive public spaces, with parks and gardens adding to the squares and wide boulevards already created. When completed, nearly half of the 85-acre site will be open space, with much of it green.

Wembley Park already comprises The SSE Arena, Wembley, London Designer Outlet (LDO), which includes 70 high street outlet stores, restaurants, bars, coffee shops and a 9-screen Cineworld cinema and two hotels. Boxpark Wembley, the largest Boxpark to date, opened in December, bringing lots of new independent and established food traders to the area, as well as 200 events throughout the year. Black Sheep Coffee opened in autumn 2018, and will be followed by a range of independent shops in the new village high street.

Wembley Park is fast establishing its credentials as a new creative hub for North West London, and is a key strategic partner Brent Borough of Culture 2020. The ambitious cultural strategy for the area includes affordable artist studios, run by Second Floor Studios & Arts, a public art programme and extensive cultural programming and events, most of which are available free of charge. Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre, a new flexible 1,000-2,000 seat capacity theatre is being created inside the former Fountain Studios, will open in 2019.

With 6,1000 new homes being created, in addition to the 1,400 already built, Wembley Park is one of Europe's largest regeneration schemes. It is creating a new urban heart for the Borough of Brent, with primary and nursery schools and a GP surgery being built. Brent Civic Centre, including Wembley Library



and the council offices, was built in 2012. A new purpose built community centre, The Yellow opened in 2018, and provides an extensive weekly programme of community activities, ranging from urban gardening to Indian classical dance.

Just 20 minutes from Oxford Circus, Wembley Park also has excellent transport connections to central London via the Jubilee and Metropolitan tube lines and overground from Wembley Stadium station.

You can follow Wembley Park on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) or via the official website at: www.wembleypark.com

About the National Theatre

The National Theatre's mission is to make world class theatre that's entertaining, challenging and inspiring – and to make it for everyone. It aims to reach the widest possible audience and to be as inclusive, diverse and national as possible with a broad range of productions that play in London, on tour around the UK, on Broadway and across the globe. The National Theatre's extensive UK-wide learning and participation programme supports young people's creative education through performance and writing programmes like Connections, New Views and Let's Play. Its major new initiative Public Acts creates extraordinary acts of theatre and community; the first Public Acts production was 2018's Pericles. The National Theatre extends its reach through digital programmes including NT Live, which broadcasts some of the best of British theatre to over 2,500 venues in 65 countries, and the free streaming service On Demand In Schools, used by nearly 60% of UK state secondary schools. The National Theatre invests in the future of theatre by developing talent, creating bold new work and building audiences, partnering with a range of UK theatres and theatre companies.

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