

BATH FRINGE VENUE LIST 2019

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 Jan 2019. 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, 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 or failing that that info@theassemblyinn.com - 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 and EMail bella@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.

THE BATH BREW HOUSE

14 James St W, Bath, BA1 2BX

Has a smallish function room for hire that has been used for music and comedy events. Definitely engaged with being a Fringe venue this year. Decent deals – even free for the right people – in what is a popular city centre pub. Try them!
www.thebathbrewhouse.com/private-hire/ info@thebathbrewhouse.com

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: www.chapelarts.org/chapel_arts/venue-hire

NB: This books up fast year-round, and is now officially already booked for festival time 2018.

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

HAYESFIELD SCHOOL – THE ROPER THEATRE

New venue, 330 raked seats, new technology.

Tel: 01225 403209 between 5pm and 9pm; information@hayesfield.com

ICIA : The Edge

Bath University BA2 7AY

The new arts venue at Claverton Down has a variety of spaces for hire from dance studio to full-blown well-equipped 220 seat theatre space (stage 11.8m x 11m). The full details can be found on www.edgearts.org (there is a charity/community rate) or contact edge-events@bath.ac.uk 01225 386777.

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 **Arts Café** (up to 70 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 contact: adrianboreham@komedia.co.uk; 01225 489707 or visit 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

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.

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: <https://manversstreetbaptist.wordpress.com/hall-bookings/>
Contact Lucie Palma on 01225 461600 or Email: lucie_msbc@btconnect.com

THE MISSION THEATRE

32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

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

2 well-equipped and interesting theatre spaces, availability varies. This year their Fringe application process started early (their publicity comes out before ours is finished) so main space at least is **already full**.

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/

Fee £75 per evening

Contact Stuart Burroughs 01225 318348 mobaw@hotmail.com

NATURAL THEATRE STUDIO

Widcombe Hill, Bath BA2 6AA

See www.naturaltheatre.co.uk/venue_hire.php

Good-looking and good potential for the 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: info@naturaltheatre.co.uk for rates

THE NEST

7 Bladud Buildings, Bath BA1 5LS, 01225 312508, thenestbath.com,

events@thenestbath.com

Three differently-sized spaces (250, 100, 75) in this popular nightclub, ideally looking for evening shows that finish at 11 so they can follow with their usual club nights - or stuff for their smaller spaces. Sound & lighting and technicians in-house, many deals possible: in some cases free (apart from cost of technicians), or Main room £65 Mon-Thu and £100 Fri-Sat; the smaller spaces are negotiable. If you do your own door or otherwise finance yourselves it's pretty good value, and for maximum activity potential can even have more than one event at the same time. Plus there's a garden till 10pm. Up for chatting through ideas so do try them!
May be changing format in 2019. more info when we have it, or from them.

THE NEW ORIEL HALL

Brookleaze Buildings - Larkhall - BA1 6RA

tel: 01225 466606 (office hours) - neworielhall@waitrose.com - www.neworielhall.org.uk

Main Hall (46'8x19'9), **Social Area** (35'6x19'9), **Small Hall** (23'5x22'), 2 Upstairs **meeting rooms** (16'3x18'3).

Baby changing facilities, TV and DVD player, Overhead Projector, screen. Good accessibility to all downstairs spaces for wheelchair users, and a disabled toilet. Foldable stage 12'x8'.

Well maintained garden area with seating, Large fully equipped kitchen. We hold a current Premises License and can accommodate up to 280 people.

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

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. fringe@oldtheatreroyal.com; 01225 462233;

www.oldtheatreroyal.com

PERCY COMMUNITY CENTRE

New King St. BA1 2BN

Various spaces seating 10-60 available, including 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.

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

THE RING O'BELLS 10, Widcombe Parade BA2 4JT

70 capacity function room with own bar, suitable for small scale comedy/cabaret gigs. Recent change of management.

01225 448870; contact@ringobellswidcombe.co.uk

THE RONDO THEATRE

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. If you're thinking of The Rondo mail the Fringe Office too, we'll be discussing programming with them.

St Saviour's Rd, BATH BA1 6RT; 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 pub.

No hire fees! The Gallery (capacity 40) and The Cellar (capacity 70-ish seated). PA and Mics available in both rooms. Only Cellar available Thursdays due to quiz. Finish times Monday to Thursday 11.30 pm, Friday and Saturday 12.30pm, Sunday 10pm. Also helps with promotion via website, social media & Total Guide to Bath. PRS sorted.

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

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Widcombe Hill, Widcombe

Contact Tamsin McMaster (Community Administrator): 01225 465065 info@widcombe.church

Hall Capacity 150 – 200

Church acoustic, so perfect for some things and not so ideal for others; interior has been converted with a view to events; catering & bar possible, worth talking to them. Largest church in Bath apart from the Abbey. We've even seen aerial circus in there! Staff are volunteers so allow plenty of time to contact or find them, and you'll likely need to staff an event yourselves..

ST MICHAEL'S WITHOUT CHURCH

Broad Street BA1 5LJ

www.stmichaelsbath.org.uk/venue_information/venue_facilities.phtml

Contact: 01225 447103 - EMail: office@stmichaelsbath.org.uk

A couple of flexible performance spaces open to all appropriate suggestions: Flexible, comfortable seating for up to 300 (depending on how much performance space is required); Large Crypt room with seating for up to 70; range of small meeting rooms, 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

Recently re-launched 200ish 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

Updates at <http://widcombesocialclub.co.uk>

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

THE BELVOIR CASTLE,

33 Victoria Buildings, Lower Bristol Road, BA2 3EH

Function room behind the pub CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE (being refurbished).

In the main bar there is a small area for open mic, stand up etc. Keen & helpful.

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

BURDALL'S YARD

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

Nice concert/theatre/comedy/anything option near Cleveland Place, well equipped, quite posh, nice bar etc., belongs to Bath Spa Uni. The venue is suitable for theatre, music, spoken word, cabaret and probably other things as well.

NB. We are expecting that this venue will not be available during the Fringe this year. If that changes, we'll change the information here.

CARERS' CENTRE (BATH CARERS' CENTRE)

The Woodlands, Lower Bristol Road, Bath BA2 9ES; main office 01761 431388;

info@banescarerscentre.org.uk

1 large board/meeting room; 1 slightly smaller board/meeting room; Lounge/Reception room; Riverside Garden, with Summerhouse, Cob Oven and large Gazebo if required. The Garden from the Hampton Court Flower Show was donated by The One Show ;->

THE CANON

1 Barton St. BA1 1HQ.

Student-friendly central venue (formerly Molloy's), 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/

CENTRAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Argyle Street / Grove Street Bath BA2 6PJ

There is a fully kitted-out **theatre** (The Tovey Hall), plus the **church** can be used for recitals or installations; nice woody acoustic. Contact 01225 310050; 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.

FUNKY MONKEY STUDIO

St. Peter's Terrace, Lower Bristol Road, BA2 3EH

Good bright spaces for dance, aerial, movement/skills-based work. They're training/fitness studios so have some fixed events and the kind of restrictions (no shoes!) you might expect, but the owners have done shows and parties there and would be happy and interested to talk about more. More info and a contact form at www.funkymonkeystudio.com/about/the-studio/ , or call 07961 102853; info@funkymonkeystudio.com

KINGSWOOD THEATRE

Kingswood School, Lansdown Road BA1 5RG

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

Can be difficult because it's school exam time! Very well-equipped 366 capacity theatre.

THE RAVEN (Upstairs)

Classic Bath pub (superlative beer) with good upstairs room that has been used for some great events in the past. Good for spoken word & talks.

01225 425045; enquiries@theravenofbath.co.uk

SALISBURY CLUB

Walcot Terrace [London Road], Bath BA1 6AB

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

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

St. Mark's Road, Widcombe, BA2 4PA [Near the railway station]

Hall Capacity 120, plus other rooms; well fitted out; pretty busy in general but could be worth a try.

Lots of info and booking form at: www.st-marks-cc.org.uk

ST. MARY'S BATHWICK

Darlington Street, Bath BA2 4EB [Bottom of Bathwick Hill]

Large church, holds 700 tho' not all with good sightlines. Used by Bath Festival, Mozart Festival etc., decent PA, good basic lighting. Use of adjacent rooms for Green Room, refreshments, bar etc. £425 per evening including afternoon rehearsal, set-up etc.

Contact Mrs. Julia Brownbridge, 01225 447450; office@bathwickparishes.org.uk