

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

Venue hire

Meetings & conferences Receptions & dinners Celebrations & parties Awards ceremonies
Film & TV premieres Brand activations Location filming & photography Graduations & education events

Welcome to the Southbank Centre

‘the most vibrant arts centre in the country’ The Guardian

‘London’s other crown jewel... the Southbank Centre has become the cultural heart of the city’ The New York Times

‘the most buzzy, music-filled site in the whole of London’ The Independent

The Southbank Centre is the UK’s largest centre for the arts and one of the nation’s top five visitor attractions, showcasing the world’s most exciting artists at our venues in the heart of London. As a charity, we bring millions of people together by opening up the unique art spaces that we care for.

Our biggest venue, the Royal Festival Hall, is the lasting legacy of the 1951 Festival of Britain, and the ambition and values of that project – that arts, ideas, innovation and culture can heal communities and

should be available and accessible to everyone – are still our guiding principles today.

The Southbank Centre is made up of the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room, Hayward Gallery, National Poetry Library and Arts Council Collection, as well as our free spaces. We offer a wide-ranging, inclusive and world-class artistic programme spanning art and exhibitions, classical music, family events, gigs, literature and talks, and performance and dance.



OUR SPACES

Speak to our team:
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or call 020 7921 0702



From star-studded film premieres and awards ceremonies to intimate receptions with beautiful views, we've got the venue to make your event unforgettable.

When you choose the Southbank Centre, you're choosing iconic architecture, a central location which buzzes with creativity, state-of-the-art production facilities and your own dedicated event manager.

We recommend a site visit to fully understand the potential of our venues.

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Our world-famous venue makes prestige events like film premieres and awards ceremonies unforgettable.

London venues don't come more iconic than the Royal Festival Hall, making it an ideal setting for large-scale events.

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Capacity for up to 2,500 people

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A wide-angle photograph of the interior of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, a concert hall. The hall features a large, tiered seating area with dark blue, tufted seats. The walls are clad in light-colored wood paneling, and the ceiling is a complex structure of dark beams with recessed lighting. The stage area is visible in the foreground, covered in a light-colored wood floor. The text "QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL" is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters in the center of the image.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Host your event surrounded by iconic brutalist architecture in our second-largest auditorium.

London conference venues are rarely as characterful as our Queen Elizabeth Hall; a flexible space to hire for your conference, awards ceremony or film premiere.

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Capacity for up to 916 people

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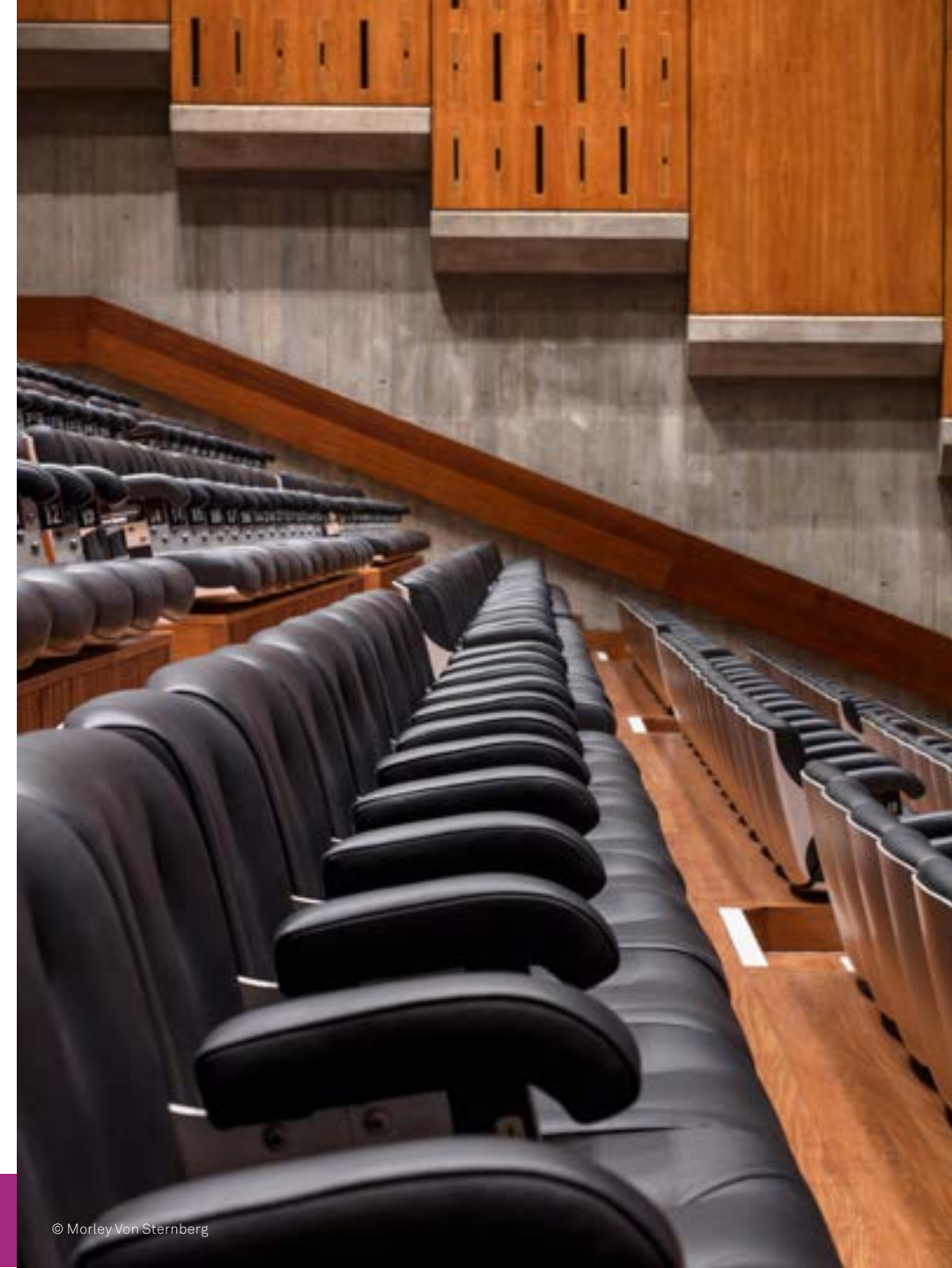
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QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL FOYER

A stylish, dynamic space situated within our landmark brutalist building.

The ideal London venue for your reception, fashion show, dinner, or product launch, our Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer provides a dramatic backdrop.

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Capacity for up to 950 people

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PURCELL ROOM

Our most intimate auditorium makes an iconic location for your meeting or seminar.

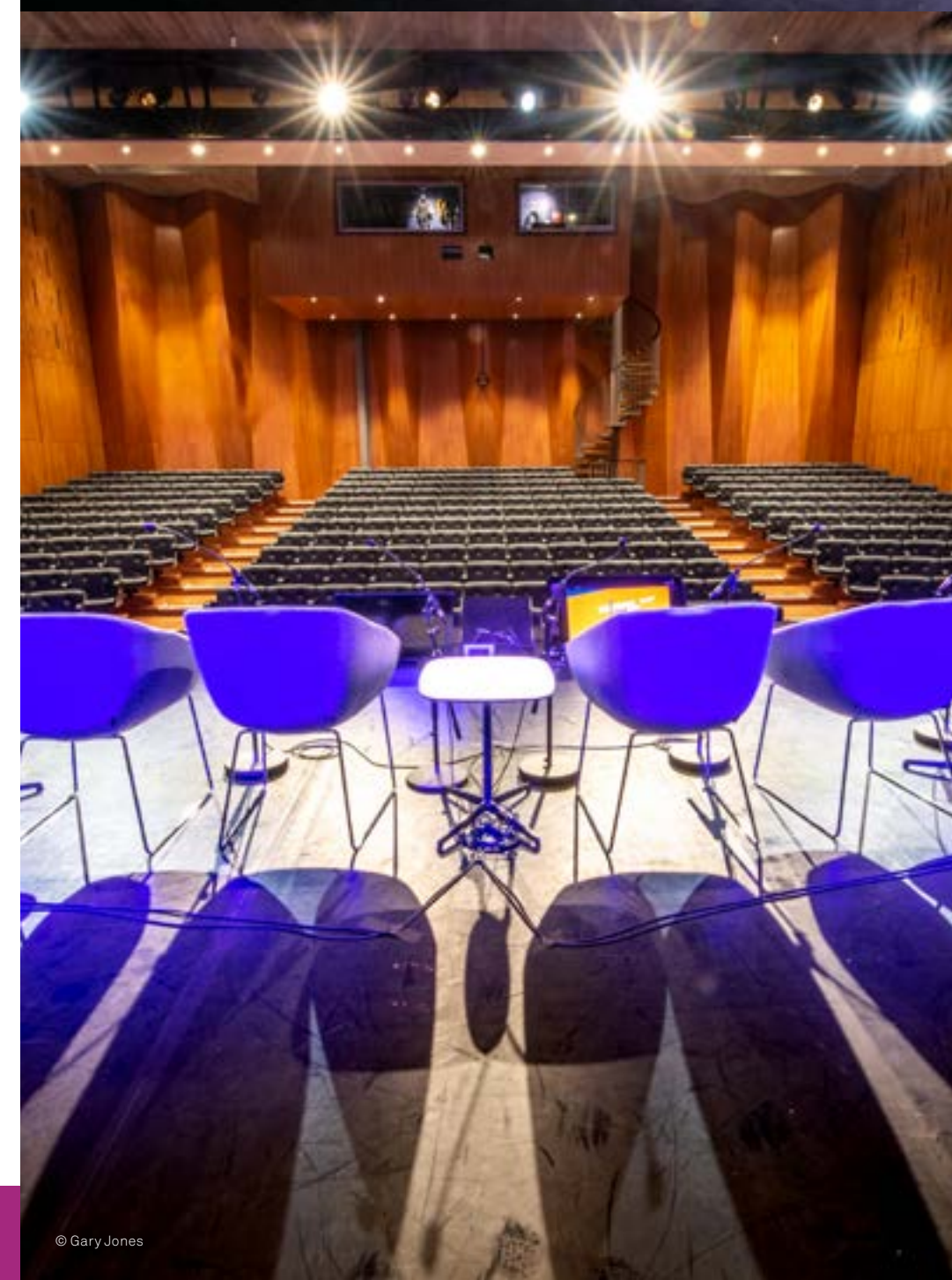
Our Purcell Room offers a sophisticated backdrop for your conference, meeting or private concert, with the facilities you'd expect from a world-renowned arts venue.

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Capacity for up to 295 people

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ROOF PAVILIONS

Both located on Level 6 of the Royal Festival Hall building, St Paul's and Weston Roof Pavilions feature private courtyards, balconies and fabulous views across central London.

Weston Roof Pavilion

A flexible space during the day that takes on a more dramatic feel once night falls and the Houses of Parliament and London Eye are illuminated.

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Capacity for up to 220 people.

St Paul's Roof Pavilion

A bright, intimate space featuring floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook iconic brutalist architecture, ideal for daytime and evening events.

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Capacity for up to 150 people.

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HAYWARD GALLERY

Impress your guests with the extraordinary brutalist architecture of the Hayward Gallery.

This versatile building offers a memorable setting for a variety of events from receptions dinners and fashion shows.

You can also enquire with us for information about booking a special private view of our contemporary exhibitions for your guests.

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Capacity for 100 people in the foyer,
300 in the gallery.

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USING OUR SPACES

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Royal Festival Hall
Queen Elizabeth Hall
Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer
Purcell Room
Weston Roof Pavilion
St Paul's Roof Pavilion

Meetings & conferences

Create flawless corporate events in an inspiring space. There are venues suitable for a variety of events, from a private board meeting of 10, to a conference for 2,500 guests.

'The entire Southbank Centre event team continually pushed for the best outcome for the event... Because of this, and its overall prestigious reputation in the events industry, we're constantly suggesting the Southbank Centre for events.'

DDA Live



Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer
Hayward Gallery
Weston Roof Pavilion
St Paul's Roof Pavilion

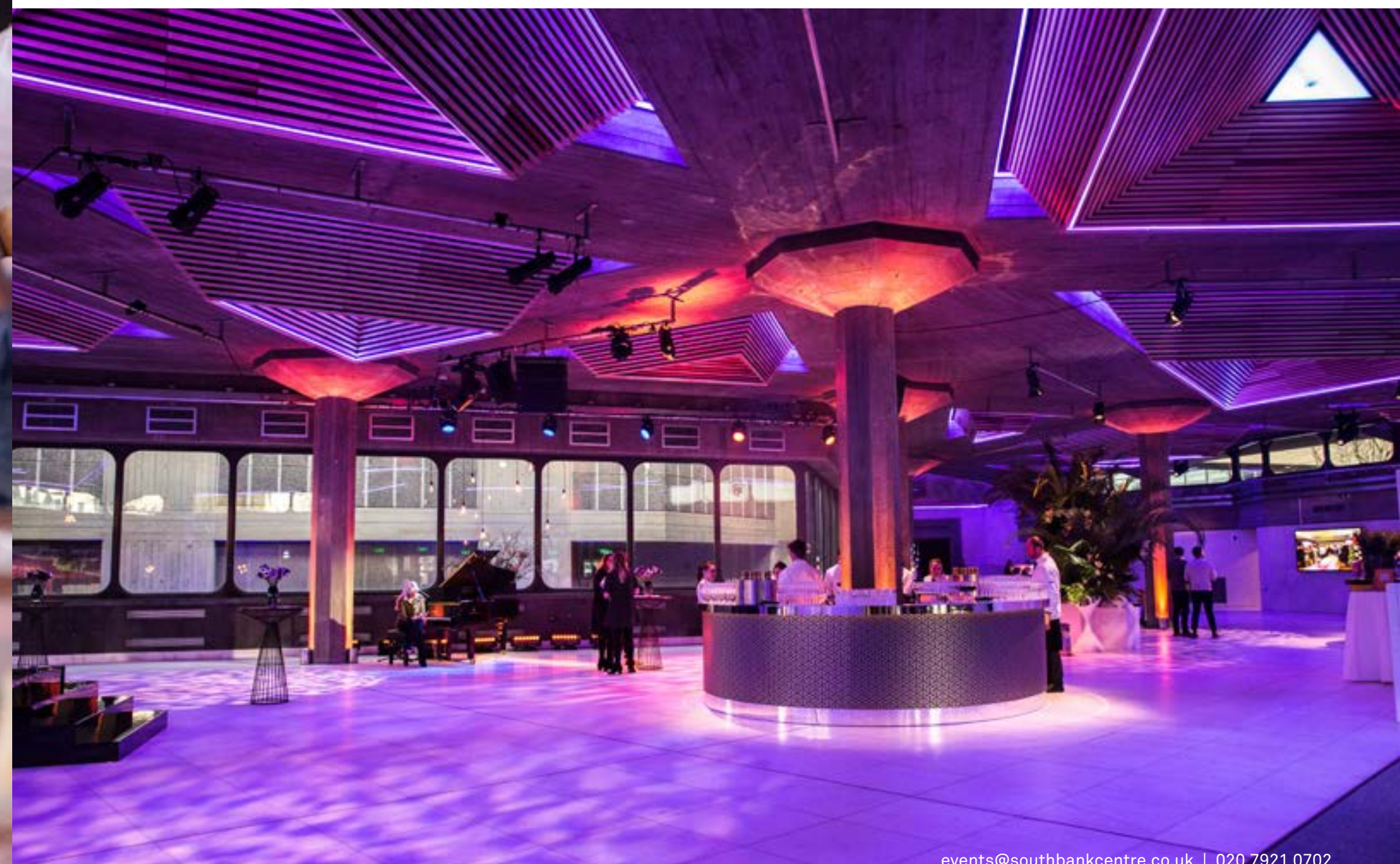
Receptions & dinners

Host an unforgettable evening for your guests, in a location you know they'll love.

We've got flexible spaces for receptions that cater for 100 – 950 guests, as well as dinners for up to 500, right in the heart of central London.

'The team at the Southbank Centre were brilliant to work with. Efficient, friendly, attentive, and accommodating. The venue was wonderful – with incredible views of Big Ben and the London Eye across the Thames, creating a great backdrop.'

Colosseum Dental



Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer
Queen Elizabeth Hall Roof Garden
Weston Roof Pavilion
St Paul's Roof Pavilion
Hayward Gallery

Celebrations & parties

Whatever the reason for your get-together, we've got perfect venues to wow your guests and make the most of those celebratory occasions.

Our guests were truly impressed by the unique views of Southbank Place, the London Eye and Westminster. If you're looking for a stylish, well-managed venue in central London, we highly recommend the Weston Roof Pavilion.'

Almacantar Ltd



Royal Festival Hall
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Film & TV premieres

No need to choose between glamour and functionality for your premiere – we've got both.

Our state-of-the-art facilities, spacious red carpet areas and iconic River Thames backdrop have established us as the destination of choice for industry leaders including Netflix, Warner Bros. and Amazon MGM Studios.

'We chose the Southbank Centre for our TV premiere for a number of reasons, but notably the client wanted a big red-carpet area and the venue has one of the biggest in London. We would hire the venue again for future events, without question.'

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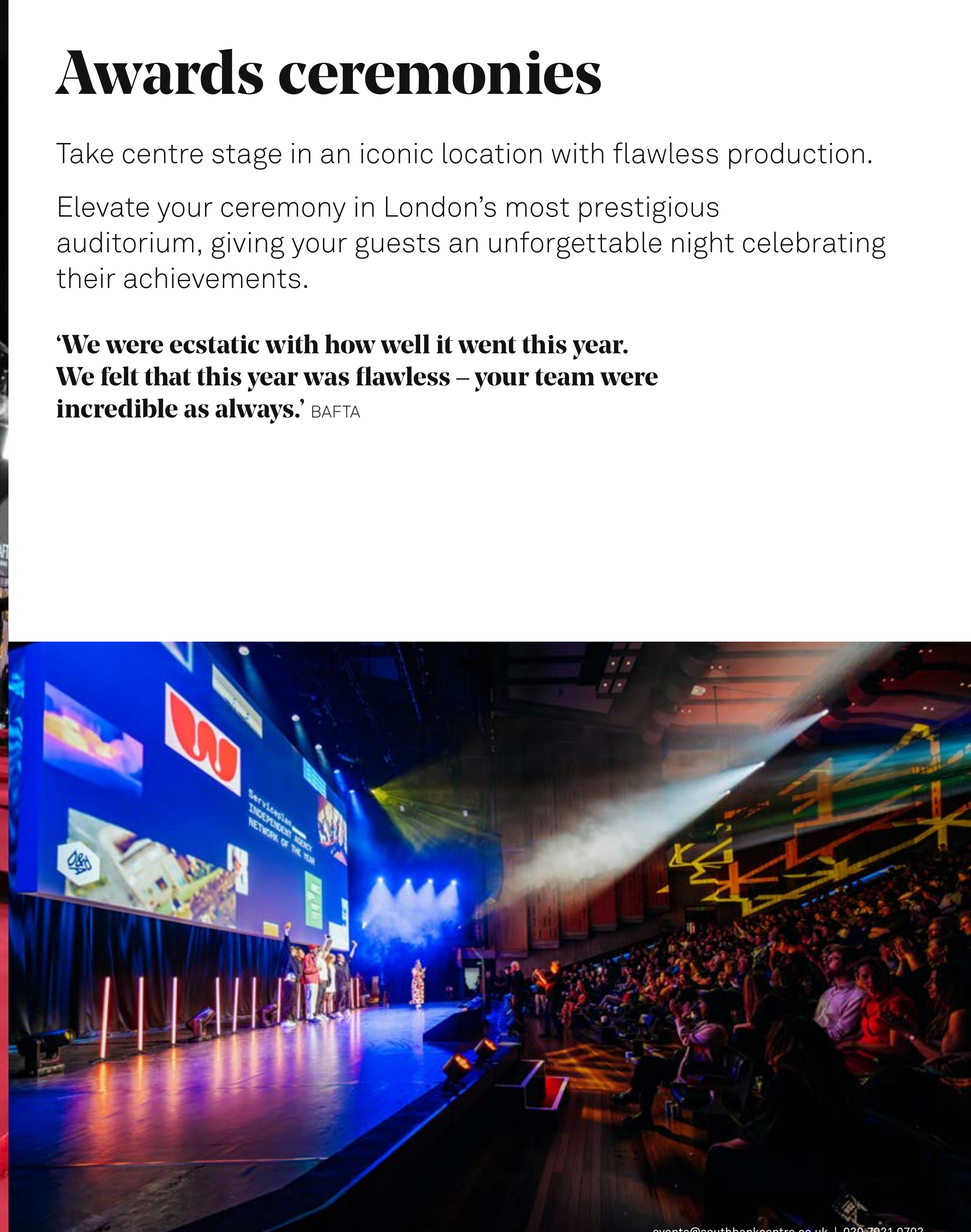
Royal Festival Hall
Queen Elizabeth Hall
Purcell Room

Awards ceremonies

Take centre stage in an iconic location with flawless production.

Elevate your ceremony in London's most prestigious auditorium, giving your guests an unforgettable night celebrating their achievements.

'We were ecstatic with how well it went this year. We felt that this year was flawless – your team were incredible as always.' BAFTA



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Royal Festival Hall
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Graduations & education events

The Southbank Centre offers everything you need for the perfect graduation day or school occasion, with a choice of two world-class venues. Our auditoriums are suitable for ceremonies or concerts of various sizes, accommodating up to 900 and 2,500 guests at a time.

Our views of the London skyline and the River Thames offer endless photo opportunities, and we have a variety of restaurants, shops and bars on-site to help continue the celebrations.

‘Thanks for all your help over the years, it’s been really brilliant working with you. Everything has always been so meticulously planned, our suppliers and stakeholders dealt with so readily and professionally.’ King’s College London



Queen's Walk
Southbank Centre Square
Builder's Yard
Riverside Royal Festival Hall



Brand activations

Our central London site offers four high-footfall locations where brands can connect with consumers.

It's why famous names like Adidas, Burberry, Disney and ASDA have headed to the Southbank Centre for their brand activation campaigns.

'We selected the Southbank Centre for our activation for its close proximity to key London landmarks and the high footfall... We'd certainly book the space again and recommend it to colleagues.'

Sublime Promotions



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Location filming & photography

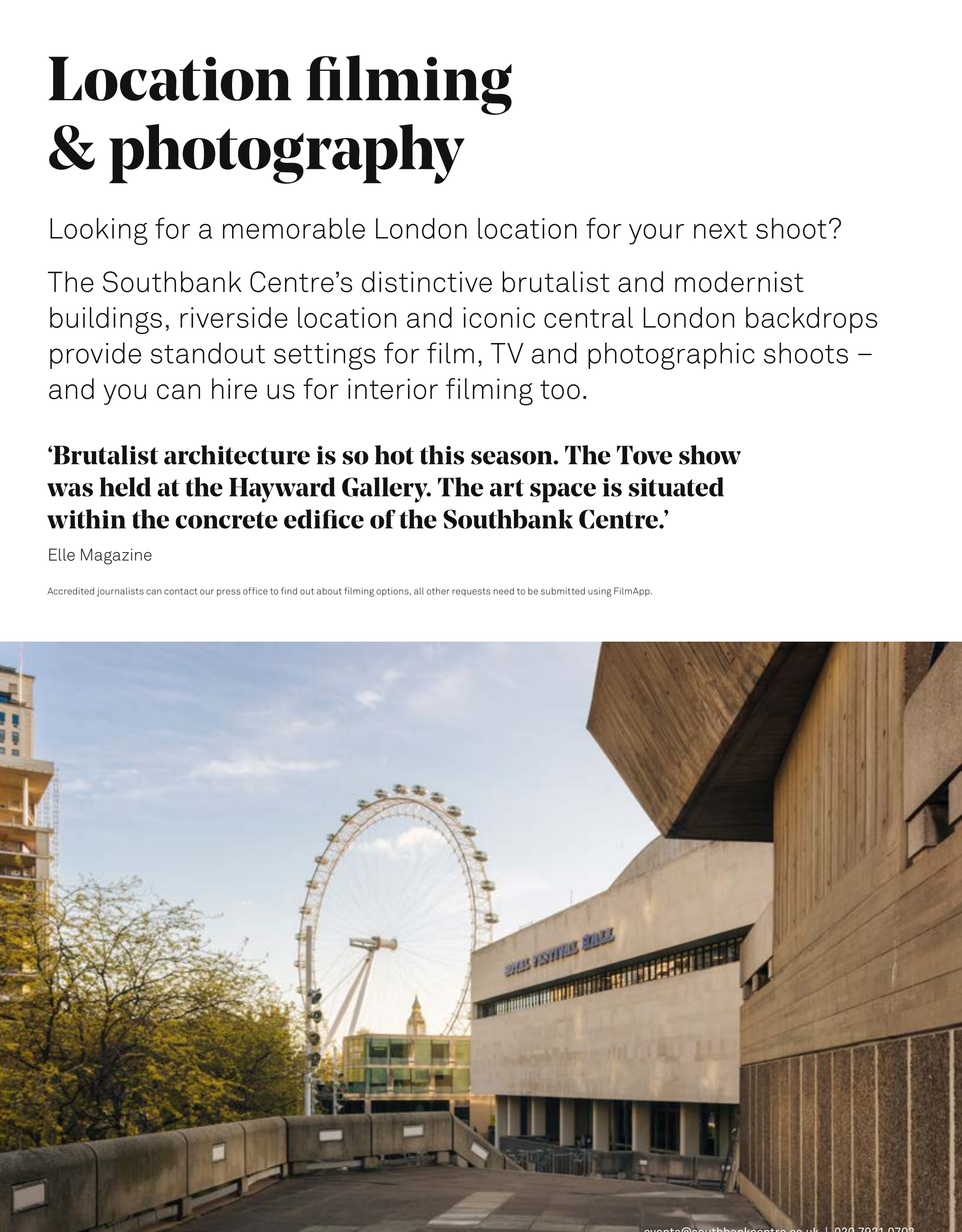
Looking for a memorable London location for your next shoot?

The Southbank Centre's distinctive brutalist and modernist buildings, riverside location and iconic central London backdrops provide standout settings for film, TV and photographic shoots – and you can hire us for interior filming too.

'Brutalist architecture is so hot this season. The Tove show was held at the Hayward Gallery. The art space is situated within the concrete edifice of the Southbank Centre.'

Elle Magazine

Accredited journalists can contact our press office to find out about filming options, all other requests need to be submitted using FilmApp.



EVENT SERVICES

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Producing your event at the Southbank Centre

Hiring our venues means our expert in-house production team is at your service to ensure your event runs smoothly. Having supported thousands of high-profile events – ranging from global award shows to performances by the most exciting musicians – they bring a world-class standard to every event. For any additional or specialist needs, we also work with a range of expert external production suppliers to ensure all your specific requirements are met.



PRODUCTION



Need the perfect caterers for your event?

We've hand-picked the best event caterers in London to delight your guests with delicious food and drink tailored to your needs.

Our caterers focus on using high-quality ingredients to create delicious and dynamic menus. We have long-standing relationships with and champion independent businesses, ensuring seamless event delivery.



FLORISTS

Transform your event with unique floral designs

The florists we partner with are among London's most experienced and celebrated. They're experts at turning spaces into works of art – designing bespoke arrangements especially crafted for your event.



SUSTAINABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY

Sustainability

We're committed to becoming carbon net zero across all of our buildings by 2035, and operationally net zero by 2040.

As a major arts institution, we recognise our role and our nation's role in the ecological and climate crisis, and the platform we can provide for mobilisation and action.

All of our accredited event suppliers must meet our sustainability standards to work with us and we promote sustainability initiatives across our site, facilities, operations, suppliers and clients.

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Accessibility

We're working hard to remove barriers, so that our facilities and events can be accessible to everyone.

All of our performance and exhibition spaces at the Southbank Centre are accessible to all, including our ticket offices, toilets, cafes, bars and restaurants. We also have excellent public transport links with step-free access.

We are proud to have had our commitments recognised by arts access charity Attitude is Everything with Platinum status.

Speak to your event manager if your guests have access requirements.

PUT YOUR EVENT ON THE WORLD STAGE

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Capacities

Available spaces	Theatre	Reception	Banquet	Cabaret	Boardroom	Classroom
Weston Roof Pavilion	150	220	110	60	25	32
St Paul's Roof Pavilion	100	150	90	50	25	32
Purcell Room	295	—	—	—	—	—
Queen Elizabeth Hall	916	—	—	—	—	—
Queen Elizabeth Foyer	—	950	500 / 300 dinner dance	—	—	—
Royal Festival Hall	2500	—	—	—	—	—
Queen Elizabeth Hall Roof Garden	—	300	—	—	—	—
Hayward Gallery	—	300	—	—	—	—



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