

PRESS RELEASE
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**THE ROYAL COURT THEATRE TO OPEN NEW POP-UP BAR & CAFE, COURT
IN THE SQUARE, THIS FRIDAY IN SLOANE SQUARE**

**- Open 12 noon - 8pm/9pm Tuesday- Sunday throughout July, August and
September**

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Photo: The Royal Court Theatre's Court in the Square by Robert Smael

Throughout the summer, the Royal Court Theatre's new Bar & Café is popping up in the middle of Sloane Square.

From noon Friday 31 July 2020 coffees, cakes and snacks will be available including the Royal Court's classic sausage roll as well as many vegan choices. Into the evenings wine, craft beers and cocktails from the new drinks menu will also be on offer.



Customers can expect socially distanced tables with hand sanitiser; Wi-Fi and charging points for laptops and phones; a mobile ordering app; and contactless payment on delivery of any orders.

The Royal Court Theatre's Pop-Up Bar & Café can be a quiet space to write, a central location to meet a friend for a drink, or simply somewhere to get a skilfully prepared coffee. All are welcome at the new theatre bar.

The temporary pop-up venue will be run by the Royal Court's friendly theatre bar team and all profits will support the Royal Court Theatre.

Robert Smael, Catering & Operations Manager at Royal Court Theatre says;

"I'm very excited to take this first step to re-opening and look forward to welcoming visitors again. We've worked with Cadogan and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea to create an appealing and safe offer for both locals and our Royal Court audiences. I can't wait to be joined by our Bar team members, the first staff to join on-site since we closed on the 16th of March. The majority of our Bar team also work in the creative industry and they've been hit very hard by the shutdown, it will be a joy to work together in our new pop-up bar."

Vicky Featherstone, Artistic Director at Royal Court Theatre adds;

"We are delighted that we have this opportunity to start working again and that our brilliant bar team are leading the way. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard and so fast to make this happen."

The Royal Court Theatre's Pop-Up Bar & Café will open Tuesday - Sunday at 12 noon and close at 8pm with an extended opening until 9pm on Friday and Saturday's throughout the summer months.

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/your-visit/court-in-the-square/>

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Notes to Editors:

For all images [click here](#).

<https://courtinthesquare.co.uk/>



FAQ

When are your opening hours?

12 noon until 8pm and 9pm on Friday and Saturday, Tuesday to Sunday throughout the summer months.

Do I have to book?

No, you don't. But at busy times you may have to queue until a table is ready for you. We'll make sure you're able to do this in a socially distanced way, with markings and signage to help you stay safe. Sloane Square also offers plenty of standing space to enjoy your drink.

What will you be serving?

We will be serving a varied selection of drinks including coffees and teas, juices and smoothies, craft beers (bottled), an extensive wine list and cocktails. We will be serving vegan cakes from Cake or Death and our sausage rolls will definitely be available. We won't be opening our kitchen for our normal food service until we're able to fully reopen the building safely.

How are you keeping customers safe?

We want to keep you and our staff safe and healthy. We work with an external advisor & auditor called Food Alert to make sure we adhere to updated Covid-19 standards. They support us with risk assessments and staff training. You can find more about this on our website <http://courtinthesquare.co.uk>

All tables will be placed at least two metres away from each other, and will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each use. We will have hand sanitiser stations setup in the square where you can disinfect your hands. Customers will be able to order from the pop-up bar, which is designed to accommodate social distancing. Or they can order through our mobile app by scanning the QR code or going to <http://courtinthesquare.co.uk>. We will deliver the order to the table and take contactless (card or device) payment. We ask that people gather in groups of no more than six, in accordance with government guidelines.

How are you keeping your staff safe?

We're able to open this pop up bar because of the co-operation of our brilliant bar team. Their safety is our priority. We're only bringing back personnel needed to run the pop-up bar. We encourage our team members to travel to work without using public transport. Our non-operational staff continues to work remotely to ease pressure on TFL and reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Our pop-up bar and the seating in the square is designed to allow our visitors and our team members to social distance. Where team members can't social distance due to the nature of their job, we will provide suitable PPE and assess if that allows them to carry out the task safely. If that's not the case, those tasks won't take place. We will



build our rotas so staff work with the same team members in small, socially-distanced groups. All staff will fill out a daily questionnaire at the start of their shifts and attend a safety briefing. Anyone displaying any symptoms of CODVID-19 will be asked to stay home, self-isolate and get tested in accordance with government guidelines. No one will be asked to work if they feel uncomfortable doing so and we will continue to assess the safety of our visitors and team members.

Will there be performances in the Square?

That's not our plan for the moment. The Royal Court Theatre will start making work again when it is safe to do so. We hope to start welcoming audiences back into our building in the Autumn. Keeping checking www.royalcourttheatre.com for news.

Will toilet facilities be available?

As our building has been closed for a while, we're not quite ready to let visitors back in our theatre and therefore we can't offer toilet facilities at this time. There is a public toilet next to Sloane Square Tube Station and Peter Jones on the west side of the square also offers toilets.

What payments methods do you accept?

To guarantee your and our safety we currently don't accept cash or cheque payments. We take all cards (including American Express) and there's no minimum order.

Can I still get a receipt?

We can still provide you with a receipt. When ordering through the app you will receive an order confirmation via email. Our team can also send you a till receipt via email if you wish.