

# Programme

# Future of Theatre 2024

09:30

## Welcome to Future of Theatre

**Alistair Smith**  
Editor, The Stage

09:40 **Keynote**

## Writing the Future: Nancy Medina

**Nancy Medina**  
Artistic Director, Bristol Old Vic

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## Big Ideas

**Professor Mark O'Thomas**  
Principal & ceo, LAMDA  
**Chloe Sharland**  
Co-founder & Artistic Director, Everything Theatrical  
**Shawn Dawes**  
CEO & Co-Founder, IndieScene

10:15 **Panel**

## Fresh thinking for tomorrow's theatre

**Hannah Essex**  
Co-Chief Executive, SOLT & UK Theatre  
**Jack Gamble**  
Director, Campaign for the Arts  
**Seyi Osibamowo**  
Creative Producer, Raze Collective

11:05

## Break

11:20

## Speech and Q&A

**Thangam Debbonaire MP**  
Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

11:50 **Panel**

## Dear Climate Activist...

**Farah Ahmed**  
Climate Justice Lead, Julie's Bicycle  
**Fehinti Balogun**  
Actor, creator & activist  
**Phillip Brown**  
Director of Membership, SOLT  
**Chloe Naldrett**  
Executive Producer, Birmingham Rep

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## Big Ideas

**Crystal Nicholls**  
Wellness Coach, Crystal Nicholls Coaching  
**Joanna Dong**  
Founder & Executive director, Performance Infinity  
**Andrew Ladd**  
Senior Product Strategist, Ten4 Design

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## Lunch

13:50 **Panel**

## Access in Action

**Nica Burns**  
Chief executive, Nimax Theatres  
**Megan Merrett**  
Projects Administrator, Creu Cymru  
**Dominic Mitchell**  
Co-Artistic Director, Candoco Dance Company  
**Amy Trigg**  
Actress

14:35 **Panel**

## Four nations, one theatre?

**Liam Evans-Ford**  
Executive Director, Theatr Clwyd  
**Fergus Morgan**  
Scotland Correspondent  
**Una NicEoin**  
Executive Producer, Prime Cut Productions

15:10

## Tea Break

15:35 **Panel**

## Commercial producing: the next generation

**Ameena Hamid**  
Company Director and Producer, Ameena Hamid Productions Ltd  
**Jack Maple**  
Founder and Producer, Jack Maple Productions  
**Chuchu Nwagu**  
Founder and Producer, Chuchu Nwagu Productions

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## Closing Session & Big Ideas winner reveal

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## Future of Theatre After Party

Hosted by headline sponsor  
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