

Venues in Bath

(with thanks to Bath Fringe Festival for assistance with compiling this list)

Things to check when booking a venue:

- Does the venue have a suitable entertainment licence in place and a PRS licence if you're performing music?
- Does the capacity include the number of performers?
- Will the venue supply microphones/PA if required?
- Does the venue have all the furniture/chairs that you require?

N.B If you find that any of the information on this sheet is incorrect please email l.endean@bathspa.ac.uk and let us know.

CENTRAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Argyle Street / Grove Street BA2 6PJ

Contact: **Jane Tollyfield. (home) 01225 833178**

Website: **<http://bathcentralurc.btck.co.uk/>**

There is a fully kitted-out theatre, plus the church can be used for recitals and installations. Venue has a nice woody acoustic. Nice spaces and central, but can be difficult to place any advertising at the venue to tell people what's happening.

The Church has halls and rooms of various sizes available for hire. These can accommodate up to 100.

For information telephone the church office on **(01225) 310050** on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning or leave a message on the answer phone at other times.

CHAPEL ARTS CENTRE

St. James's Memorial Hall - Lower Borough Walls - Bath - BA1 1QR

Contact: **Philip Andrews** (the Director) or **Jan Cottington** (the Centre Manager) - **01225 461700**

email: **info@chapelarts.org**

Website: **www.chapelarts.org**

Main Hall (150 capacity). For pricing info visit the centre's website or phone Phil or Jan. Prices vary depending upon the event you wish to stage. Any independent promotions must adhere to the standards and limitations of Chapel Arts Centre. The lower-ground floor cafe is a more intimate room, approximately 65 square metres. Fee is negotiable.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

York Street, BA1 1NG

Contact: **01225 469555**

email info@bathquakermeeting.org.uk or
claire@ethicalproperty.co.uk

Not used for events very often recently, but a lovely acoustic and around 100 capacity & central (no parking). Smaller rooms downstairs.

GREEN PARK STATION

Green Park, BAI 1JB

Contact: Janine@ethicalpropertv.co.uk
Website: <http://www.greenparkstation.com/>

Some Fringe events in association with the Brasserie are already in the pipeline, but for large-scale or free-entry events, the station main floor area is one of the most interesting spaces in the city: the acoustic needs watching, though! Have to fit round the market programme.

KOMEDIA

Westgate Street, BA1 1EP

Contact: marinakobler@komedia.co.uk
Website: <http://www.komedia.co.uk/bath/>

Lovely large ritzy venue, premium hire rates but very well-equipped and fully staffed.

KINGSWOOD THEATRE

Kingswood School, Lansdown Road BA1 5RG

Contact: **Mr Neil Francis, Technical & Commercial Theatre Manager** Tel:
(01225) 734286
email: theatre@kingswood.bath.sch.uk
Website: <http://www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk/facilities/Theatre.php>

Can be difficult because it's school exam time! Very well-equipped theatre.

LITTLE THEATRE CINEMA

St. Michaels Place, Bath St. BA1 1SG

Contact: Tel: **01225 330803**
email: martin.i@picturehouses.co.uk

Up for hires for interesting events - usually involving film as well as music or other performance. Obvious restrictions on sound levels with two screens in the building. Suggestions and discussions welcome.

Spec for screen 1:192 capacity, proj digital (jpg 2000), dvd or 35mm, stage approx 5m x 4m. Single spot and basic proscenium and stage wash lighting.
Screen 2: capacity cap, proj dvd or 35mm, space at front approx 5m x 1.5m basic cinema lighting.

MASONIC LODGE

Now housed in The Old Theatre Royal
12 Old Orchard Street, Bath BA1 1JU

Contact: **Trevor Quartermain** on **01225.480931**
Email: **curator@oldtheatreroyal.com**
Website: **www.oldtheatreroyal.com**

An atmospheric, historic building though not exactly a theatre now. would be a great performance space with great acoustics and some backstage facilities.
Fee £275 per day.

MANVERS ST. BAPTIST CHURCH

Manvers St, BA1 1JW

Contact: **Lucie Palma 01225 461600**
email: **lucie_msbc@btconnect.com**
Website: **http://manversstreetbaptist.wordpress.com/**

Has various sized rooms available to let for regular one off meetings.

THE MISSION THEATRE

32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

Contact: **Ann Garner** on **01225 428600**
Email: **nextstagebath@aol.com**
Website: **http://www.missiontheatre.co.uk**

Two well-equipped and interesting theatre spaces, availability varies - book early!

MUSEUM OF BATH AT WORK

Julian Road, BA1 2HR

Contact: **Stuart Burroughs Museum Director** on **01225 318348**
Email: **roomhire@bath-at-work.org.uk**
Website: **http://www.bath-at-work.org.uk/hire/**

There are two rooms available for hire at the Museum, although the Museum itself can also be opened specially as part of an event or hiring.

Some parking is available in the Museum car park in Morford Street.

Toilets for all of the rooms are situated on the ground floor.

The Mezzanine

The largest room is situated on the top floor of the Museum and is equipped with 100 chairs, a selection of tables and a small cafe space. The cafe is provided with fridge, sink, dishwasher and some crockery. A self service hot drinks machine is available for use. There are no cooking or heating facilities. There is a projector screen and blinds are provided on the large windows of this light and airy space. The room measures 50 ft x 50 ft and communicates directly with the Museum. It is available for hire in the evening throughout the year and during the day between November 1st and April 1st. Lighting is provided by halogen spotlights and ambient lighting from globe lighting. The fire limit for the use of this space is 80 persons. Projectors, lectern, flip chart, etc are available for use and a member of staff is in attendance.

Mezzanine Hire Charges

£50 per half day

£75 per evening

£100 per full day

Hudson Gallery

This smaller more intimate room is available for small meetings and is situated on the ground floor. Fold down tables and a projector screen are available. The room seats approximately 20 persons and the fire limit is 25 persons. The refreshment facilities on the top floor are available to users of this room during breaks, etc. Projectors, lectern, flip chart, etc are available for use and a member of staff is in attendance.

Hudson Gallery Hire Charges

£20 per half day

£40 per evening

£50 per full day

THE NEW ORIEL HALL

Brookleaze Buildings, Larkhall BA1 6RA

Contact: **01225 466606** (9am–3pm)
email: **neworielhall@waitrose.com**

Website: **www.neworielhall.org.uk**

Main Hall (46'8 x 19'9),
Social Area (35'6 x 19'9),
Small Hall (23'5 x 22'),
2 x Upstairs meeting rooms (16'3 x 18'3).

The Main Hall and Social Area can be opened up to make one room, both have soundproofing.

Baby changing facilities.

Use of a TV and DVD player

Overhead Projector, screen and Flip Chart.

Good accessibility to all downstairs spaces for wheelchair users, and a disabled toilet.

Foldable stage which measures 12' x 8'.

A lovely well maintained garden area with seating.

Large fully equipped kitchen

Capacity 280 people.

PERCY COMMUNITY CENTRE

New King St. BAI 2BN

Contact **01225 423014**

Website: <http://www.percycentre.org.uk/booking.html>

Two spaces, seating approx. 60.

Sports Hall (larger) usually booked, but has been used as a theatre space.

Fees are very reasonable for non-commercial use.

Community Rates

Room	Seats (approx)	Day rate	Evening rate (after 5pm)
The Den (14ftx10ft)	12	£8.50 p/h	£9.00 p/h
Activity Room (20ftx18ft)	25	£14.00 p/h	£14.50 p/h
Conference Room (40ftx20ft)	60	£14.00 p/h	£14.50 p/h
Sports Hall (70ftx40ft)	150	£19.50 p/h	£22.50 p/h
Annexe (38ftx16ft)	50	£14.00 p/h	£14.50 p/h
Outdoor Games Area	n/a	£11.00 p/h	£11.00 p/h
Meeting Room	30	£14.00 p/h	£14.50 p/h
Sound Technician	n/a	£16.50 p/h	£16.50 p/h
Sound Engineer	n/a	£26.50 p/h	£26.50 p/h
The Studio - inc. band room & tech/engineer	n/a	£36.50 p/h	£36.50 p/h
Band Practice Room (20ftx20ft)	n/a	£8.50 p/h or 21.00 for 3 hours	£8.50 p/h or 21.00 for 3 hours

Private / Public Sector Rates

Room	Seats (approx)	Day rate	Evening rate (after 5pm)
The Den	12	£13.50 p/h	£14.50 p/h
Activity Room	25	£18.50 p/h	£19.50 p/h
Conference Room	60	£21.50 p/h	£22.50 p/h
Sports Hall	200	£27.50 p/h	£30.50 p/h
Annexe	50	£21.50 p/h	£22.50 p/h
Outdoor Games Area	n/a	£11.00 p/h	£11.00 p/h
Meeting Room	30	£18.50 p/h	£19.00 p/h
The Studio - inc. band room & tech/engineer	n/a	£36.50 p/h	£41.50 p/h

THE PORTER CELLAR BAR

George St, BA1 2EN

Contact: **lvnne@portervenues.co.uk**

Well-known Bath music and comedy venue. Excellent intimate venue for acoustic artists or for that sweaty rock'n'roll dive vibe. House PA & engineer. Usually busy on Sundays and Wednesdays.

THE RONDO THEATRE

St Saviour's Rd, Bath BA1 6RT

Contact: **Ian McGlynn – Artistic Director on 01225 444003**

email: **director@rondotheatre.co.uk**

or **admin@rondotheatre.co.uk**

Website: **www.rondotheatre.co.uk**

Theatre with capacity of 105. Available to hire or for door split. Rates vary depending on day hires or week hires and whether it is a professional event or community.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

St. Mark's Road Widcombe, BA2 4PA

Contact: **Mrs. Pat Clarke on 01225 318561**

Website: **www.st-marks-cc.olq.uk**

Hall Capacity 120

£8 per hour

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Widcombe Hill, Widcombe

Contact: **David Matthews on 01225 336573**

Hall Capacity 150 - 200

Church acoustic. Interior has been converted with a view to hosting events. Catering and bar possible. Largest church in Bath apart from the Abbey.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Broad Street BA1

Contact: **Caroline Ferguson on 01225 447103**

Email: **venue@stmichaelsbath.org.uk**

Website: **www.stmichaelsbath.org.uk**

Venue provides a wide range of flexible performance space:

Flexible, comfortable seating for up to 350 (depending on how much performance space is required)

Large Crypt room with seating for up to 70
Full kitchen facilities
Range of small meeting rooms
Full disabled access to the venue and crypt
Two car parks within 1 minute's walk of the venue
Sound system and recording facilities
Licensed bar on request
Full stewarding and catering service on request
Staging and lighting rigs can be installed on request
Visit website for virtual tour, list of past events/clients, prices and terms and conditions

WIDCOMBE SOCIAL CLUB

Widcombe Hill, Bath, BA2 6AA

(CURRENTLY BEING KNOCKED DOWN & REDEVELOPED)

Contact: **Bob or Dawn on 01225 425076**
email: info@widcombesocialclub.co.uk
Website: <http://www.widcombesocialclub.co.uk/>

Hosts cabarets and gigs, workingman's Club atmosphere (c.1970), good bar prices, PA, etc.

PUB BACK ROOMS etc

THE OTHER BAR AT THE BELL

103 Walcot Street, Bath, BA1 5BW

Contact: **Steve** at the **Fringe Office** on **01225 460426 (Afternoons)**
email: **steve@bathfringe.co.uk**

50 capacity, £10 per hour, PA (but engineer has to be hired) - Thursday-Saturday for entertainment events, if you've got something that's a talk or a film it's worth enquiring about events on other nights.

THE CROWN, BATHWICK

23 Bathwick Street, Bath BA2 6NY

Contact: **01225 423428** and talk to the manager

80 capacity

GREEN PARK TAVERN

44-45 Lower Bristol Road, Bath, BA2 3BD

Contact: **Simon** or **Brian** on **01225 400050**.

New management at this popular student pub: side function room, nice atmosphere & sound, kitted-out and soundproofed, might get 80-100 in at a push. They're really up for ideas and charges can be minimal for the right event. Late licences.

THE RAVEN

7 Queen Street, Bath, BA1 1HE

Contact: **01225 425045**
email: **enquiries@theravenofbath.co.uk**

Often busy

THE ROYAL OAK

Lower Bristol Road, Bath, BA2 3BW

Contact: **01225 481409**

Busy beer-fiends pub but they're up for ideas,

ST JAMES WINE VAULTS

10 St James Street, Bath, BA1 2TW

Contact: **01225 310335**

£ 50, or £90 with PA

CAFE RETRO

York Street, BAI 1NG

Contact: **01225 339347**
 email: **caferetro@tiscali.co.uk**

For a different class of event: some memorable Fringe events have been held upstairs here, though they have generally involved eating too: minimum 20 people (max 60), "we would normally expect a minimum spend of £500 which would include any food packages booked.
