

SHAKESPEARE
NORTH
PLAYHOUSE



EVENTS & VENUE HIRE

Your guide to events and venue hire

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SET THE STAGE FOR STUNNING EVENTS

WELCOME TO SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE, WHERE EVERY SPACE INSPIRES

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“SMALL CHEER AND GREAT WELCOME MAKES A MERRY FEAST.”

The Comedy of Errors

YOUR HIRE

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON GIVING OUTSTANDING START-TO-FINISH SUPPORT TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

WE'VE GOT:

flexible spaces available for exclusive hire, configured, linked or divided to meet your needs

a range of refreshment packages to choose from (or talk to us about bespoke requirements)

space for live entertainment, bands and DJs

bars on two floors, mobile bar carts and a late license

skilled in-house teams to ensure your lighting and sound is spot on



CELEBRATIONS

Our versatile, contemporary spaces along with our wide range of refreshment options create the perfect place to host your next get together, from birthdays and baby naming celebrations to leaving dos, retirement bashes and everything in between!



Want to party on? Talk to us about an extension to our midnight bar service license.

WEDDINGS

Want your love story to take centre stage in 2025? Register your interest now. Weddings are coming to Shakespeare North Playhouse! We've opened two seasonal wedding windows, with very limited availability.

Summer: August

Winter: Last two weeks of October, first two weeks of November

Email:
weddings@shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk



Contact 0151 433 7156

FILMING & LOCATION HIRES

Could we be your perfect backdrop?

Talk to us about hiring our spaces for filming, photography and location work.

Email:
locations@shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk



CORPORATE

Our Playhouse is an ideal venue for your business events, be they conferences, awards ceremonies, away days or regular team meetings. We're also perfectly suited for corporate entertainment, work socials and special events.

All of our spaces, food and drinks packages and technical and production support offerings can be tailored to meet your needs.

10% discount on venue hire rates for charities, not-for-profits and Knowsley-based businesses.

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OUR SPACES

Our spaces are available to hire individually or in package deals to make any event an occasion. Add our exceptional AV and tech offer, delicious food, the use of our bars and outside spaces plus the services of a dedicated event manager for a flawless performance.

DURATIONS

Half day: up to 6 hours
Full day: more than 6 hours.

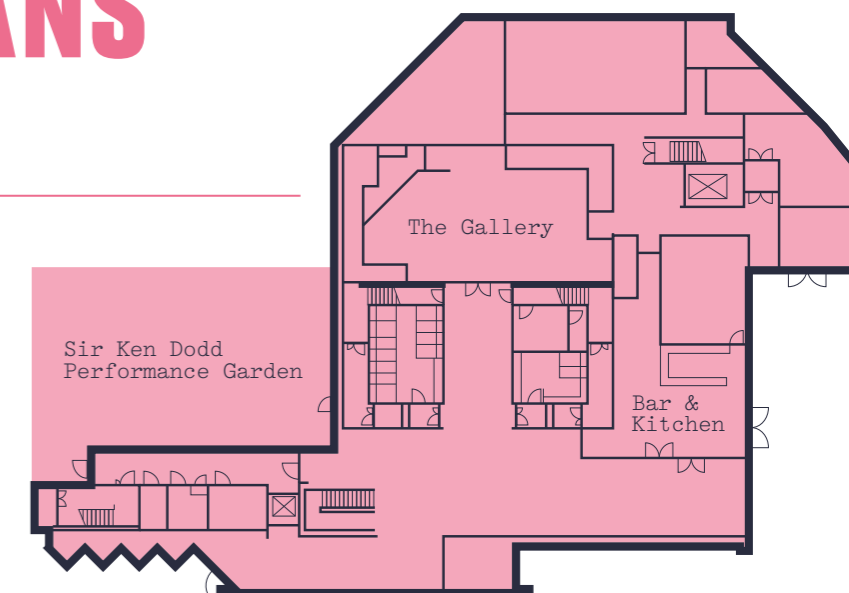
GOING FOR THE ULTIMATE SHOW-STOPPER?

Take over the whole venue and bring the house down.

FLOOR PLANS

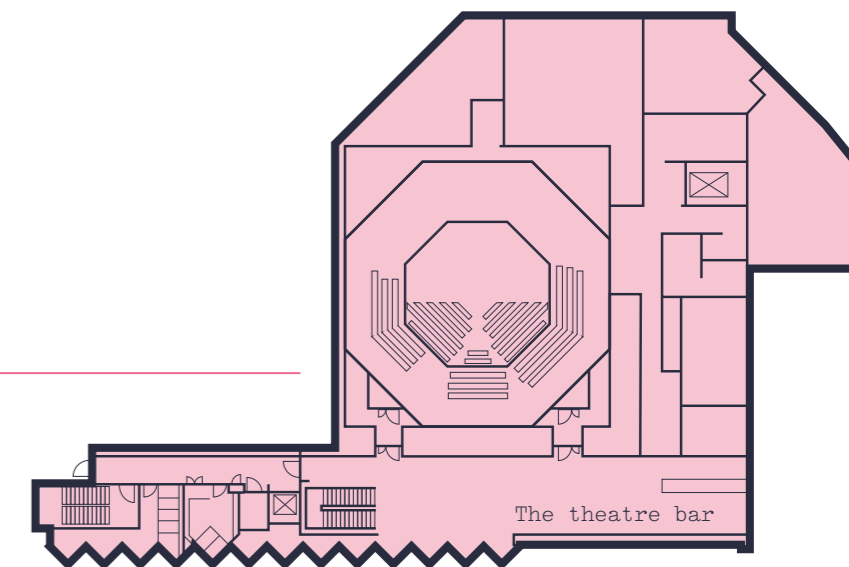
GROUND FLOOR & OUTSIDE

Cockpit Theatre
The Gallery
Bar & Kitchen
Sir Ken Dodd Performance Garden



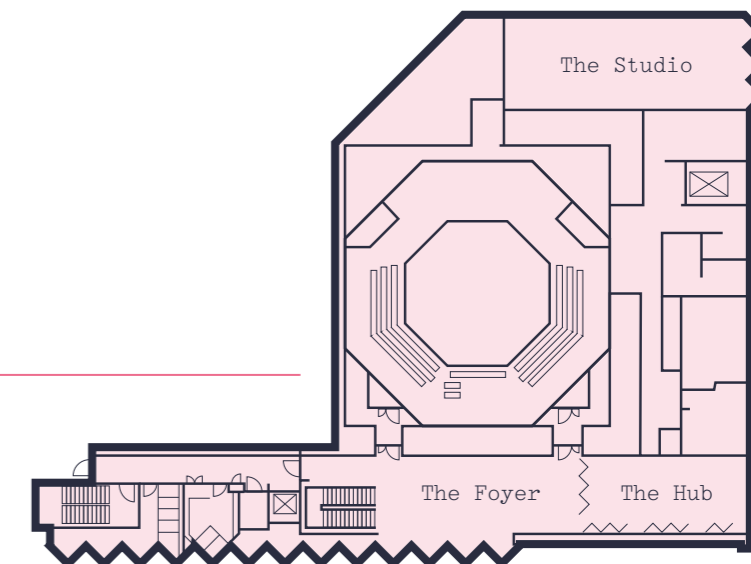
FIRST FLOOR

The theatre bar



SECOND FLOOR

The Hub
The Foyer
The Studio



COCKPIT THEATRE

Our stunning, circular, oak framed auditorium is our breathtaking centrepiece. Take to the stage for an intimate candelabra-lit dinner or use the space to present your big ideas to a rapt audience.

Our Cockpit Theatre is great for conferences, performances, product launches, live recordings, awards ceremonies and presentations with wow factor. Whether you prefer to stick to the script or go with the flow, hosting in this unique location will ensure your event is truly unforgettable.

To get maximum benefit from the theatre's sound and lighting set up, you'll need the help of our specialist technicians. The level of support will depend on the type of event. We'll discuss this with you in detail when we prepare your event hire quotation.

SET UP STYLE

470

in the round

325

conference style

£

up to 3 hours £1200

half day: £1600

all day: £3200

ACCESSIBILITY

Of the theatre's three seating levels, only our pit area is not completely accessible.

IN SITU AV/TECH:

lapel microphones, 4m x 2.5m projector screen with 8k laser projector, theatre sound and lighting rigs



A full tech sheet for our Cockpit Theatre is available if you are booking this space for performance or bringing in external lighting or sound elements.

THE GALLERY

Limitless possibilities. Maximum impact. Use this space, with its huge media wall built-in video projection to go big on presenting or to add a dynamic graphic backdrop to your events and celebrations.

SET UP STYLE

60

theatre style

80

reception

50

dining

21

boardroom

18

horseshoe

£

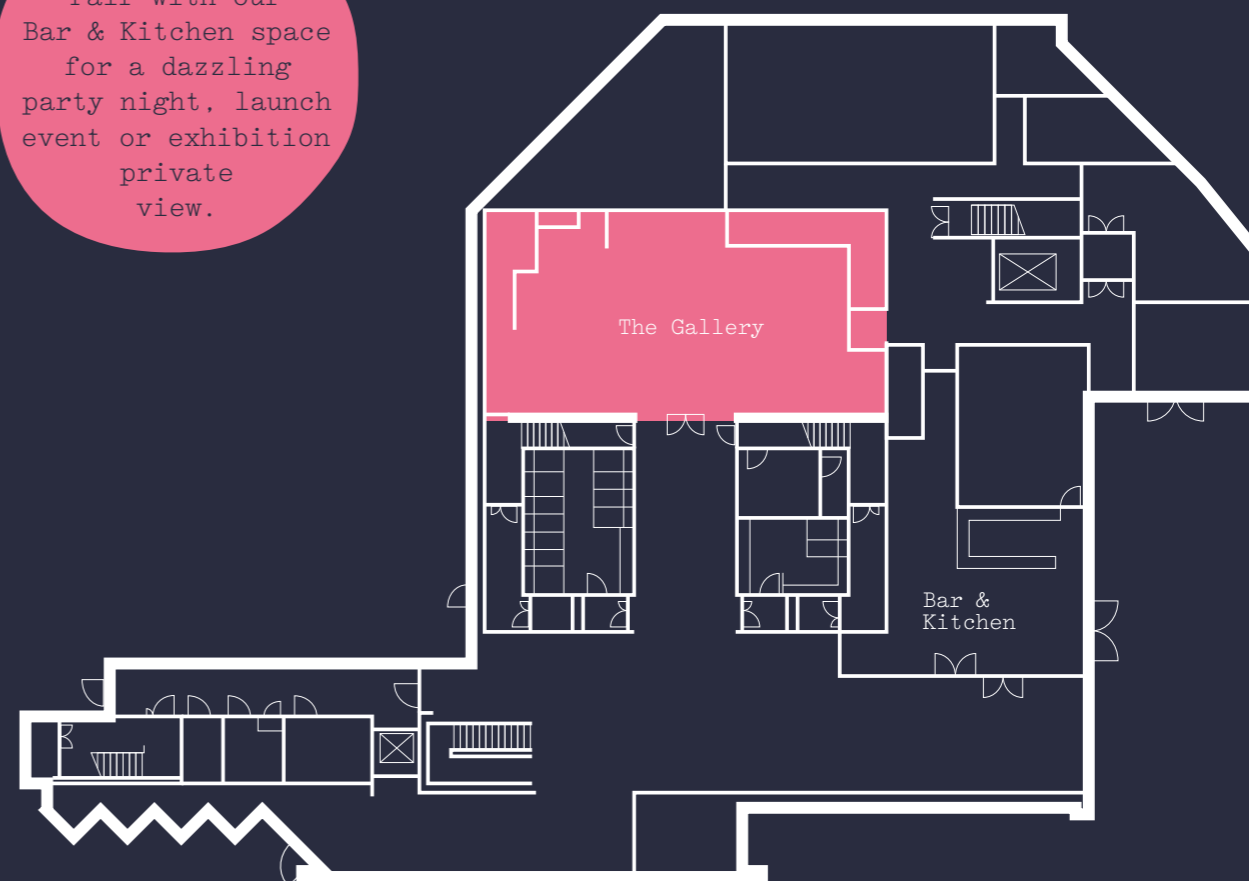
up to 3 hours £150
half day: £300
all day: £600

IN SITU AV/TECH:

PA system,
projection,
zonal lighting

WHY NOT

Pair with our Bar & Kitchen space for a dazzling party night, launch event or exhibition private view.



“OUR EVENTS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS. THE SPACE IS WONDERFUL, AND THE TEAM WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO LOOK AFTER EVERY DETAIL. EVERYONE COMMENTED ON THE QUALITY OF THE FOOD AND THE EXCELLENT SERVICE.”

Zahra Glibbery,
CEO, Vivat Publishing



BAR & KITCHEN

You'll always find us in the kitchen at parties.

Take over our ground floor Bar & Kitchen for food and drinks, with plenty of space to mingle and socialise. Bar and kitchen hires are available evenings from 6pm.

SET UP STYLE

150

reception

70

dining

£
£600

IN SITU AV/TECH:

speaker system, uplighter,
adjustable zonal lighting.



SIR KEN DODD PERFORMANCE GARDEN

Take the party outside! Give your imagination free reign to make of this space what you will. Our amphitheatre offers relaxed in-situ tiered seating for up to 120 people. You'll also have use of the spacious open floor area; go centre-stage for speechmaking, transform it into a dance floor or set a table for sensational outdoor private dining.

SET UP STYLE

120

theatre

80

reception

40

dining

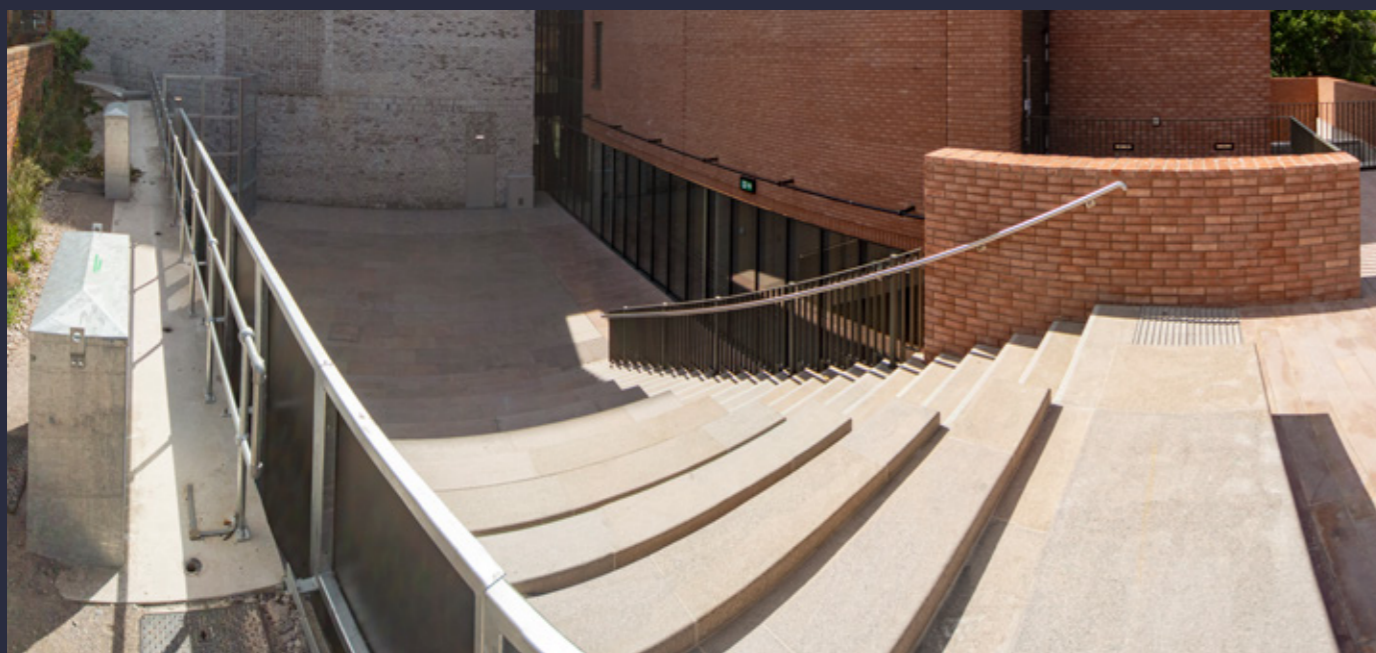
£

up to three hours: £200
half day: £400
all day: £800

IN SITU AV/TECH:

stage lighting
and sound

Choose the performance garden, add our bar & kitchen and exhibition gallery for a single level, multi-area, indoor-outdoor celebration space for 250 guests!



“IT’S A TRULY UNIQUE PLACE. THE FACILITIES ARE FANTASTIC AND THE TEAM ARE SUPER HELPFUL. IF YOU’RE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD AN EVENT, LOOK NO FURTHER. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.”

Danny Houghton,
Business Development Partner, MHA



THE THEATRE BAR

- private bar - balcony access for taking the air -
- expansive views over historic Prescot

Perfect in equal measure for drinks receptions, networking business buffets, awards, celebrations and formal dining events. Our light-filled Theatre Bar is an endlessly adaptable space.

SET UP STYLE

70

reception

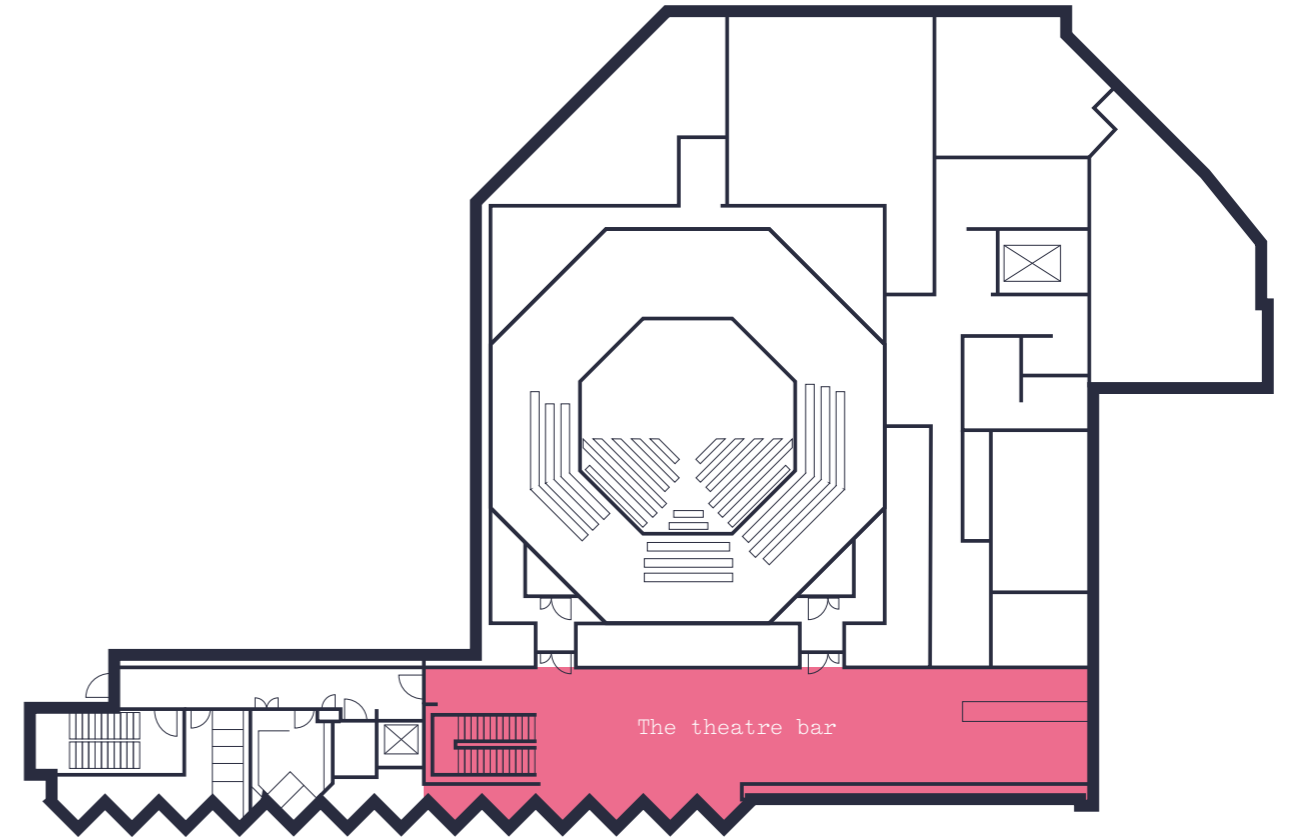
100

dining

£

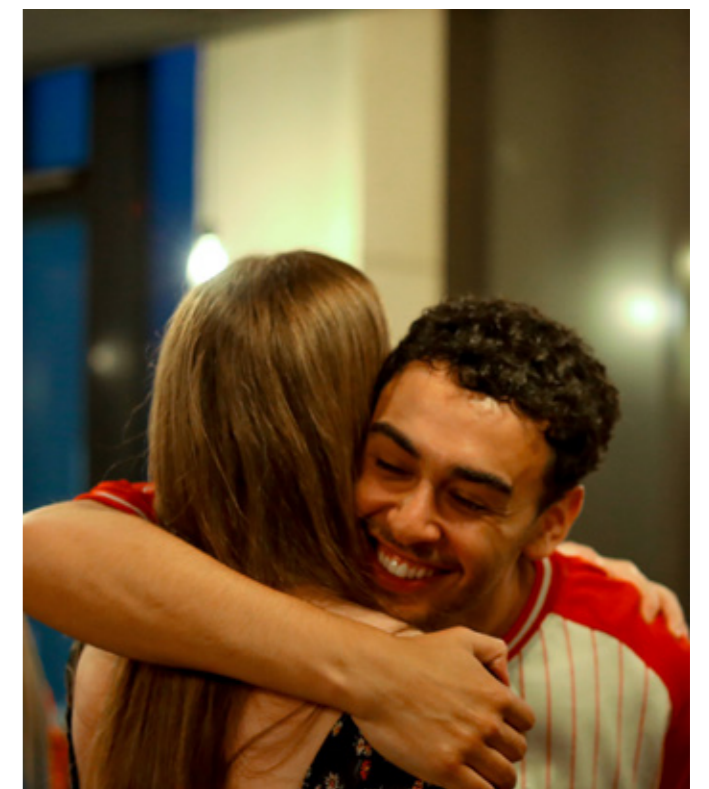
half day from: £200
all day from: £400

Total hire costs will vary depending on your bar requirements.



“WE REGULARLY HIRE SPACE FOR OUR QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT MEETING. THE VENUE AND THE SUPPORT IS FANTASTIC. THE CATERING IS ALSO EXCELLENT - WE FINISH WITH A BUFFET AND DRINKS ON THE FIRST FLOOR.”

Chris Scott, Managing Director,
Dams Furniture Ltd.



THE HUB

Go fully open plan to take advantage of our lofty, light-filled space, or section it up to meet your specific needs. Split off, then regroup in this in this versatile area, which can be sub-divided to form up to three sections.

SET UP STYLE

42

theatre style

60

reception

30

dining

21

boardroom

21

horseshoe

£

up to 3 hours: £200
half day: £400
all day: £800

IN SITU AV/TECH:

96" tv screen for presentations and including off-site delegates.



WHY NOT

pair with the connecting foyer to create a larger single space or sub-divide for break-out, refreshment or workshop space also great for post-meeting networking and receptions.

HUB + FOYER SET UP STYLE

100

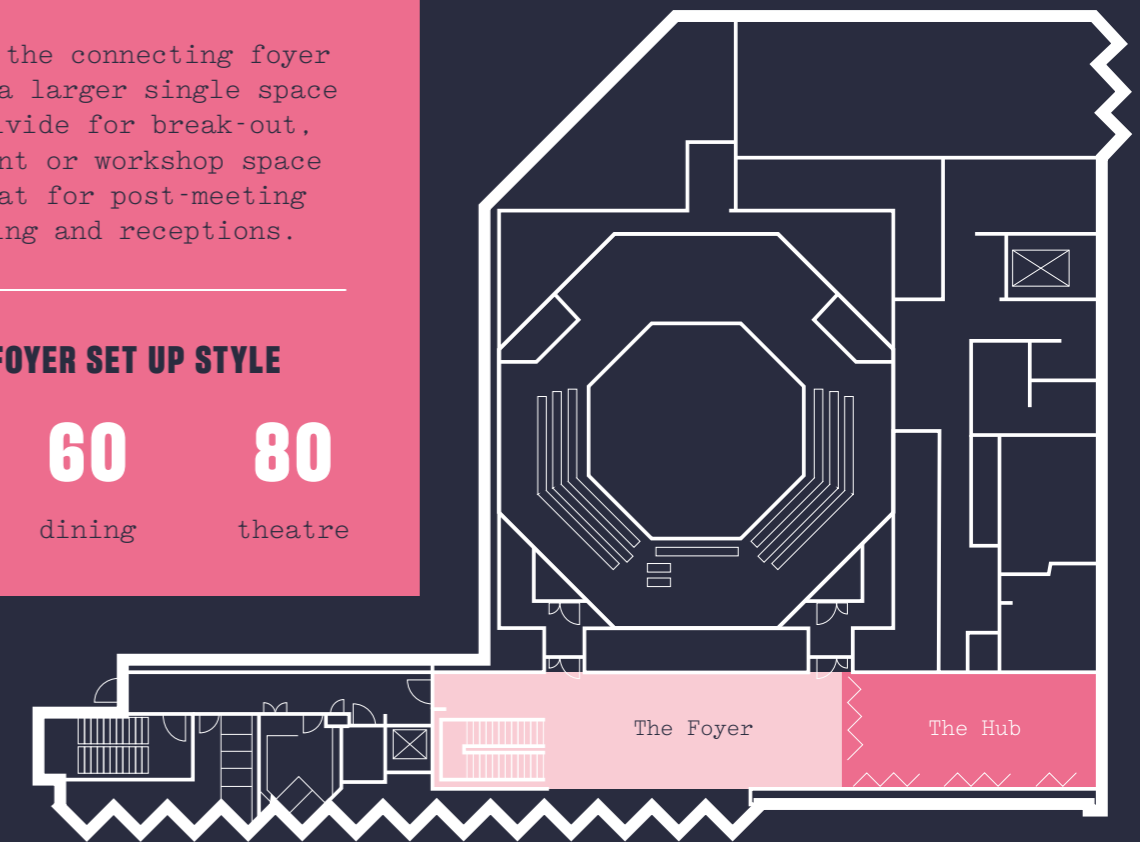
reception

60

dining

80

theatre



THE FOYER

Make our second floor your own by adding this airy space to your venue hire, expanding your event planning options for awards, get-togethers, presentations and celebrations.

SET UP STYLE

60

reception

30

dining

£

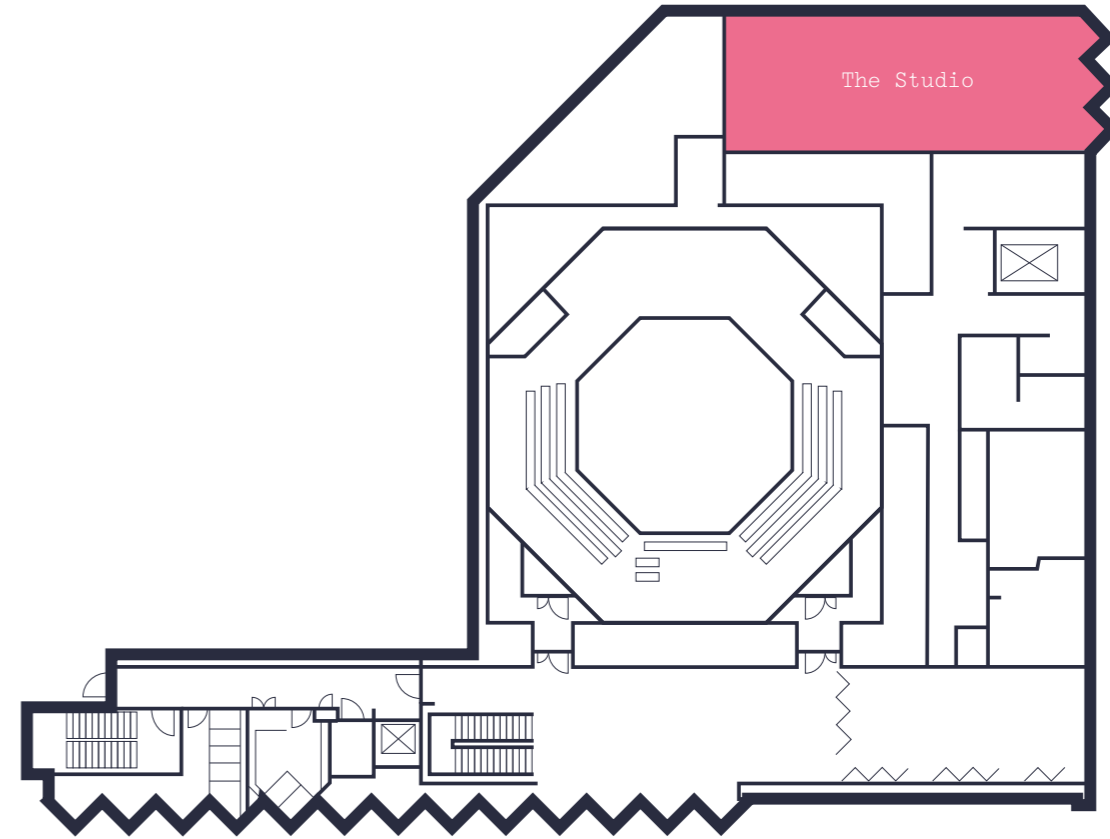
up to 3 hours: £150
half day: £200
all day: £400



THE STUDIO

With large-scale video projection, superb sound and the option of tiered seating, the studio is super-flexible. Presentations, dinners, dancing and celebrations all sit happily within this space.

To get maximum benefit from the studio's sound and lighting set up, you'll need the help of our specialist technicians. The level of support will depend on the type of event. We'll discuss this with you in detail when we prepare your event hire quotation.



SET UP STYLE

55

theatre

50

reception

35

dining

30

boardroom

£

up to 3 hours £200
half day: £400
all day: £800

IN SITU AV/TECH:

tiered seating, stage lighting and sound, control position and audio-visual playback

A full tech sheet for our Studio is available if you are booking this space for performance or bringing in external lighting or sound elements.



FULL VENUE HIRE

BE BOLD, BE BRAVE. MAKE OUR SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE ALL YOURS

Got something important to say? Gathering lots of people together? Secure exclusive use of all our spaces for the ultimate whole venue takeover. Choosing full venue hire includes comprehensive technical advice during the planning stage plus a full support team during the event itself.

700

Maximum capacity

£

half day £6000
full day £10000

**“IN JANUARY 2024, WE
RELAUNCHED OUR SUCCESSFUL
KNOWSLEY AMBASSADORS
EVENTS PROGRAMME AT
SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE
AND WE COULDN’T HAVE HOPED
FOR A BETTER VENUE AND
FACILITIES FOR THE EVENT.”**

Paul Morris,
Business Development Manager,
Invest Knowsley

‘INTERVAL’ TOURS

Hosted by one of our passionate guides, this compact tour makes a perfect break-out or re-set activity. Explore the Playhouse’s past; discover our history and Prescot’s Shakespearean links. Chat to us about how we can incorporate this into your schedule.

Tours last 20 minutes.
£3pp minimum group size 10.



PERFORMANCE

Our three performance spaces are available for hire by theatre companies and amateur and professional groups and societies wanting to put on a show, run workshops or rehearse in a real working Playhouse.

There’s nothing like preparing and performing in an environment like ours, with our professional production and technical teams on hand to ensure your production delivers to its full potential.

AUDIENCE CAPACITIES

Cockpit Theatre: 470
The Studio: 50
Sir Ken Dodd Performance Garden: 120

To hire Shakespeare North Playhouse for productions, or to request tech sheets for our performance spaces email: artists@shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk

GET A ROOM

Sometimes you just need some space. Set your schedule to ‘working elsewhere’ and book one of our rooms for team get-togethers, strategy and action planning sessions or off-site interviews. We’ve got two meeting spaces to choose from.

WHY NOT

Add a screen to face-to-face with remote workers

SPACE SPECIFIC INFO

Two meeting rooms. Each with capacity for 14 people

£

Up to 3 hours £100
half day: £150
all day: £250

MEET AND REPEAT

Block book our meeting rooms on three or more dates for a 10% discount.

OUR FOOD

We're a creative bunch, so our menus and options are ever-developing and will change to reflect new inspirations and seasonal produce. The options listed are designed to give a flavour of the kind of food you will enjoy at your event.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Perfect for early starts to see you through 'til lunch. Breakfast club options include tea, coffee and juice.

CONTINENTAL START UP £6.50

mini-pastries, overnight oats, seasonal fruit

WAYS TO BE WELL £6.50

fresh fruit skewers, super food juice shot, energy bar, overnight oats

THE BUSINESS £9.50

hot filled rolls, overnight oats, fruit skewers, mini-pastries

BRING ON THE BUFFET

Break up the board meeting, re-energise the workshop or fuel up festivities. Choose from our range of casual communal dining options.

BUFFET ONE £8

Sandwich selection, green salad, crisps, fruit and a sweet treat

BUFFET TWO £12

Deli-style topped ciabatta, flatbreads and bagels, sandwiches, savoury snacks, salads and slaws, crisps, fruit skewers, chilled dessert pots

BUFFET THREE £17

Elevated artisanal filled breads and bagels, savoury croustades, stacks and pintxos, salads and slaws, crisps, fruit skewers, sweet bakes, chilled dessert pots

add homemade soup to any buffet option £2 Choose: roasted tomato and pepper - sweet potato and coconut - cream of mushroom

BRILLIANT BOWL FOOD

3 dishes: £15. 5 dishes: £20

A selection of self-contained hot dishes, served with accompanying vegetables and salads.

CHICKEN BALTI, POPPADUM, MANGO CHUTNEY

CRISPY TACO SHELL CHILLI CON CARNE

AUBERGINE PEPPER TAGINE, FLAT BREADS

TOMATO AND PEPPER BAKED PENNE, RICOTTA AND PESTO

SPINACH AND FETA SPANAKOPITA

BAKED SALMON, STEM BROCCOLI, PESTO SALAD

KOREAN SPICED PORK, KIMCHI GEM SALAD

HOI SIN DUCK FRIED RICE, PRAWN CRACKERS

SWEET POTATO, SQUASH, SAGE GNOCCHI

WILD MUSHROOM AND KALE BUTTERBEANS

DAY DELEGATE £22.50

Fuel your guests to keep fresh and focused throughout the day, with limitless tea and coffee top-ups at times to suit your agenda.

GREAT START

overnight oats, pastries, seasonal fruit, juices

LUNCH BREAK

sandwiches, savouries, sides and sweets

AFTERNOON BOOST

traybakes and savoury snacking

Prices per person and include VAT

Talk to us about allergies and dietary requirements, we cater for everyone.

SOUP AND A SANDWICH £6.50

A hearty bowl of homemade soup plus a filled roll. What's not to love?

Soup options:

ROASTED TOMATO AND PEPPER

SWEET POTATO AND COCONUT

CREAM OF MUSHROOM

PIZZETTA PERFECTION £12.50

Platters of our hand stretched pizzette, served with a mix of house salads, slaws, pickles and loaded skins.

CLASSICS:

margherita - fungi - Napoli

PLAYHOUSE:

prosciutto and olive - n'duja
- fig and blue

VEGAN:

marinara - mediterranean - bianco

Need gluten-free pizzetta bases?
No problem.



CANAPES

£12 for 3, £18 for 5

SMOKED SALMON AND CREAM CHEESE BLINI

SPRING PEA AND RADISH CROUSTADE

CRAB CAKE, PICKLED CHILLI

WILD MUSHROOM DUXELLE PASTRY

CAPRESE SKEWER

GOATS' CHEESE AND TOMATO TARTLET

PISSALADIÈRE

SMOKED MACKEREL AND PICKLED RED ONION TOAST

PISTACHIO TAHINI FALAFEL

RICOTTA AND GORDAL CROSTINI

FIG AND PROSCIUTTO SKEWER

TEA, COFFEE, CAKE £6.50

The perfect pick me up.
Break for elevenses, or pause
for tea at three.

AFTERNOON TEA £15

An institution!
Finger sandwiches, sweet treats
and fruit scones. Limitless tea.
with a glass of prosecco £19

DRINKS

TEA AND COFFEE £3

JUICE JUGS apple - orange £2.50

Planning a celebration? Talk to us
about our events drinks packages.



Prices per person and include VAT
Talk to us about allergies and dietary
requirements, we cater for everyone.

**“I LIKE THIS
PLACE AND COULD
WILLINGLY WASTE
MY TIME IN IT.”**

As You Like It

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