

## **BATH FRINGE VENUE LIST 2022**

**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 has been updated as far as possible at January 2022. 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 on EMail or socials.***

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

### **REGULAR FRINGE VENUES**

#### **ASSEMBLY INN [Cellar Bar]**

Alfred Street, Bath, 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](mailto:jenny@abbeyales.co.uk) - [www.abbeyinnsbath.co.uk/#the-assembly-inn-bath](http://www.abbeyinnsbath.co.uk/#the-assembly-inn-bath)

#### **THE BELL BACK BAR [aka. Love Lounge]**

at The Bell, 103 Walcot Street, BA1 5BW

Newly refurbished, 60 capacity performance space, PA (but engineer has to be hired), lights, packaway stage. See [www.thebellinnbath.co.uk](http://www.thebellinnbath.co.uk) and EMail [thebell@thebellinnbath.co.uk](mailto:thebell@thebellinnbath.co.uk)

**NB. presently all reserved for the Fringe (apart from regular pre-existing events) so better to ask us first – [wendy@bathfringe.co.uk](mailto:wendy@bathfringe.co.uk).**

#### **THE BELVOIR CASTLE**

33 Victoria Buildings, Lower Bristol Road, BA2 3EH

Function room behind the pub still available, stage but no house PA. Friendly & helpful. [www.thebelvoircastle.co.uk](http://www.thebelvoircastle.co.uk); 01225 334010, or use contact form on their website

#### **BURDALL'S YARD**

Burdall's Yard, 7A Anglo Terrace [London Road], Bath BA1 5NH

Nice concert/comedy/cabaret/theatre/anything option near Cleveland Place, well equipped, quite posh, nice bar etc., under new management c/o The Mission Theatre [see below], which means that it also comes in under their efficient booking/selection process - for that and other details see [www.burdallsyard.co.uk/bath-fringe-festival-2022](http://www.burdallsyard.co.uk/bath-fringe-festival-2022).

#### **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/](http://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 and is probably full by the time you read this.**

01225 461700; [info@chapelarts.org](mailto:info@chapelarts.org); [chapelarts.org](http://chapelarts.org)

#### **THE CANON**

1 Barton St. BA1 1HQ.

Student-friendly central venue, good big upstairs room, tho' the layout is a little constrained by internal furniture (be imaginative!). Free hires for the right event.

01225 789106 [www.thecanon-bath.co.uk](http://www.thecanon-bath.co.uk) [TheCanon.Bath@stonegategroup.co.uk](mailto:TheCanon.Bath@stonegategroup.co.uk)

### **THE EDGE**

Bath University BA2 7AY

New arts venue at Claverton Down, run by the Student Union, has a variety of spaces for hire from dance studio to excellent & well-equipped 220 seat theatre space (stage 11.8m x 11m), with bar, etc. Contact [su-arts@bath.ac.uk](mailto:su-arts@bath.ac.uk) for more info.

### **THE FORUM**

Forum Buildings, St. James Parade, BA1 IUG

Glorious Art Deco ex-cinema, but other spaces available. Owned by a church but with serious Event Management people at work. Main House: 1,640 full house / 863 stalls only, fee by negotiation; Ballroom Stage: holds 150, fee by negotiation around £300; Coffee House Stage: fee by negotiation around £150. [VenueManager@bathforum.co.uk](mailto:VenueManager@bathforum.co.uk)

### **HAYESFIELD GIRLS' SCHOOL – THE ROPER THEATRE**

Recent new-build venue, 242 raked seats, new technology. Out of city centre.

Tel: 01225 426151 ext 2837; look at [www.hayesfield.com/index.php/roomhire](http://www.hayesfield.com/index.php/roomhire)

### **KINGSWOOD THEATRE**

Kingswood School, Lansdown Road BA1 5RG

Contact 01225 734286; [theatre@kingswood.bath.sch.uk](mailto:theatre@kingswood.bath.sch.uk)

Pleasant & very well-equipped 366 capacity theatre, out of city centre, a few dates available. See full spec at [www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk/holiday-courses-facilities-hire](http://www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk/holiday-courses-facilities-hire)

### **KOMEDIA**

Westgate Street, BA1 1EP [www.komedia.co.uk/bath](http://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 **The Electric Bar** (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. For hire enquiries contact: [lauriereese@komediabath.co.uk](mailto:lauriereese@komediabath.co.uk) or visit

[www.komedia.co.uk/bath/venue-hire/event-hire/](http://www.komedia.co.uk/bath/venue-hire/event-hire/)

### **LITTLE THEATRE CINEMA**

St. Michaels Place, Bath St. 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; [little.events@picturehouses.co.uk](mailto:little.events@picturehouses.co.uk)

**Screen 1:** 192 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. Basic cinema lighting.

### **THE MISSION THEATRE**

32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

01225 428600; [nextstagebath@aol.com](mailto:nextstagebath@aol.com); [www.missiontheatre.co.uk](http://www.missiontheatre.co.uk)

2 well-equipped and interesting theatre spaces, availability varies. They have their own application process, look it up at [www.missiontheatre.co.uk/bath-fringe-festival-2022](http://www.missiontheatre.co.uk/bath-fringe-festival-2022). See also Burdall's Yard, above.

### **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/](http://www.bath-at-work.org.uk/room-hire/)

Fee £75 per evening

Contact Stuart Burroughs 01225 318348 [mobaw@hotmail.com](mailto:mobaw@hotmail.com)

### **NATURAL THEATRE STUDIO**

Widcombe Hill, Bath BA2 6AA

See [www.naturaltheatre.co.uk/venue](http://www.naturaltheatre.co.uk/venue)

Good-looking and good potential for theatre, comedy, spoken word, workshops, and other things on the quiet side (there are neighbours).

Size: 70 sq. metres; Capacity: 75 seated / 100 standing. Includes WiFi, chairs and tables, additional separate area with bar etc. Disabled access and toilet facilities.

Tel: 01225 469131 Email: [hello@naturaltheatre.co.uk](mailto:hello@naturaltheatre.co.uk) for rates

*NB: included here for completeness of information, but NOT available during Fringe 2022.*

### **THE NEW ORIEL HALL**

Brookleaze Buildings - Larkhall - BA1 6RA

tel: 01225 466606 (office hours) - [www.neworielhall.org.uk](http://www.neworielhall.org.uk)

**Main Hall** (46'8x19'9), **Social Area** (35'6x19'9), **Small Hall** (23'5x22'), other spaces available.

The Main Hall and Social Area can be opened up to make one room; both are soundproofed.

All kinds of other community-orientated facilities, too many to list. Holds up to up to 280.

Worth discussing requirements with venue staff. EMail is via contact form on website.

[neworielhall.org.uk/what-we-offer/booking-fees/](http://neworielhall.org.uk/what-we-offer/booking-fees/)

### **OLD THEATRE ROYAL (MASONIC LODGE)**

12 Old Orchard Street, Bath BA1 1JU

An atmospheric building with oodles of history – though not exactly a theatre now, can be a great performance space with excellent acoustics and some backstage facilities. Other rooms available too. 60/40 split deal suggested, in-house team keen to help it to happen.

[fringe@oldtheatroyal.com](mailto:fringe@oldtheatroyal.com); 01225 462233; [www.oldtheatroyal.com](http://www.oldtheatroyal.com)

### **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 but kitchen facilities available.

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

See [www.percycentre.org.uk/room-hire](http://www.percycentre.org.uk/room-hire) 01225 423014 [info@percycycentre.org.uk](mailto:info@percycycentre.org.uk)

### **THE RONDO THEATRE**

St Saviour's Rd, BATH BA1 6RT

Proper theatre with nice intimate feel and capacity of just over 100 in Bath 'suburb' but well-known to locals and on good bus routes. May be available to hire or for door split, but usually gets filled up quickly at Festival time and there are only a couple of dates left this year.

[office@rondotheatre.co.uk](mailto:office@rondotheatre.co.uk) [www.rondotheatre.co.uk](http://www.rondotheatre.co.uk)

### **ST. JAMES WINE VAULTS**

St. James Square BA1 2TW: [www.stjameswinevaults.co.uk/](http://www.stjameswinevaults.co.uk/)

Well-known regular gig in the vaults, nice pub.

The Gallery (capacity 40) and The Cellar (capacity 70-ish seated). PA and Mics available in both rooms. Finish times Monday to Thursday 11.30 pm, Friday and Saturday 12.30pm, Sunday 10pm. Details, see [www.stjameswinevaults.co.uk/about-us](http://www.stjameswinevaults.co.uk/about-us) or call 01225 310335

### **ST. MICHAEL'S WITHOUT CHURCH**

Broad Street BA1 5LJ

[www.stmichaelsbath.org.uk/booking-the-church-or-crypt](http://www.stmichaelsbath.org.uk/booking-the-church-or-crypt)

Contact: 01225 447103 - EMail: [office@stmichaelsbath.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsbath.org.uk)

A couple of flexible performance spaces open to all appropriate suggestions: Flexible, comfortable seating for up to 300 (depending on performance space); Large Crypt room with seating for up to 70; other rooms available, full kitchen facilities, 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 1 minute's walk. Lots more (including prices) on website.

### **WIDCOMBE SOCIAL CLUB**

Bottom of Widcombe Hill, BA2 6AA

Modern & Purpose Built 150ish capacity community venue [and also smaller bar venue]. We used it and liked it, so do Bath Comedy Festival and other local promoters, and there is a rolling programme of developments and friendly & capable crew. Up for ideas.

[www.widcombesocialclub.co.uk/booking](http://www.widcombesocialclub.co.uk/booking)

[info@widcombesocialclub.co.uk](mailto:info@widcombesocialclub.co.uk) 01225 460456

### **OTHER POSSIBILITIES**

#### **CENTRAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

Argyle Street / Grove Street Bath BA2 6PJ

[bathcentralurc.virb.com/our-space-your-let](http://bathcentralurc.virb.com/our-space-your-let)

There is a fully kitted-out **theatre** (The Tovey Hall), plus the **church** can be used for recitals or installations; good woody acoustic. Contact 01225 310050; [bcurc@btconnect.com](mailto:bcurc@btconnect.com).

Nice spaces and central, but is a little difficult to place any advertising at the venue to tell people what's happening & where (mostly because it's a church).

NB staff are volunteers so allow plenty of time to contact or find them.

#### **MANVERS ST. BAPTIST CHURCH**

Manvers St, BA1 1JW

The main Sanctuary has a capacity of 300 and there are other rooms holding variously from 20. Full details are at: [manversstreetbaptist.wordpress.com/hall-bookings/](http://manversstreetbaptist.wordpress.com/hall-bookings/)

Contact Juliet Aylmer or David Twine on 01225 461600 or Email: [rooms\\_msbc@btconnect.com](mailto:rooms_msbc@btconnect.com)

#### **THE RING O'BELLS**

10, Widcombe Parade BA2 4JT

Recent-ish change of management and changes to venue during pandemic, we don't think the room is available at the moment. More details when we have them.

01225 727599; [www.ringobellsbath.com/](http://www.ringobellsbath.com/)

#### **SALISBURY CLUB**

Walcot Terrace [London Road], Bath BA1 6AB

Decent room holding 60-80. Rates vary, talk to them... Used to be a Conservative Club but isn't officially so any more - tho' you can still imagine... 01225 425651