

# BRISTOL IMPROV THEATRE



## VENUE HIRE



LIVE EVENTS | CELEBRATIONS | CONFERENCES  
REHEARSAL SPACES | MEETING ROOMS



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# WHY CHOOSE US?

Whether you are looking for a rehearsal space, a central venue for a show, or music gig, a unique location for your party, wedding reception, club, business conference or team building event – **Bristol Improv Theatre could be the place for you!**

Not far from Bristol City Centre on the edge of Clifton, in a unique refurbished Victorian building Bristol Improv Theatre offers plenty of flexible characterful options whatever your requirements whether for a one-off event or regular meetups.

We have a 120 capacity fully equipped **Theatre Space**, 120 capacity **Bar Space** and a **Drawing Room** for smaller groups (15-20), ideal for clubs, as a green room or workshop space.

Contact our expert venue hire team to discuss how our space could be the ideal venue for your needs!



# THE THEATRE

CAPACITY 100 - 120

8 x 2M STAGE

8 x 12M FLOOR SPACE

“ A GEM OF A VENUE. A FLEXIBLE SPACE GUARANTEED TO SUIT EVEN THE MOST UNUSUAL EVENT ”

Bristol Burlesque Festival

Our versatile Black Box Theatre space can be used for plethora of performances, rehearsals, film screenings, film shoots, workshops and live music.

Our seating rake is flexible and the front row can be removed to create more space for rehearsals and workshops.

We have a small backstage area which can be used as a dressing room and wing space.

The theatre is equipped with a theatrical sound system and lighting rig.

Booking the theatre for a performance / public event includes use of our bar services and an experienced, friendly Front of House team.



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# THEATRE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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## TECHNICIANS

You will need to provide your own operating tech, however we do have a directory of freelance technicians that we can put you in touch with. Agreed in advance, we can provide support with your set up, dependent on your needs.

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## STAGE LIGHTING

The theatre's standard stage lighting rig consists of 8 Fresnels, 1 Spotlight and 4 LED panels, fixed to ceiling-mounted bars. These lights can be configured to provide different lighting options, including washes spotlights, backlighting and colour.

The theatre uses an analogue lighting desk, which can accommodate up to 18 channels on which lights may be assigned.

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## AUDIO EQUIPMENT

The theatre space is equipped with a full PA system and 12-channel mixing desk as standard. The theatre's tech store can also provide additional equipment, including:

- 4 x SM58 vocal mics
  - 3 x SM57 instrument mics
  - 3 x D.I Boxes
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## BACKSTAGE / WING AREA

There is a small wing area to the left of the stage and a small backstage area to the right of the stage. Our drawing room space can be hired as an additional green room space.

# THE BAR SPACE

CAPACITY 100 - 120

8 x 2M STAGE

8 x 12M FLOOR SPACE

**“ WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND  
THE BIT FOR A WARM WELCOME  
AND EXPERT STAFF ”**

Bristol Burlesque Festival

With its exposed brick, red curtains, and twinkling fairy lights the Bar emanates the bohemian charm of our theatre.

The bar itself is well stocked, with a refreshing array of alcoholic and soft drinks. Our partnership with local brewery, Bristol Beer Factory, allows us to stock independent craft beers, and our bar manager's fine tastes have provided a flavourful selection of wines.

A licensed bar is included as part of booking the theatre space for performances and events. Alternatively, the bar can be hired out on its own for more celebrations, events and performances, or as workshop or rehearsal space.

The bar space comes with a corner stage, working PA system, LED lighting rig and piano.



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# THE DRAWING ROOM

CAPACITY 15 - 20

7 x 5M FLOOR SPACE

“ THE TEAM COULD NOT BE MORE HELPFUL... WE COULD NOT RECOMMEND THEM MORE HIGHLY AND CAN'T WAIT TO BE BACK ”

Bristol Academy of Drama

Formerly a classroom of the original school house, our light and airy Drawing Room can be hired out for a variety of uses.

Whether you're looking for a meeting room, rehearsal/workshop space or a green room, this room offers plenty of space to play with.

The room comes with a fixed whiteboard as well as the use of tables and chairs.

Booking the Drawing Room comes with access to a small kitchenette along with communal tea and coffee.



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# FAQS

**Q: Is there disabled access?**

A: There is currently no provision for wheelchair access, as there are steps at both the front and rear of the building. Those with limited mobility may find entry difficult. We apologise for this and are working on solutions.

**Q: Is there parking?**

A: There are between 1-2 parking spaces available for event organisers.

**Q: Do I need my own insurance?**

A: As a condition of hiring the theatre, for any public event, you will need to provide evidence of your own public liability insurance. Any external hired parties, e.g caterers, live bands and performers, stall holders etc will also need to provide evidence of public liability insurance.

**Q: Do I need to provide a risk assessment?**

A: Potentially yes. A risk assessment is required for all public events, live performances, film shoots and rehearsals. We can provide a template risk assessment for you and are happy to answer questions

**Q: Do you offer box office splits?**

A: We are unable to offer box office splits. If the event sells well, it is usually more profitable for the hirer to pay a set hire fee and keep the box office take.

**Q: Are you able to negotiate on price or offer discounts to local theatre groups?**

A: We are a not for profit organisation and all venue hire fees go back into funding the running of theatre, its programming and theatre school. Use of our space is priced as affordably as possible.

