



Town Hall, Birmingham Specifications and Plans

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Access and Parking

The Town Hall is situated in the centre of the Birmingham City redevelopments and the metro line install. Please speak with your production lead regarding the best access route into the venue, which will vary throughout the year.

Every vehicle will require an access permit to be able to park at the venue, for which all registration plates will be required.

- 2 loading bays, 3.0m wide, 13.0m long, (a) 0.80m (b) 1.10m high, flat access around outside of building
- Get-in doors are 1.30m wide and 2.04m high
- Flat access (down short ramp) to stage get-in
- As standard, the loading bay can accommodate 1 x truck or bus and 6 x smaller vehicles. If more space is required, please check with your production lead for availability



Auditorium Seating

Maximum capacity = 1086

Stalls

- Theatre style seating - all removable if required
- 507 seats, 8 of which can be removed to accommodate wheelchair users
- When the touring mixer position is in use – reduce by 17 seats
- When a 2m stage extension is used, reduce by 85 seats (Rows A, B, C). When a 3m stage extension is used, reduce by 114 seats (Rows A, B, C, D)
- With additional toured ground stacks either side of stage, reduce by 8 seats for sightlines. These can be released if necessary
- When stage steps are used; no extension - reduce by 21 seats (A1-5 & 24-28 / B1-5 & 24-29); 2m extension – reduce by 11 seats (D1-5 & 24-29); 3m extension – reduce by 10 seats (E1-5 & 24-28)

Circle

- 358 seats

Circle (sides)

- 58 seats plus 4 wheelchair positions

Choir

- 179 choir seats (restricted sightlines - to be put on sale only in agreement with THSH management)

Part Seated / Part Standing

It is possible for certain events to remove all of the stalls seating, and to have a standing area instead. The maximum capacity for a standing audience in the stalls is 800. This will require the hiring of a crowd barrier and the agreement of the THSH programming department.



Staging, Equipment and Pianos

Stage

- Flat upstage wall with diagonal corner sections, 14.6m wide, 8.0m deep and 1.25m high
- A corridor lift provides a level access route from the get-in to the auditorium and to raise items to stage level. This is 8.0m x 2.0m. There is no other route for items into the hall or onto stage
- Two lifts allow the rear part of the stage to be tiered. Please see details on the following plan
- A temporary stage extension is available. This is constructed from steel deck and extends the stage by 2m or 3m (recharge)
- Two sets of steps are available for access from / to the auditorium

Equipment

- Conductor's podium
- 95 x orchestral chairs and 4 x stools with backs (blue)
- 50 x music stands (with lights if required)
- 1 x conductor's music stand (with light if required)
- (4) x 4'x4' Black Lite deck (with 1' legs)
- Small portable PA (recharge)
- 1 x MVS Smart Hazer (recharge)

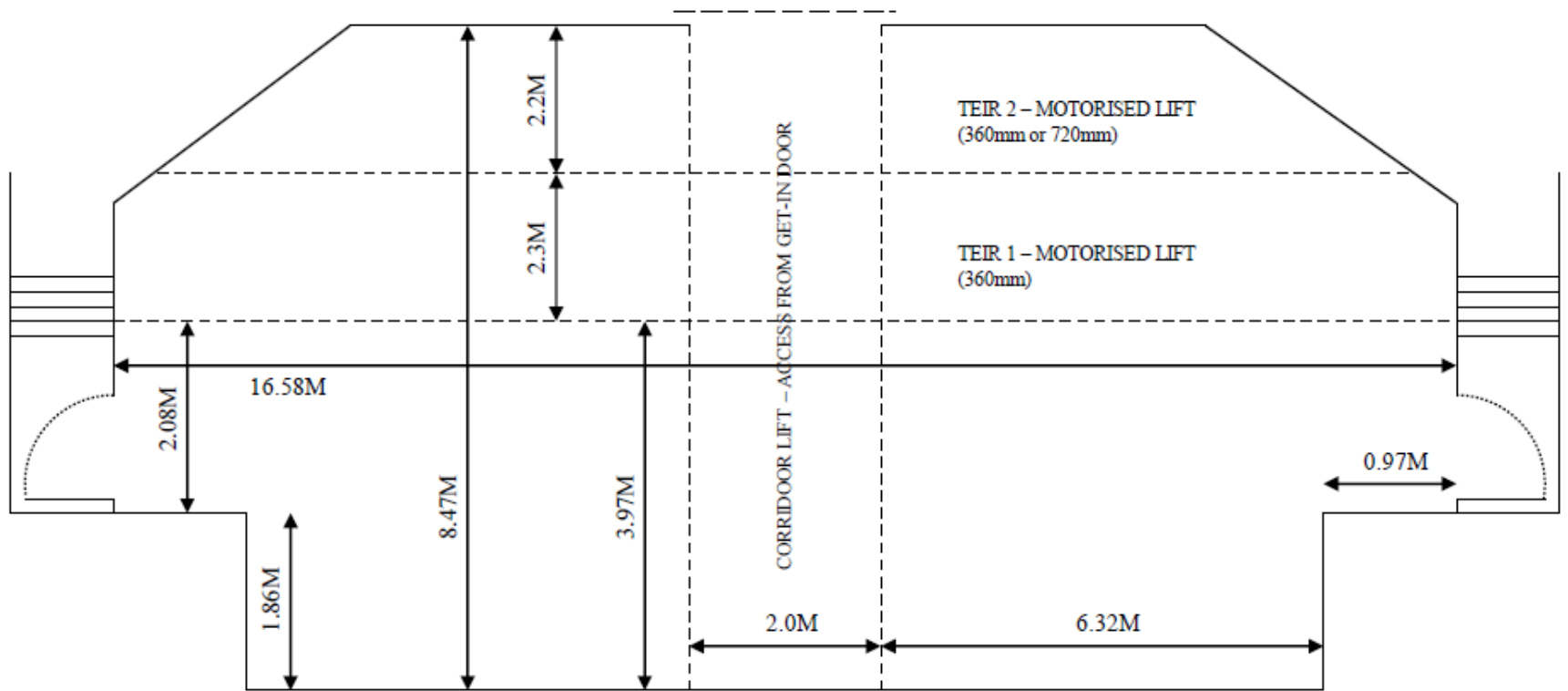
Pianos

- 1 x Steinway D (recharge)
- 1 x Yamaha C7 (recharge)
- 2 x Uprights – Dressing Rooms 1 & 2

Organ (recharge)

- 89 stop pipe organ (William Hill, 1834) with attached draw-stop console

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GET IN DOOR



STAGE HEIGHT 1.25M



Lighting

House

Tungsten lighting

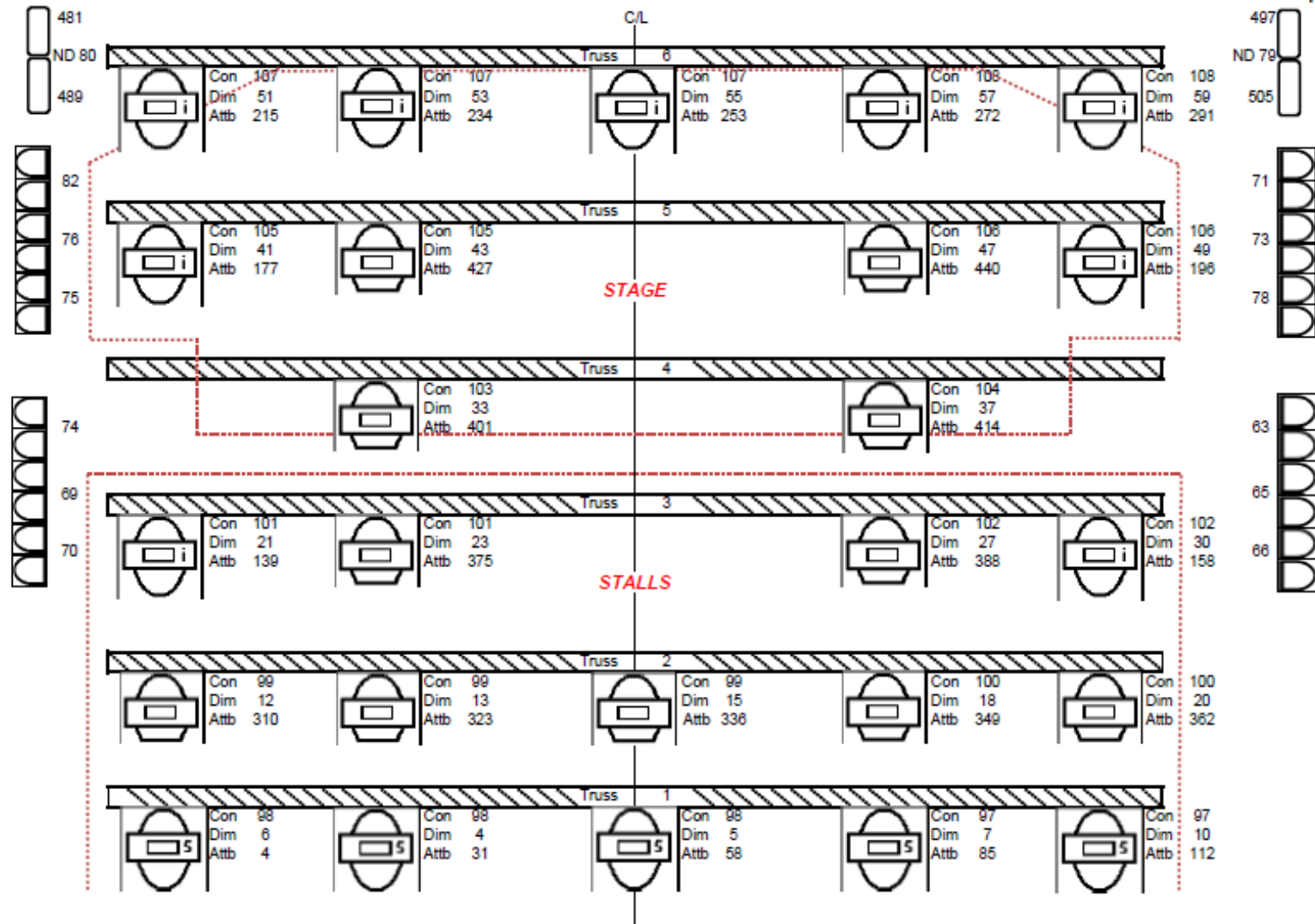
Concert / Orchestral

24 x Source Four Par 575W open-white permanent lighting mounted within the canopy, and whilst independent of the main production lighting, it can be integrated with it.

Production

- Desk: Avolites Quartz with side wing and wireless router
- Circuit loadings: 96 x 10Amp
24 x 25Amp
- Full plan on following page and available as a PDF on request
- 2 x Robert Juliat Flo 1.8 MSR Follow Spot (recharge) Only approved Town Hall staff are permitted to operate follow spots due to evacuation training requirements
- There is a Chauvet floor package including Slimpar Tri12 LED's, Colorado 1 TriTour LED Washes and Rogue 1 Spot Moving Heads available for hire, plus Prolight Smartbat Battery LED Uplighters (recharge)
- For touring shows, a large area is available at the rear of the stalls for lighting desks
- Touring followspots can be accommodated either side of the control room at the rear of the circle, via 2 x 32A/single sockets

NB. The lighting rig is fixed and no extra lights are to be hung from the canopy or side frames



Con - Contactor for VLs - must be on at all times
 Dim - Dimmer DMX number
 Attb - Attribute DMX number (movement, colour etc)
 ND - Non Dim

Universe 1 - Dimmers
 Universe 1 - Contactors
 Universe 2 - Attributes
 Universe 1 - Cyc Bar LEDs, Rogue R1 Spots

Cyc Bar LEDs (Colorado 1 Tri Tour - ARC1 3 DMX)
 351, 357, 360, 363, 366

Rogue R1 Spot (Advanced, 19 DMX)
 400, 419, 438, 457
 *Rechargeable coast

HOUSE LIGHTS

Under Balcony - 142, 143, 144
 Cathode (roof) - 139, 140, 141
 Circle - 131, 133, 134, 135, 137

Window Blinds - 1, 2, 3
 Stalls 132, 136
 Choir - 130, 138, 145, 146, 147, 148

Key:

	VL 1000TS 27 channel		VL 1000 TI 19 channel		VL500 16 Bit Enhanced 13 channel		575W Par		ETC Selador Vivid R-LED 8 channel
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Sound

Circle and Stalls Coverage

- 14 x d&b Ti10L Line Array Hangs (7 each side)

Stalls Coverage

- 4 x d&b 8s Front Fills
- 2 x d&b 24S-D Under Balcony Fills
- 4 x d&b 21s Subs (2 each side)

Balcony Coverage

- 2 x d&b 10s Fills

Choir Seats Coverage

- 3 x d&b 10s Fills

Audio Control

- 1 x M32-EU Midas (Networked for tablet/iPad operation if required)
- 1 x DL32-EU Midas Digital Stage Box
- AES + Dante (L+R, Subs, Front Fills, Balcony Fills and Choir Fills). Analogue (L+R and Choir Fills Only)

Please note, the venue system is fixed and will not be removed for any touring flown equipment. Ground stacked systems can still be toured or hired if required.

There are various recharge options for using the PA, please refer to the recharges section.

If monitors are operated by the venue, this will be from FOH only. There is no monitor desk in situ, however one can be supplied – with engineer – from a local supplier. We are also able to offer any supplementary sound equipment you might need from a number of trusted local suppliers. If you require any hires, please contact your venue production lead.



Sound Stock

1 x Shure Beta 91a
1 x Shure Beta 52a
1 x AKG D112
6 x Sennheiser e604
3 x Rode NT5
6 x Shure SM57
1 x Shure Beta 57a
8 x Shure SM58

4 x AKG SE300b
2 x AKG C414
2 x AKG CK98
3 x AKG C542 BL
6 x Audio Technica ES915
2 x Sennheiser e845

3 x Sennheiser e935 G3 Handhelds
3 x Sennheiser EW500 Lavaliers

10 x LD Systems/BSS DI Box
2 x Pioneer PLX-1000 DJ Decks
7 x Active RCF ART 310A Speakers



Acoustics

- The acoustic canopy is a series of reflectors in a checker board style, suspended over the stage and auditorium and can move to preset positions that alter the acoustic character of the hall
- 27 acoustic blinds over the main windows are used to vary the acoustics of the hall
- All power operated units are controlled from stage right by Town Hall technical staff
- A full black drape is available for amplified performances to assist with reducing the reverberation within the auditorium



AV

Screen and Projector

- Panasonic MZ770 8k 3LCD Laser Projector (permanently rigged within the lighting canopy)
- HDMI connection located stage left
- 16' x 9' Front Projection Screen

Additional Extras

- 2 x 32" LG Comfort Monitors
- 2 x 43" LG Relay Screens
- HD Anywhere mHub 4K Pro 8x8 Switcher
- Panasonic PTLB50NTEA Projector – for Lower Bar only (with pull down screen)

The above is all subject to a recharge.

We are also able to offer at a cost, any supplementary AV equipment you might need from a number of trusted local suppliers. If you require any hires, please contact your venue production lead.



Power

Lighting Power (Stage right) is 400 amps 3phase via;

- Powerloks
- 1 x 32A 3phase cee-form
- 1 x 63A 3phase cee-form

Sound Power (Stage Left) is;

- 1 x 63A 3phase cee-form
- 1 x 63A single phase cee-form

Outdoor Vehicle Power is 63A 3phase via 3x 32A single phase cee-form and 3 x 16A single phase cee-form. This supply is situated beneath the pavement in the loading bay and is activated by Town Hall stage door staff.

The route for cables from loading bay to stage right is approximately 40m.



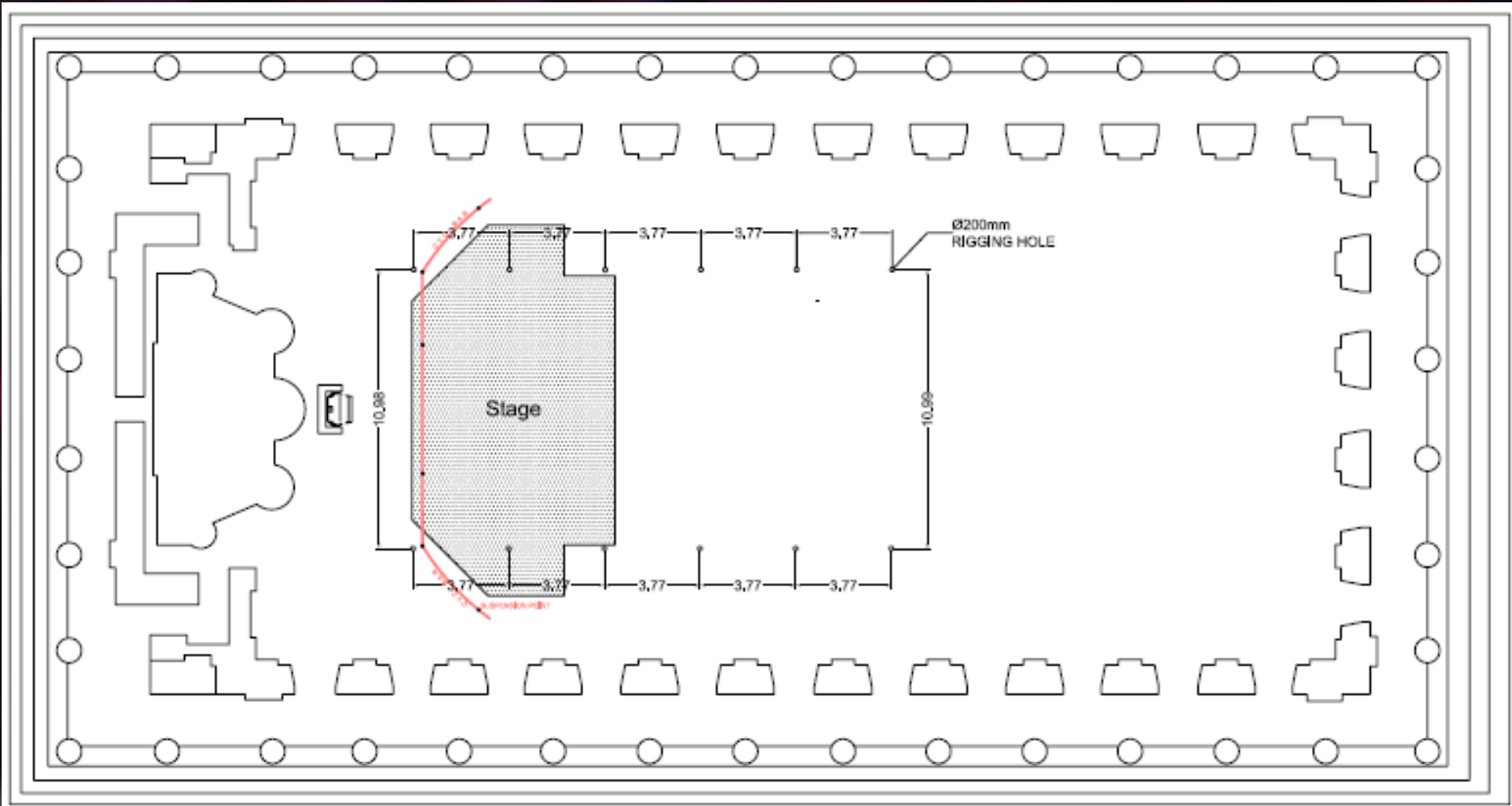
Rigging and Suspension

- There are points available over the stage and stalls for hoists
- All primary suspensions are to be rigged by Town Hall riggers (recharge)
 - **NB. No points are to be rigged from the canopy**
- Truss-walking is prohibited and we have no access for focusing touring lights
- Each rigging point is rated to 350kg
- A rigging plan can be found on the following page

- A cyc bar (following the upstage wall) is available for black drapes or star cloth
- 50kg of weight can be added to the cyc bar, in addition to the venue lights and drapes

- Ceiling height is 17.90m above platform level

We can provide a quote for truss, motors and additional rigging equipment via our house rigging suppliers. Please contact your production lead for further information.



*red line = cyc bar



Health and Safety and Special Effects

Risk Assessments

All events will need to submit a risk assessment covering all activities undertaken at our venue by members of your company. This is a mandatory legal requirement under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 and it is essential that we have this information.

Special Effects

- Please note that the use of pyrotechnics or other activities involving naked flames, confetti or glitter cannons are strictly forbidden in Town Hall due to Health and Safety risks and the Grade I listed status of the building.
- Only water based hazers can be used in the Town Hall. Haze **must** be thoroughly checked prior to your event to ensure that it does not interfere with the venue fire alarm system.

Noise Limits

Town Hall follow the HSE guidelines for noise limits in the auditorium. A set of guidelines for these can be obtained from your production lead if required. THSH staff will monitor decibel levels on any given event and if the limits are met, pushed or exceeded – the FOH engineer on duty will be asked to reduce levels accordingly.



Backstage Facilities and Catering

Backstage

- There are drop down shelves on the walls for instrument cases and storage
- Fridge, hot water urn and optional tea and coffee provisions
- Large round table and seating area

Dressing Rooms

Stage Level: DR1 - Principal dressing room – full en suite, upright piano, fridge (max capacity 10)

DR2 - Principal (accessible) dressing room – full en suite, upright piano (max capacity 10)

DR 3/4 – Artist dressing rooms – full en suite (max capacities 2)

Touring Production Office

Above Stage: DR 5 – Artist dressing room – toilet only (max capacity 15)

DR 6 – Artist dressing room – toilet only (No. 6 – max capacity 5)

DR 7/8 - Artist dressing rooms (No.7 and 8 – max capacities 2)

Catering

Due to the Grade I listing of the building, we are unable to accommodate tour caterers and have no kitchen facilities on site. If hospitality riders are required, we can quote for these accordingly.



Staffing and Security

- The following technical staff are *usually* included within the rental;
 - Stage Manager
 - Assistant Stage Manager
 - Lighting Technician
- A Sound Technician will be subject to a recharge in line with the PA costs

Bag Searches

In line with CTU (Counter Terrorism Unit) recommendations, Town Hall have introduced random bag searches, as managed and coordinated by the venue's Stage Door Supervisors. THSH are not permitting exemptions in respect to visiting touring crew(s), third party contractors, clients and event organisers, in addition to THSH personnel. Whilst the specific search procedure will not be identified, our clients and visiting personnel can be assured the searches are conducted in accordance with agreed protocols and to the highest standards and all searches conducted have accompanying paperwork to aid audit and compliance.

Venue Security

Upon request, we can book SIA licensed security staff for multiple elements of your event. This can include – but is not limited to – in hall security, close protection personnel and meet and greet / VIP assistance.

Recharges (all costs subject to VAT)

Resource	Cost / Notes	Resource	Cost/Notes
Additional Technical Staff	£25 per hour (min 4hr call)	Portable PA in Foyer or Bar	£55
Loader (in house / orchestral)	£70 per 4 hour call	Archive Sound Recording	£275
Local Crew	Cost on Request	Professional Sound Recording	Cost on Request
Top Rigger	£440	Grand Piano (including 1 x tuning)	£220
Security Staff	£16.50 per hour (min 4hr call)	Additional Piano Tunings	£85
Stewarding Staff	£12.50 per hour (min 3 hr call)	Organ	£450
Followspots	£80 with operator per show or rehearsal	Crowd Barrier / Seats Removal	Cost on Request
Hazer (MVS Smart)	£35	Stage Extension / Stage Coverings	Cost on Request
Chauvet Floor Package	Cost on Request	Projector and Screen	£290
ProLight Smartbat Battery Uplighters	Cost on Request	Additional AV Equipment	Cost on Request
Starcloth	£275	Laptop	£50
Mirrorball	£25	Facility Fee for Commercial Filming	£3000
External Building Colour Lighting	Cost on Request	Early Get-in (contract dependent)	£200 per hour



PA Recharges

'Plug and play' into full PA system
Tour supplies microphones, monitor packages and control systems
Venue sound tech to oversee and assist
£550+VAT

Full PA plus venue FOH desk
Tour supplies microphones and monitor packages
Venue sound tech to oversee and assist
£600+VAT

Full PA, venue FOH desk plus full venue sound stock
Active Monitors operated from FOH only
Venue sound engineer
£650+VAT

N.B All recharges are contract dependent



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