



PRESS RELEASE

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Watermans Announces Theatre is Freedom | Teatr to Wolnosc Festival as part of the UK/Poland Season 2025

Watermans presents ***Theatre is Freedom | Teatr to Wolnosc*** an outdoor theatre festival at Bell Square as part of the **UK/Poland Season 2025**, which will run through September.

Theatre is Freedom | Teatr to Wolnosc opens on Friday 5 September 2025 with the UK premiere of ***Bal (The Ball)*** by **Teatro KTO** and includes ***Lost Dream*** by Teatr Osmeo Dnia. Further artists will be announced in the coming months.

The Festival will feature productions by some of the most established Polish companies, legendary across the world, for their spectacular outdoor performances. Many of these companies, established in the 1960s-1990s, have toured widely and have developed London audiences at Bell Square over the last 10 years. The Festival will bring a significant focus on the world-class quality of this work and provide the opportunity for audiences to witness the extraordinary and spectacular range of their productions.

Theatre is Freedom | Teatr to Wolnosc also promotes a new generation of Polish outdoor theatre with performances by younger, emerging companies. Each developing company has been recommended by one of the established companies to be presented in the Festival.

Watermans has developed the festival in partnership with **Teatr KTO** who last visited Bell Square in 2023 with their show, *Arcadia*. Watch a trailer for [***Bal \(The Ball\)***](#)



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Initiated by the British Council and realised in partnership with the Polish Cultural Institute in London and the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw, the **UK/Poland Season 2025** brings together a vibrant and dynamic programme of over 100 events in both countries. The season offers a unique opportunity to discover the work of the most exciting talent across both nations' artistic scenes, from film, theatre, and visual arts to design and music.

Watermans is especially grateful to the Adam Mickiewicz Institute for their support for Theatre is Freedom | Teatr to Wolnosc.

Jan Lennox, Watermans' Director commented:

"Watermans is delighted to be presenting a selection of some of the most remarkable contemporary Polish outdoor theatre at Bell Square as part of the UK/Poland Season 2025. Theatre is Freedom | Teatr to Wolnosc will present new work by established companies and introduce the work of some of the most acclaimed emerging companies. As usual, audiences will be able to enjoy the performances free of charge."

Jerzy Zoń, Director of Teatr KTO adds:

"In these times of growing social and national divisions, the power of theatre should be recognised for its ability to show reality from the perspective of different audiences. Theatre productions showing the power of unity in diversity create a space in which many difficult topics can be discussed, leading to understanding and empathy. In this context, the Theatre is Freedom | Teatr to Wolnosc festival in London cannot be overestimated."

Magdalena Grabianowska, Deputy Director of the Polish Cultural Institute in London, adds:

"Poland is a vibrant and dynamic force in the European cultural landscape, with a cutting-edge and progressive sector leading the way. Watermans' festival offers an unparalleled opportunity to show audiences in the UK exactly what makes contemporary Polish theatre so remarkable."

Watermans is grateful to Arts Council England, London Borough of Hounslow, the Adam Mickiewicz Institute, Polish Cultural Institute, London, Global Streets and the City of Krakow for supporting Theatre is Freedom | Teatr to Wolnosc.



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Editors' Notes

Listings:

Teatr to Wolnosc / Theatre is Freedom

Bell Square

5 September 2025, 8pm

[**Bal \(The Ball\)**](#)

Teatr KTO

Launch Event: Friday 5 September 2025, 8pm

About UK/Poland Season 2025:

The UK/Poland Season 2025 is more than a celebration of the creative, innovative and ongoing collaboration between two countries. It offers possibilities to individuals and organisations to be the catalyst of the things to come, forging our joint future based on long-term cultural partnerships and shared values. It will be exploring them through the four themes: dialogue; diversity; digital and diaspora.

<https://www.britishcouncil.pl/en/programmes/uk-poland-season-2025>

About Bell Square:

Bell Square is Hounslow's permanent outdoor performance space. Between May and November each year, Bell Square presents a high-quality programme that is



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surprising and often challenging with audiences often coming back week after week to experience explosive acrobatics, powerful dance, beguiling theatre, highly skilled circus and mesmerising street performance by international as well as UK artists. Bell Square is a powerful reminder of the way story-telling performance, visual installations designed for the streets can bring communities and audiences together like nothing else – and it is **free** for everyone to watch.

About Watermans

Watermans' mission is to bring communities together through cultural practice and to enrich lives through the arts and creativity. It presents a programme of international outdoor performance at ***Bell Square London*** from May to December, including in 2025 the **Theatre is Freedom / Teatr to Wolnosc** festival as part of the UK/Poland Season and delivers an extensive programme of participative arts activities in the community, where it is also lead partner for ***Creative People and Places Hounslow*** - and in its own right. It is also a partner in the EU funded project ***Artcast4D***, an innovative pan-European project that combines art and immersive technology to enable people to interact with culture.



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