

BATH FRINGE VENUES LIST 2024

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 was last updated for February 2024, though if we notice something in the meantime we will try to keep it updated in general.. 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 FOR HIRE

ASSEMBLY INN [Festival Bar]

Alfred Street, BA1 2QU

Downstairs level of this central pub (fine local beer), holds 60-ish., can be free. 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

60 capacity performance space, PA (but engineer has to be hired), lights, packaway stage. See www.thebellinnbath.co.uk. Not the same space as the Bell's renowned regular music programme; it's next door to our office and for Fringe time probably useful to talk to us first – wendy@bathfringe.co.uk

BURDALL'S YARD

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

Nice concert/theatre/comedy/anything option near Cleveland Place, well furnished and furnished, nice bar etc., managed by 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., discuss with office@burdallsyard.co.uk. Some slots still available as we compile this list. 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 FORUM

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

Lovely building with more than just the big space [which holds up to 1640, or 864 stalls only, and hires to pro. promoters & events companies only], but needs to be the right event.

Separate 'ballroom' is a nice room but depends on what's happening in main house.

New 50-70 seat room for hire coming on line as we speak.

www.bathforum.co.uk bathforumbookings@bwmpromo.com

THE GRAPES

14 Westgate Street, BA1 1EQ

Pocock's Living Room: picturesque upstairs room in busy/buzzy late-opening fiercely independent city centre pub, with a music programme strongly represented in the Fringe - a new favourite hangout for a new crowd. Has been used for music and other performance.

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 – recently upgraded again – and is quite impressive. Also Studio Theatre [seats 60], and more traditional School Halls. If your audience is mobile, these are useful spaces [some parking on site]; will discuss fees and 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.

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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! **Screen 1:** 138 capacity, projector digital (jpg 2000), DVD or 35mm, stage approx. 5m x 4m. Basic proscenium and stage wash & spot 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 01225 330803

THE MISSION THEATRE

32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

2 well-equipped and interesting theatre spaces, availability varies, but as we write there are still a [very] few 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

NOWHERE

44-45 Lower Bristol Road, BA2 3BD

New space with a buzz about it, attached to burger/drinks place formerly known as Green Park Tavern. Friendly management, try them with an idea.

01225 550171 hello@nowherebath.co.uk, <https://form.jotform.com/233053840067351>

THE RAVEN [Library]

6-7 Queen Street, Bath, BA1 1HE

Intimate space holding 25-30 people at the top of one of Bath's very best pubs, free to hire unless bartender required. Available most daytimes & evenings, not Friday evening or Saturday all day - but for eg. something free entry that needs a weekend slot they'd discuss. Some regular bookings. Opening hours 11:00-23:00. Small stage & mic setup, suitable for talks, workshops, and more: not music yet but they're looking into it.

01225 425045 enquiries@theravenofbath.co.uk Josh is the manager to talk to.

THE RONDO THEATRE

St Saviour's Road, Larkhall, BA1 6RT

Bijou 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, only a few slots left for 2023. Not at all central but on every theatre-and-gig-goer's map.

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 historic gig space in the vaults, but not as much used nowadays, nice welcoming pub, Gallery room upstairs too: both best for smaller audiences. PA & other equipment in situ. Not central but worth considering.

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 up to 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. Well used year-round and on a lot of people's radar nowadays. Also smaller/cheaper bar room downstairs, and meeting rooms. 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, has intermittent regular events, and can reach an audience other venues don't get to.

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

THE CURFEW

11 Cleveland Place West, BA1 5DG

Under [relatively] new management, this centre/fringe pub [Cleveland Bridge, beginning of London Road] has a pleasant upstairs lounge with a great view that seats 35ish and has been used for some great theatrical experiences in the past.

www.thecurfewbath.co.uk/about-us/our-lounge, 01225 313747, info@thecurfewbath.co.uk

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/

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

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@msbcbath.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

RENGEN HOUSE

4 Argyle Street BA2 4BA

Co-working space has a small event space, seats 30ish, after 5pm and at weekends, for talks, workshops, spoken word, comedy. Meeting style PA, screens etc.

01225 562692 jo@rengenhouse.com

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.

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