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Farnham Maltings production wins prestigious Writers' Guild Award

A theatre piece commissioned and produced by Farnham Maltings; *The Syrian Baker* by Kevin Dyer has won 'Play of the Year' at the Writers Guild of Great Britain Awards.

The awards in their 29th year – spanning 16 categories in film, television, radio, theatre, comedy, books, and videogames, took place at a ceremony at the Royal College of Physicians in London on Monday 14 February 2022.

The Syrian Baker tells the story of two young men who take the decision to return to their home to bake bread for their community, 'because without bread there is nothing'.

The production opened at Farnham Maltings and toured across Surrey and the southwest last autumn for a short run of performances. It will return this autumn for a national tour including Wales and Scotland.

Gavin Stride, director of the piece, said *"For a play, commissioned and produced for village halls this is a big deal. It further illustrates that some of the most exciting, contemporary theatre can be found in the most surprising of places."*

Kevin was presented his award by Emma Reeves whose writing credits include TV's *The Worst Witch* (2017) and *The Dumping Ground* (2013).

Sandi Toksvig OBE, host and President of WCGB said: *"It's been a complete joy to host this year's Writers' Guild Awards and to be among such incredible writing talent from all areas of our industry. Congratulations to all of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain Awards 2022 winners – you are simply magnificent!"*

Find out more about the Writer's Guild Awards [here](#)

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Notes to editors

Farnham Maltings is a creative organisation that works with the artists and communities of Southeast England to encourage the greatest number of people to make, see and enjoy the best art possible. From a range of buildings, set in the heart of Farnham, we present events and workshops from large scale craft festivals to intimate theatre shows, as well as providing space for voluntary and community groups to deliver their own ambitions. We enable artists making craft, theatre, and dance work to thrive by providing affordable studio and rehearsal space, offering producing and tour booking, developing networks, sharing resources and equipping artists with the skills and opportunities to promote their work locally, nationally and internationally. farnhammaltings.com