

WATERMILL THEATRE

The **Watermill Theatre** is a small but mighty 200-seat theatre, set in idyllic gardens and nestled on the banks of the river Lambourn in rural West Berkshire.

The **Watermill Theatre** is a unique producing powerhouse of residential and artistic facilities which provide a crucible for creativity, innovative storytelling, and artistic excellence.

The **Watermill Theatre** was the recipient of the 2025 UK Theatre Award for 'Best Musical Production' for their summer production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Described as "innovative" "thrilling" and "emotional" across a string of five-star reviews, this immersive production spilled out of the intimate 200 seat theatre into the gardens, drawing audiences into the heart of the epic musical. In 2024, the **Watermill** was awarded the prestigious title of 'Theatre of the Year' jointly with the National Theatre, by The Stage. This award, recognising excellence in British theatre, was bestowed on the **Watermill Theatre** in 2024 for its continued ambition as an independent charity, and the success of their 2023 production of The Lord of the Rings. This multi award-winning production has subsequently transferred to Chicago, Auckland, and Australia (tour). The Watermill has received a nomination for the 'Theatre of the Year' award once again in 2026.

Reaching far beyond the 200 seats in its auditorium, the Watermill's productions regularly transfer to the West End or tour the UK and internationally, including Fanny, Calamity Jane, Spike, Bleak Expectations, Amelie the Musical, Tell Me on a Sunday, and Crazy for You. In 2026 the Watermill's production of Barnum will embark on a major tour across the UK.

The Watermill's mission is to make theatre that is surprising, inventive and exciting, and to make it for everyone. With a core belief in the transformative power of the arts, the Watermill Theatre provides an extensive programme of outreach and engagement activities, working with children and young people from low-income, isolated and/or displaced communities. As a registered charity (#261430), the Watermill's creative work, both on and off the stage, is only possible thanks to the support of audiences, members, funders, and donors.

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