

# National Theatre Live

Phoebe Waller-Bridge's *Fleabag* returns to cinemas with  
National Theatre Live this summer

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*'Filthy, funny, snarky and touching'*

Daily Telegraph

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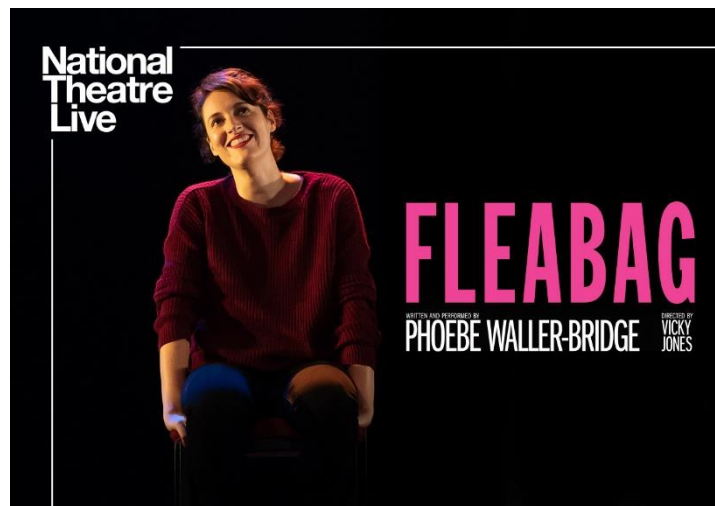
*'Witty, filthy and supreme'*

The Guardian

*'Never has being a modern woman seemed so painfully funny,  
brutal and hopeless all at once'*

The Atlantic

5 April 2023



15 June 2023  
Global release

Fleabag may seem oversexed, emotionally unfiltered and self-obsessed, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. With family and friendships under strain and a guinea pig café struggling to keep afloat, Fleabag suddenly finds herself with nothing to lose.

Opening in cinemas across the globe, audiences are invited to encore this 'gloriously disruptive' (*The New York Times*) production from Thursday 15 June. Written and performed by **Phoebe Waller-Bridge** (*Fleabag*, *Killing Eve*) and directed by **Vicky Jones** (*Run*), *Fleabag* is a rip-roaring look at some sort of woman living her sort of life. Following a box-office record-breaking run in cinemas in 2019, the one-woman show returns to the big screen this summer.

This production is presented by DryWrite, Soho Theatre and Annapurna Theatre. With set design by **Holly Pigott**, lighting design by **Elliot Griggs** and sound design by **Isobel Waller-Bridge**.

*Fleabag* started its life on-stage at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2013, winning a Fringe First award that encourages new work. The hilarious, award-winning play – that inspired the BBC's hit TV series *Fleabag* – was captured live on stage from London's West End in 2019.

Tickets are now on sale, find your closest venue [here](#).

Sky Arts is the Headline Partner of National Theatre Live in the UK.

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### **Notes to Editors**

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Production images available [here](#).

*Fleabag* will be broadcast in cinemas worldwide from 15 June 2023. For access requirements and screenings, visit the listing for your local cinema. More information is available on [ntlive.com](http://ntlive.com).

### **About Drywrite**

DryWrite is an award-winning and Olivier nominated new-writing theatre company that challenges writers to work with specific briefs and goals to actively engage audiences. Founded in 2007 DryWrite has since worked with over one hundred playwrights and produced multi-award-winning plays 'The One' and 'Touch' by Vicky Jones and 'Fleabag' by Phoebe Waller-Bridge. They have produced original work for theatres including Soho Theatre, Roundhouse, York Theatre Royal, Hampstead Theatre, Trafalgar Studios and Latitude Festival and have toured throughout the UK and internationally. DryWrite is also an associate production company on the television shows *Fleabag* (BBC/Amazon) and *Run* (eOne/HBO). DryWrite is led by Co-Artistic Directors Vicky Jones and Phoebe Waller-Bridge, with Producer Francesca Moody and Company Manager Charlotte McBrearty.

## **About Annapurna**

Annapurna, an entertainment company founded in 2011 by Megan Ellison, *partners with top talent developing, producing, and publishing original works globally* for film, television, games, and theater.

Annapurna's lengthy film slate includes THE MASTER, SAUSAGE PARTY, ZERO DARK THIRTY, FOXCATCHER, AMERICAN HUSTLE, and the upcoming LANDSCAPE WITH INVISIBLE HAND (MGM), NIGHTBITCH (Fox Searchlight) and animated feature NIMONA (Netflix). Their published games include STRAY (BlueTwelve Studio), NEON WHITE (Angel Matrix and Ben Esposito), WHAT REMAINS OF EDITH FINCH (Giant Sparrow), OUTER WILDS (Mobius), TWELVE MINUTES (Nomada), DONUT COUNTY (Ben Esposito) and the upcoming SILENT HILL: TOWNFALL (No Code), THE LOST WILD (Great Ape Games) and THIRSTY SUITORS (Outerloop). Annapurna's TV slate includes hit series PAM AND TOMMY (Hulu), THE STAIRCASE (HBO Max), the upcoming DEAD RINGERS (Amazon), and THE CHANGELING (Apple TV+). In addition, they have produced the Tony-Award winning productions of A STRANGE LOOP and THE LEHMAN TRILOGY.

## **About Soho Theatre**

SOHO THEATRE is London's most vibrant producer for new theatre, comedy and cabaret. Opened in 2000, bang in the creative heart of London, it is one of the country's busiest venues with a buzzing bar and a year-round festival programme with a queer, punk, counter-culture flavour. Work extends far beyond its home with a UK and international touring programme and connections; presenting shows and scouting talent at Edinburgh Festival Fringe plus close links with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Soho Theatre is the UK's leading presenter of Indian comedians from the country's burgeoning comedy scene. It has established several partnerships there and has a Soho Theatre Comedy Producer based in Mumbai.

Developing digital output over time, the online platform Soho Theatre On Demand over lockdown hosted the phenomenally successful live recording of *Fleabag* alongside comedy, theatre and cabaret specials. Soho Theatre produces its own films and have more than 30 comedy specials, currently showing on Prime Video UK and the 'Soho Theatre Live' channel on British Airways inflight entertainment. Soho Theatre TikTok and YouTube and Soho Theatre India Instagram channels were launched in late 2022 with a refreshed website to launch in mid-2023.

Soho Theatre is working towards the opening of an exciting new second venue in London, Soho Theatre Walthamstow. A culmination of many years of Soho's work, in collaboration with a grassroots local campaign, to save a glorious, 1930s art deco venue with an incredible heritage reinvented as a 1,000-capacity venue for world-class comedy, panto, performance and participation – a 'local theatre with a national profile'.

## **About the National Theatre**

The National Theatre's mission is to make world-class theatre, for everyone.

The NT creates and shares unforgettable stories with audiences across the UK and around the world. On its own stages, on tour, in schools, on cinema screens and streaming at home, it strives to be accessible, inclusive, and sustainable.

The National Theatre empowers artists and craftspeople to make world-leading work, investing in talent and developing new productions with a wide range of theatre companies at its New Work Department.

Our nation thrives on fresh talent and new ideas, so the National Theatre works with young people and teachers right across the UK through performance, writing and technical programmes to ignite the creativity of the next generation.

Together with communities, the NT creates ambitious works of participatory theatre in deep partnerships that unite theatres and local organisations – showing that nothing brings us together like theatre.

The National Theatre needs your support to shape a bright, creative future. For more information, please visit [nationaltheatre.org.uk](https://nationaltheatre.org.uk).

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We have something for everyone, championing creative talent by showcasing the best in music, theatre, dance, literature, opera and visual art. From Glyndebourne to Grime and Cézanne to The Style Council, we've got your passions covered. Millions of viewers tune in to hit returning series such as Portrait Artist of the Year, Urban Myths and British cultural institution The South Bank Show, but our acclaimed new programmes might take you anywhere from Pinter's house with Danny Dyer to a Scottish road trip with Samuel Johnson.

Collaboration is at the heart of what we do. Sky Arts is the headline sponsor of National Theatre Live in the UK and we work with cultural partners across the country including the

English National Opera, Royal Academy of Arts, Tate, Creative Industries Federation and Coventry City of Culture to name but a few.

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