

Letter from Watermans Director about Watermans Reopening on 5 August 2020

16 July 2020

This letter was sent to Watermans' customers and supporters on 16 July announcing the reopening of Watermans on 5 August.

Dear customers,

On 20th March, Watermans closed until further notice. It's been a long haul since then, as it has been for venues around the country, and we've really missed seeing our audiences, artists and staff every day in the building. But we've been so touched by the supportive messages and donations we've received. We've been blown away by how many of you have followed and responded to our culture pick emails, or joined new events like our online cinema club, or our Zoom workshops for disabled children. It's been really moving at times!

I'm so proud of all our team and how hard they've worked, with smiles on their faces, to keep the show on the road, as well as moving Watermans into brand new territory, launching new events online and commissioning new online work.

And I am now DELIGHTED to announce that we will be reopening on Wednesday 5th August!

At first, we will only be able to open the Cinema and Gallery, along with The Guru Tandoori Kitchen and Bar. We will announce the programme over the next couple of weeks. We hope the theatre will follow as soon as government guidelines allow it. The most important thing is that we open safely, both for our customers and our staff. So we will be working hard over the next 3 weeks to get Watermans ready to welcome you back.

I know everyone's experience of coronavirus and the lockdown has been different, so we'd really like to hear from you about how you feel about the lockdown easing and about coming back into our venue. Listening to you will help us make Watermans feel as safe and happy a place as it can be. So if you can spare a few minutes to fill in our survey, I'd be very grateful.

[FILL IN THE SURVEY HERE](#)

For those that are enjoying events like No Ticket Required, don't worry, they'll be continuing for the foreseeable future. And, in fact, we have two fantastic events coming up before we reopen, including award-winning director Asif Kapadia joining us to discuss his early film *The Warrior*, and a talk from Polish film expert Michael Brooke about the films of Pawel Pawlikowski. You can find out more [HERE](#).

I look forward to welcoming you back to Watermans as soon after 5th August as you feel comfortable with coming in

All the best

Jan Lennox

Director

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Information for Listings

Watermans, 40 High Street, Brentford TW8 0DS

Watermans.org.uk

Box Office: 020 8232 1010

Nearest rail: Kew Bridge, Brentford

Nearest tube: Gunnersbury then bus 237 or 267. Or 65 from Northfields.

On-site car parking.

On-site café and Indian restaurant with riverside views.

CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS: EVENTS ARE TAKING PLACE ONLINE

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About Watermans

Watermans is West London's leading arts centre with a thriving and inclusive programme of independent cinema, family theatre, live performance, exhibitions and courses. Watermans runs a year-round programme of cutting-edge digital arts for which it receives National Portfolio Organisation funding from Arts Council England, and has done so for many years.

Watermans also leads several outreach projects, primary concerned with broadening access to high quality arts in communities where there is little arts provision:

Creative People & Places Hounslow, Arts Council England's major investment in increasing arts capacity in underserved areas, working in Feltham, Heston and Cranford, and central Hounslow. Watermans leads a consortium of arts organisations with the vision of creating a confident, colourful and creative borough.

Bell Square, the outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, programmed and delivered by Watermans

Circulate, a London-wide outdoor arts touring network, led by Watermans