

Gymnasium

Technical Specifications for Fringe Festival Presentations



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The Gymnasium is a three quarter round performance space with audience on scaffold seating banks on three sides.

Depth	5m	Width	8m
Height	5.67m [stage – lighting bar]	Elevation	none
Floor type	Wood	Masking	2 x black flats plus black curtain along the back of stage

Seating Capacity 159 [scaffolding rake with bucket seats]

STAGE INFORMATION

- The Gymnasium is Victoria Girls High School's Gymnasium; it is on Victoria Girls School Grounds with the entrance on Huntley Street.
- Backstage cross-over behind back drapes.
- The venue is blacked out.
- There is very little storage space in the venue. Large set pieces can be stored in the Victoria Theatre.
- There is one dressing room. You will need to remove all your personal belongings after each performance in order to clear the venue for in-coming production companies. Please do not leave valuables unattended.
- Please be vigilant in safe-keeping your possessions. The NAF can take no responsibility for loss or damage to equipment, instruments, props, costumes etc. that occurs in Festival venues
- Be advised that no floor or wall fixings are permitted.
- Please send us your Production Schedule as well as indicate performance durations and let us know when you intend on arriving in Grahamstown.
- Each company is assigned a get in/tech time prior to their first performance, this is the time for you to load your set and props into the venue and for you to rehearse and sound check your show. You will also need to allow sufficient time to rehearse your daily turnaround.
- Due to municipal regulations, smoking is not permitted in any venues.
- At the end of your run, please arrange for the removal or disposal of your set and any unused materials. If the NAF has to dispose of any such material or sets, your company will be charged accordingly.

TECHNICAL STAFF

The venue has two technicians' and a stage hand to assist you with your set-up and strike. The stage management of each performance is the presenting company's responsibility. Please supply the Technical Office with a copy of your production schedule and technical rider at your earliest convenience. Please let us know the duration of performances.

LIGHTING

Lighting Control: 24-way 2 preset Zero 88

Dimmers: 24 x 2kw analogue dimmers

Lights: 10 x 1kw LDR Fresnels 8 x 650kw Fresnels
2 x 650w Profiles 10 x Source 4 Junior 25 – 50 Degree Profile

This venue is set up for drama / physical theatre with a generic general area lighting rig, side and back lights – a limit of 4 specials can be refocused. All equipment other than specified will be for your account.

Any practical electrical equipment you wish to use must have a current SABS approved seal or PAT certificate. The NAF reserves the right to refuse the use of any equipment which is deemed unsafe or fails a PAT assessment.

The National Arts Festival does not provide companies with any gel & smoke machines.

SOUND

Sound mixing console: WR 32E power amp mixer (4 x balanced XLR mic inputs and 2 x stereo inserts)
Speakers and amps: 2 x WS A200 FOH Speakers
Playback: 1 x Auto Cue CD player

The equipment supplied is strictly for acoustic, incidental and recorded music, this equipment is not suitable for a band.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Any additional equipment you require, other than that specified here, you will need to bring yourself or hire. The responsibility for hiring equipment and all costs involved therein will be yours. The NAF can provide contact details of local companies who hire out equipment during the Festival. Please confirm with the NAF that any additional equipment you are bringing / hiring will be suitable to use in the venue (especially in terms of electrical capacity etc.)
- The NAF does not supply microphones, DI boxes, backline equipment, data projectors or screens.

FRONT-OF-HOUSE

Tickets to your performances will be sold at the door 30 minutes prior to the advertised starting time. The audience will be allowed into the venue 10 minutes prior to curtain-up. This is NOT NEGOTIABLE. Please ensure that your cast and crew are ready ON TIME. *Performances that go up late may incur a penalty.*

Please note that smoking is not permitted in any venues.

Contact us if you have any queries: festtech@nationalartsfestival.co.za / Tel: 046 603 1103 / Fax: 046 622 3082

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