

V&A Academy

BRITISH THEATRE 2025: AN OVERVIEW



Introduction

Join us at the V&A South Kensington for this 8 week exploration of British theatre. Immerse yourself in London's vibrant theatre scene with an introduction to a wealth of critically acclaimed and 'must-see' productions featuring a special guest each week in conversation with theatre critic Matt Wolf. Previous editions of this British Theatre course, now in its 13th year, have included a host of guests who went on to be nominated for, and even win, Olivier or Evening Standard Theatre Awards.

Previous guests have included Dame Eileen Atkins; Sir Gregory Doran, Artistic Director Emeritus at the RSC; Dame Sheila Hancock; Jamael Westman for playing Alexander Hamilton in 'Hamilton'; Director-Choreographer Matthew Bourne, and most recently Lucian Msamati (Waiting for Godot).

Enjoy breadth and depth with 16 hours of learning on this theatre course. Then join the conversation: meet like-minded theatre enthusiasts, ask questions and share your perspective with your fellow students in this in-person short course.

Information

Sundays, 5th October to 23rd November 2025, 11.00-13.00

Seminar room 1, Learning Centre, Level 1

Your course leader

Matt Wolf is an American theatre critic based in London. He has held long tenures with The Associated Press, Variety, and the International New York Times, is theatre editor and a founding member of the Arts Desk website and writes a monthly column for broadway.com, the world's largest theatre website.

Note: V&A Academy programmes are subject to change without notice.

Week 1- 5 October

Matt Wolf, Introduction

Week 2- 12 October

Neil Austin, Olivier and Tony winning lighting designer, represented this season with *Born With Teeth* and *Paddington*

Week 3- 19 October

Dame Arlene Phillips, legendary choreographer

Week 4- 26 October

TBC

Week 5- 2 November

Jack Holden, actor-writer of the brilliant *Kenrex* and adaptor of *The Line of Beauty* at the Almeida

Week 6- 9 November

Andy Nyman, author of *Ghost Stories* at the Peacock and star of *The Producers* at the Garrick

Week 7- 16 November

Jordan Fein, Olivier Award winner for *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Into the Woods* at the Bridge

Week 8- 23 November

TBC