

BATH FRINGE VENUES LIST 2023

Important: please check that venues have a suitable entertainment licence in place, and a PRS/PPL licence if there is any music involved (many pubs and halls will have this already).

This list is in the process of being updated as far as possible in January 2023. Not all venues responded to our enquiries for updates, but when they were clearly still in use we have retained them on the list. There are new venue opportunities coming up all the time – stay in touch and we'll let you know if anything develops.

If you have any experiences with any of these venues yourselves that you'd like to share, tell us all about it.

If there are updates we'll update the version of this file which is on the www.bathfringe.co.uk downloads page [www.bathfringe.co.uk/about-the-fringe/links].

REGULAR FRINGE VENUES

ASSEMBLY INN [Festival Bar]

Alfred Street, BA1 2QU

Downstairs level of this central pub (fine beer), holds 60-ish. Would be good for a band or assertive one-hander show, comedian, etc. 01225 333639, jenny@abbeyales.co.uk - www.abbeyinnsbath.co.uk/#the-assembly-inn-bath

THE BELL BACK BAR

at The Bell, 103 Walcot Street, BA1 5BW

Refurbished 60 capacity performance space, PA (but engineer has to be hired), lights, packaway stage. See www.thebellinnbath.co.uk. It's next door to our office and probably best to talk to us first – wendy@bathfringe.co.uk

THE BELVOIR CASTLE

33 Victoria Buildings, Lower Bristol Road, BA2 3EH

Function room behind the pub, the classic setup and all the better for it. Keen on allsorts, just talk to them!

www.thebelvoircastle.co.uk; 01225 334010; info@thebelvoircastle.co.uk

BURDALL'S YARD

7A Anglo Terrace [London Road], BA1 5NH

Nice concert/theatre/comedy/anything option near Cleveland Place, well furnished, quite posh, nice bar etc., managed by a helpful chap called Martin Campbell on behalf of The Mission Theatre organisation. Unusual but versatile spaces (Studio - 20, Gallery - 40, Main Stage 80-150), you may need to put any more than the most basic tech in. Worth discussing options; for availability, costs etc., Martin on office@burdallsyard.co.uk. Some slots available.

www.burdallsyard.co.uk/hire-us www.burdallsyard.co.uk/the-spaces

CHAPEL ARTS

Lower Borough Walls, BA1 1QR

Main Hall (150 capacity)

Good acoustic, one of the best rooms in Bath for the right sort of event.

Details of how to book can be found here: chapelarts.org/private-functions, but for the deal you're best off talking to Jan the manager on the address or phone number below.

NB: This books up fast year-round.

01225 461700; info@chapelarts.org; chapelarts.org

THE GRAPES

14 Westgate Street, BA1 1EQ

Nice upstairs room in busy/buzzy late-opening city centre pub. A new favourite hangout for a new crowd.

music@thegrapesbath.co.uk - thegrapesbath.co.uk/events

HAYESFIELD SCHOOL – THE ROPER THEATRE

A number of spaces available, out of city centre, but the Theatre, with 220/330 raked seats, has new tech and is quite impressive. Also Studio Theatre [seats 60], and more traditional School Halls. If your audience is mobile, these are useful spaces; not the cheapest, but your public will appreciate the facilities.

Tel: 01225 403209 between 5pm and 9pm; look at

www.hayesfield.com/index.php/theatre-and-sports-halls roomhire@hayesfield.com

KOMEDIA

Westgate Street, BA1 1EP www.komedia.co.uk/bath

Lovely large & ritzy city centre venue, premium-but-fair hire rates but very well-equipped and fully staffed. Some dates still available at Fringe time.

Also **Electric Bar** (up to 60 seated, 100 standing) available when the main house isn't in use (or in addition), different deals depending on whether you need technician, security, etc., and bargains suggested for free, donation or pay-what-you-want shows, unusual suggestions, etc. ellierogers@komediabath.co.uk, or for main house hire lauriereese@komediabath.co.uk 01225 489707 or visit www.komedia.co.uk/bath/venue-hire/event-hire/

LITTLE THEATRE CINEMA

St. Michaels Place, Bath Street, BA1 1SG

Up for hires for interesting events - usually involving film as well as music or other performance, but try 'em with anything that feels right. Obvious restrictions on sound levels with 2 screens in the building. Suggestions and discussions welcome! 01225 330803; **Screen 1:** 138 capacity, projector digital (jpg 2000), DVD or 35mm, stage approx. 5m x 4m. Single spot and basic proscenium and stage wash lighting. **Screen 2:** capacity 69, projector DVD or 35mm, space at front approx. 5m x 1.5m. **Event Space** seats 25. Basic cinema lighting.

little.events@picturehouses.co.uk

THE MISSION THEATRE

32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

2 well-equipped and interesting theatre spaces, availability varies, but as we write there are still slots going. Upstairs bar will hold 30+, but the sought-after space is downstairs, seating about 100, full tech [technicians need to be hired] and flexible, eg. you can do in-the-round, seat the audience high and use the floor, or do end-on. Contact directly for availability & costs.

nextstagebath@aol.com 01225 428600 www.missiontheatre.co.uk

MUSEUM OF BATH AT WORK

Julian Road, BA1 2HR

Has an interesting upstairs room that has been used for many different events, capacity c.100.

Details: www.bath-at-work.org.uk/room-hire/

Contact Stuart Burroughs 01225 318348 mobaw@hotmail.com

THE NEW ORIEL HALL

Brookleaze Buildings - Larkhall - BA1 6RA

Main Hall (46'8x19'9) - seats 150, **Social Area** (35'6x19'9), **Small Hall** (23'5x22' - seats 64), smaller **meeting rooms**.

DVD player, Overhead Projector, screen, big TV. All downstairs spaces wheelchair accessible, disabled toilet, baby changing. Foldable stage 12'x8'. Nice garden area with seating, kitchen. Hirers may need their own Temporary Event Notice, especially if you want a bar open - this isn't complicated, and the Hall will advise. The Main Hall and Social Area can be opened up to make one room; both are soundproofed.

01225 466606 (office hours) - info@neworielhall.org.uk - www.neworielhall.org.uk

THE RONDO THEATRE

St Saviour's Road, Larkhall, BA1 6RT

Proper theatre with nice intimate feel and capacity of just over 100. May be available to hire or for door split - but usually gets filled up quickly at Festival time - and we gather that they are now full for dates in Fringe 2023.

01225 444003; director@rondotheatre.co.uk www.rondotheatre.co.uk

ST. JAMES WINE VAULTS

St. James Square BA1 2TW: www.stjameswinevaults.co.uk/

Well-known regular gig in the vaults, nice welcoming pub, Gallery room upstairs too: both best for smaller audiences. PA & other equipment in situ.

For details contact stjameswv@hotmail.co.uk or call: 01225 310335

ST. MICHAEL'S WITHOUT CHURCH

Broad Street BA1 5LJ

2 flexible performance spaces open to all appropriate suggestions: Flexible, comfortable seating for 250 (depending on how much performance space is required); Large Crypt room seats 70; small meeting rooms, kitchen, full disabled access to the venue and crypt, sound system or bring your own.

Licensed bar on request, ditto stewarding and catering service, staging and lighting rigs.

Two car parks within a minute's walk. Lots more (including prices) on website.

www.stmichaelsbath.org.uk/bookings 01225 447103 office@stmichaelsbath.org.uk

WIDCOMBE SOCIAL CLUB

Bottom of Widcombe Hill, BA2 6AA

Modern & Purpose Built 150ish capacity community venue. We used it and liked it, so do Bath Comedy Festival and other local promoters, and there is a rolling programme of improvements & updates. Up for ideas.

info@widcombesocialclub.co.uk www.widcombesocialclub.co.uk 01225 460456

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

THE BATH BREW HOUSE

14 James St West, BA1 2BX

Has a smallish function room for hire that has been used for music and comedy events, and can reach an audience other venues don't get to.

www.thebathbrewhouse.com/private-hire info@thebathbrewhouse.com 01225 805609

THE EDGE

Bath University BA2 7AY

Excellent venue [2 spaces] at Bath University, the one up the hill. Used by student groups and only available for hire outside term times [which usually includes some of the festival].

Edge Theatre seats 200; Weston Studio theatre seats 90 with retractable seating.

conferencesandevents@bath.ac.uk 01225 383411 www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/the-edge-building-event-space/

THE FORUM

1a Forum Buildings, St James Parade, BA1 1UG

More than just the big space available, but needs to be the right event.

www.bathforum.co.uk

KINGSWOOD THEATRE

Kingswood School, Lansdown Road BA1 5RG

Contact 01225 734286; theatre@kingswood.bath.sch.uk

Very well-equipped 366 capacity theatre, out of city centre, often not available. Download details from

www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk/userfiles/kingswoodv2mvc/Documents/Inspection%20Reports/Kingswood%20Theatre%20Hire%2C%202022.pdf
nf@kingswood.bath.sch.uk - Neil Francis - 01225 734286

MANVERS ST. BAPTIST CHURCH

Manvers Street, BA1 1JW

The main Sanctuary has a capacity of 300 and there are a number of other rooms holding variously from 20. Full details are at: manversstreetbaptistchurch.com/hall-bookings/

01225 461600 office@msbc Bath.org

PERCY COMMUNITY CENTRE

New King St. BA1 2BN

Various spaces seating 10-60 available, including sometimes Friday & Saturday evenings.

Sports Hall (holds 150) limited availability, but has been used for theatre space. Building fully-accessible throughout, including disabled toilet. Not licensed, kitchen available.

Fees very reasonable for non-commercial use, much in demand.

See www.percycentre.org.uk/room-hire 01225 423014 info@percycentre.org.uk

THE RING O'BELLS

10, Widcombe Parade BA2 4JT

Pleasant 60 capacity function room with own bar, suitable for small scale comedy/cabaret gigs. Well used in the past, though use much restricted nowadays because it's the access to their garden.

01225 727599; www.ringobellsbath.com/

SALISBURY CLUB

Walcot Terrace [London Road], Bath BA1 6AB

Nice room holding 60-80. Rates vary, talk to them... Used to be an official Conservative Club, but isn't any more - tho' you can still imagine... Great riverside garden! 01225 425651