

**EXPRESSIONS WHIRINAKI
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
VENUE HIRE**

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Whirinaki

WELCOME



EXPRESSIONS WHIRINAKI ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE is an exquisitely modern building in the Wellington Region and is a truly spectacular venue for a memorable daytime or evening event. With its spacious and dramatic foyer bounded by a glass façade, galleries with a stunning range of exhibitions, a state of the art theatre, and a huge recreation hall, Expressions is adaptable for any event.

Our impressive spaces have been designed to be flexible and are perfect for performing art events, corporate events, lectures and conferences, cocktail parties, weddings and seated dinners, as well as sporting events and public expos.

We offer a range of venue hire options at competitive prices - from the intimate spaces of the foyer to the grand hall and theatre to private exhibition viewings. Whether you're holding a conference, a public meeting, providing corporate training, hosting a business dinner or giving a presentation, Expressions can meet your needs. Ask us how we can help you host a memorable event.

OUR TEAM

We have a dedicated and passionate team who will make your event the best it can be. With creative flare and logistic insights we are here to meet your needs and take care of all the details.

THE LOCATION

Expressions Whirinaki is situated in the heart of the Upper Hutt's civic and cultural precinct, right next

door to H2O Xtream and beside the Council Buildings/Library. We are just 30 minutes from Wellington at 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt. We are also a five minute walk from Upper Hutt railway station, and on the main bus route.

CAR PARKING

There is a public carpark behind Expressions, with space for up to 180 vehicles. Some are all day and some have two hour parking limits.



UPPER HUTT i-SITE

Expressions Whirinaki is also the home of the Upper Hutt i-SITE. This means that we can help you with any transport, accommodation or leisure activities associated with your event. If you need a group accommodation booking...let us do it for you. Have a free afternoon put aside as part of conference? Let us direct you to what the Hutt Valley has to offer.

BOOKING

To enquire about venue availability and arrange a site visit, please call or email.

Phone: 05 527 2168

bookings@expressions.org.nz

GILLIES GROUP THEATRE



This state-of-the-art, tiered theatre is ideal for performances, seminars and projection-based entertainment.

Our fully fitted out theatre allows for great flexibility to accommodate a wide variety of events including theatrical performances, seminars, presentations and much more. A warm, intimate space with good natural acoustics and easy to use facilities enables you to ensure the focus remains on the presentation.

Overall stage dimensions

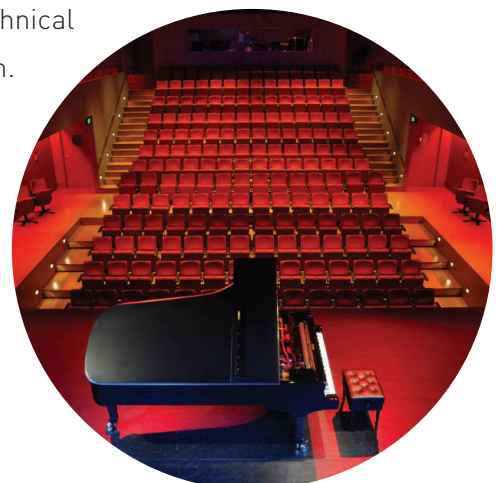
Stage width and wings	19.6 m
Stage width to average leg settings	12.4 m
Stage depth front to rear	11.1 m
Stage depth to FOH curtain line	9 m
Stage width with closed proscenium	8.1 m
Stage width with open proscenium	12.2 m

Capacity

212 seats, wheelchair spaces are available

Our theatre has the latest technology, air conditioning, comfortable seating and can be hired alone or in conjunction with other spaces. In addition the seating can be converted to accommodate 40 tables. The theatre is situated on the upper level of the building and can be accessed via stairs or public elevator. The theatre has a full WiFi service available via Café Net for conferences.

Any booking in the theatre comes with an experienced technical production team.



theatre equipment

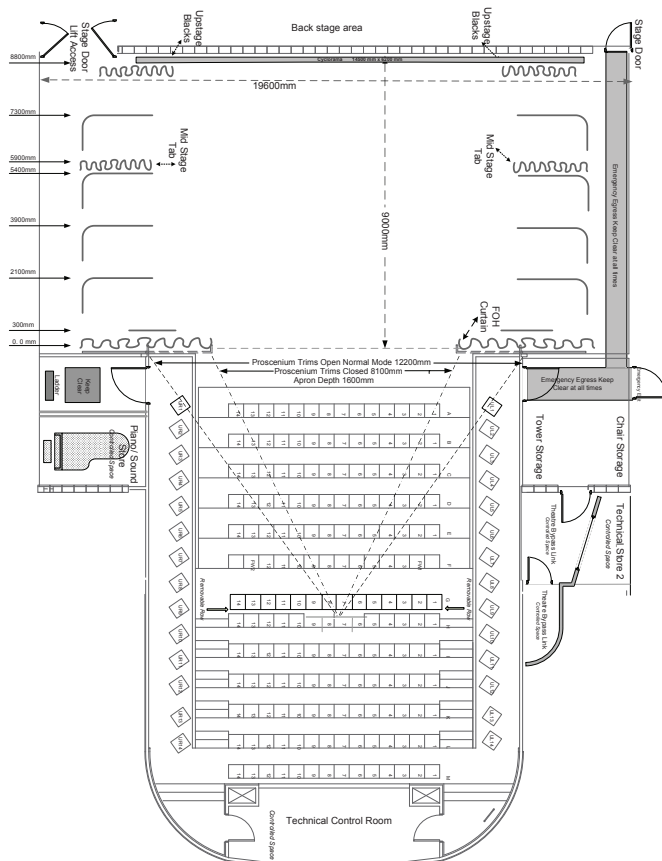


Facilities and equipment included in the hire

- Large stage with black wooden sprung floor
- Backstage changing rooms and green room with stage relay available, and a Boston upright practice piano
- Freight lift access to the theatre
- Sound loop for the hearing impaired

Additional charged theatre equipment available

- Theatre video projector (4000 ANSI lumens)
- Follow spot, cold discharge
- Genie hoist (approved operators only)
- Steinway Model D Grand Piano



Sound

Microphone (AKG D3800)	4
Microphone (AKG 3800 green)	5
Microphone stand clips	7
Microphone cable	2x 6m, 9x 9m, 2x 20m
Microphone stand	7
Microphone stand boom	7
CD player (Denon Cueable)	1
Tape player (Tascam 130)	1
Mini disc player (Tascam MD-301 MK II)	1
Clear Com and Base Station (MS232)	6 Units
Microphone table stand	6
Monitor Speaker (Pro Series X1)	2
Speaker cable	2x 10m
Equalizer control room equipment	4
Mixer (Mackie CFX 16)	
FOH 100 watt Australian Monitor Amps 2 channel L and R	
House FOH Speakers (Turbo Sound TXD 121 Fixed)	
House Centre Turbo Sound (TXD 121 x2 plus TSC30 Fill)	

Lighting

Selecon PC 1200	32
Selecon Fresnel 650	6
Selecon Fresnel 1200	30
Par Can 56	6
Par Can 64	36
2K Strand 243	18
Zoom spot	
SL 23/50	15
SL 15/32	10
Cyclorama lights	7 banks of 4
Extension leads	
16x 1m, 13x 2, 22x 3m, 13x 4m, 10x 10m, 10x 15m	
Gobo holder	6
Dimmer Racks all 2KW	108 dimmers
Non-dim circuits (non DMX)	12
Strand 300 Series lighting control	
Strand Pallet VL64 lighting control	

theatre rates



Here are our standard hire rates. If it looks like this won't work for you, please get in touch, we can always try to work something out.

Commercial Hire

- This includes full use of green room, dressing rooms and use of full lighting, except data projector and Grand Piano.
- If speciality rigging or sound is required then pricing is on application.
- A pre-event set up day is charged out at \$175 per day.
- Includes a technical manager for five / ten / fifteen hours, a FOH manager for three hours and two ushers.

Community Hire 1

For ticketed, not for profit community group events

- Includes full use of green room, dressing rooms, use of a pre-focused and set up standard lighting rig, 1 x cabled microphone and a black back drop at full stage point or half stage point.
- If speciality rigging/sound is required then pricing is on application.
- No charge for pre-event set up day.
- Includes a technical manager for five / ten / fifteen hours, a FOH manager for three hours and two ushers.

Community Hire 2

for non-ticketed/free/by donation not for profit community group events

- Includes full use of green room, dressing rooms and use of a pre-focused and set up standard lighting rig, 1 x cabled microphone and a black back drop at full stage point or half stage point.
- If speciality rigging/sound is required then pricing is on application.
- No charge for pre-event set up day.
- Includes a technical manager for five / ten / fifteen hours, a FOH manager for three hours and two ushers.

	Commercial Hire	Community Hire 1	Community Hire 2
Morning 8 am to 1 pm (5 hours)	\$385	\$242	\$150
Afternoon 1 pm to 6 pm (5 hours)	\$530	\$308	\$280
Evening 6 pm to 11 pm (5 hours)	\$550	\$363	\$330
Full day 8 am to 6 pm OR 1 pm to 11 pm (10 hours)	\$825	\$550	\$500
Full day and night 8 am to 11 pm (15 hours)	\$1045	\$704	\$640
Extra hours after 11pm	\$100	\$100	\$100

THE PROFESSIONALS RECREATION HALL



When BIG is better, The Professionals Recreation Hall is just what you need. The Hall is suitable for a range of sport and recreation activities, big or small as well as tradeshow style events and expos, celebrations, weddings, and community gatherings typical of a Civic Hall such as prize givings, concerts and balls.

Facilities and Equipment

- Public address system (6 zone) for voice announcements with single cable microphone available on request.
- Built in CD player for background music
- 600 plastic stacking chairs
- 40 trestle tables at 1.8 x 600
- 20 trestle tables at 2.4 x 600

The Professionals Recreation Hall measures 22m x 45m, and has a sprung wooden floor with a moveable stage. With the option of do-it-yourself afterhours rear access, or in full function mode utilising the ambient Rotary Foyer, the hall's versatile format makes this space one of the best in the country.

Capacity

- Seats 600 in rowed seating
- 750 standing
- 500 at round tables

Please note venue hire rates do not include security guards which may need to be brought in especially.

For large events involving food and drinks a special cleaning charge may also be added to the venue hire



The Professionals Recreation Hall is sponsored by



recreation hall rates



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Commercial Hire

- Includes Venue Manager and Assistant for events up to 300 people at any one time.
- More than 200 people may require additional staff for fire and evacuation purposes.

Community Hire 1

For ticketed not for profit community group events

- Includes Venue Manager and Assistant for events up to 300 people at any one time.
- More than 200 people may require additional staff for fire and evacuation purposes.

Community Hire 2

for non-ticketed/free/by donation not for profit community group events

- Includes Venue Manager and Assistant for events up to 300 people at any one time.
- More than 200 people may require additional staff for fire and evacuation purposes.

	Commercial Hire	Community Hire 1	Community Hire 2
per hour (minimum of two hours)	\$55	\$35	\$30
Morning 8 am to 1 pm (5 hours)	\$275	\$190	\$150
Afternoon 1 pm to 6 pm (5 hours)	\$330	\$230	\$180
Evening 6 pm to 11 pm (5 hours)	\$385	\$260	\$240
Full day 8 am to 6 pm OR 1 pm to 11 pm (10 hours)	\$550	\$410	\$300
Full day and night 8 am to 11 pm (15 hours)	\$935	\$550	\$450
Extra hour after 11 pm	\$100	\$100	\$100

ROTARY FOYER



The intimacy of the Rotary Foyer is the perfect setting for any event, from cocktail parties and banquets to weddings and formal ceremonies.

The glass and wooden façades and natural river stones evoke the natural environment of the Hutt Valley, with a view to the gardens and courtyard outside. Elegant red tiled walls compliment the timber floors and the galleries.

With a constantly changing programme of traditional and contemporary art, the foyer is a perfect space for your special event and a truly memorable evening for your guests.

The foyer allows up to 150 guests for cocktails or 80 people seated, depending on stage and dance-floor requirements.

The foyer can be hired separately or together with other spaces such as the theatre, hall or café. Hire of all equipment such as linen, cutlery and crockery and bar equipment is managed by the caterer hire or by Expressions staff on request.



Facilities and equipment available

- Comfortable sofas and lounge chairs
- Café style table and chairs
- Trestle tables as required
- Access to a small kitchenette
- Microphone and small sound system
- Lectern
- Whiteboard
- Projector

Capacity

80 seated theatre styles 150 standing with both galleries open.

Availability

The Rotary Foyer is available between 6am – 9am and after 4pm, 7 days a week.

Meeting Rate

\$175 for up to 2 hours including Venue Manager
\$340 up to 5 hours including Venue Manager

Function Rate

Cleared foyer, including kitchen and set up support.
\$450 up to 5 hours, including Venue Manager
\$750 for up to 4pm to midnight, including Venue Manager

Security is additional if required.

The Rotary Foyer is sponsored by Upper Hutt Rotary.

GIBBS SCULPTURE COURT

Gibbs Sculpture Court is an indoor/outdoor function area, and the gathering area for entry to The Gillies Group Theatre. It also houses a changing exhibition of contemporary New Zealand Sculpture.

The courtyard can be hired separately or together as part of a theatre event and is perfect for small to medium sized events such as cocktail parties, after work functions, intimate dinners, presentations or weddings. With fantastic indoor and outdoor flow and views across Upper Hutt this is a wonderful venue with a difference.

Capacity

60 people, informal standing

Facilities and equipment available

- Café style tables and chairs
- Trestle tables as required

Rates

\$60 per hour



Gibbs Court is sponsored by the Gibbs Family Trust.

THEATRE GREEN ROOM / CREATIVE WORKSHOP

If you want to get out of the office for a meeting, workshop or need a creative space, our Creative Workshop is ideal for you. Suitable for a maximum of 60 people either boardroom style or in smaller break out tables. With magnificent views across the hills surrounding Upper Hutt this is a hidden gem.

Please note this workshop has no wheelchair access.

Capacity

40 maximum

Facilities and equipment available

- Boardroom table and chairs
- Trestle tables as required
- Whiteboard
- Kitchenette facilities with hot water and fridge

Rates

\$45 per hour, for one to three hours

\$160 per eight hour day





Our on-site caterers Limelight Café are our preferred suppliers and offer several catering options, with exquisite food at adorable prices.

Their professional in-house catering team, from the renowned Silverstream Retreat can cater for any group requirements. Being based on site means it's all very easy. The Silverstream Retreat have catered for hundreds of weddings, large scale business awards, Government dinners, cocktail parties, intimate meetings, as well as school camps, so regardless of your budget or dietary requirements, Limelight Café can offer you a package to suit every group.



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