



ZION ARTS CENTRE HIRE PACK

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Zion Arts Centre is a truly unique venue catering for young people in Manchester. The building boasts many spaces which we believe your organisation may wish to hire.

What we offer...

Spaces range from versatile and intimate Edwardian rooms through to our 230 seat state of the art theatre space. We also house an exhibition gallery, mirrored dance studio, radio studios, practice room and a music studio comprising 2 pianos, organ and Gamelan. Whatever facility you require, Zion will be pleased to accommodate your needs.

Why choose Zion?

By selecting Zion, you will not only be opting for a culturally vibrant, contemporary-meets-Edwardian space with hospitable service; you will also be choosing to invest in a charitable organisation which makes a very real difference to local life, arts and business. We hope that the opportunity to support a community in a well-known regeneration area, yet so close to Manchester City Centre, is an added incentive for making Zion your venue of choice. You will make a difference.

Why are we special?

Zion is a friendly, accessible venue that cares about enabling others to reach their aspirations. We successfully engage our local community in artistic activities which fulfil true potential.

Our helpful team of staff are committed to making your event a success. Whatever your requirements, Zion will deliver. From providing tea and coffee through to full course meals; room layouts in boardroom, cabaret or theatre style; or offering you a high standard of accessibility at a price that other venues could not better: Zion is flexible to your needs.

Finally...

I hope the attached information detailing our facilities is of interest to you. Please do not hesitate to contact our Bookings Team on 0161 226 1912 should you have any questions or wish to arrange a tour of our facilities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We hope to welcome you to Zion soon.

Best Wishes,



Carl Hutton
Chief Executive



Facilities:

Theatre Space
Gallery Space
Studio Space
Music Studio
Dance Studio
Practice Room
Meeting Room
Lounge
Rehearsal Studio
Radio Studios
Gallery Workspace
Recording Studio
Café
Foyer

Ideal for:

Rehearsals
Meetings
Event Fairs
Lectures
Seminars
Conferences
Team Training
Away Days
Dance Classes
Art Classes
Music Classes
Workshops
Drama
Performances
Concerts
Audition Spaces
Filming Locations
Parties
And more

Residents:

Manchester Dance Centre
Manchester Camerata
ODD Theatre Company
DIGM
Manchester Music Service

Supported by:

Manchester City Council

History of Zion

This large and magnificent Edwardian building dates back to 1911 and is now the oldest surviving building in the area.

Originally built for the Congregational Church, Zion went on to serve as an air raid shelter in the war years and its spaces were used by both the Hallé and Northern Ballet Theatre in the '60s.

Today, driven by the aspirations and needs of the region's young people, Zion is making an outstanding contribution to the social, educational and cultural life of Hulme and Manchester.

"A striking, unique and friendly venue that must be seen to be believed"

Reception Foyer

Upon entering Zion you will be greeted by our friendly Reception Team who will welcome you, give directions and any other assistance you may need. The reception area itself is a spacious, colourful and atmospheric entrance point to this eclectic building.

Theatre Space

T B C R

10.5m x 14.9m (area in front of 230 seats)

To date the Theatre has accommodated plays and music gigs as well as corporate training events and lectures. Notable names include Royal Ballet, Breaking Cycles Theatre Company, Jazz Jamaica, Benji Reid, Talia Theatre and Carmel.

Retractable seating means our theatre space can accommodate 230 people seated, 300 standing or 120 cabaret style.

We strongly recommend arranging to visit us to see the extensive possibilities of hiring this space. We will be happy to demonstrate the various technical and layout options to best suit your needs.

Technical Assistance

Theatre hire includes houselights and Venue Assistants only. However, fully extensive lighting and sound facilities can be provided by one of our expert Theatre Technicians upon request. Please advise us at time of booking, if you would like this technical assistance service to be included within your hire package. We will be happy to discuss your needs.

Key Layout Options

T Theatre **B** Boardroom **C** Cabaret **R** Suitable for rehearsals



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Gallery Space



main space 18.71 x 7.5 x 4.5m
1st breakaway area 5.5 x 5.5 x 4.5m
2nd breakaway area 8.21 x 5.5 x 4.5m
3rd breakaway area 5.5 x 5 x 4.5m

A large, creative space which is just as popular with our corporate clients as it is with our exhibitors.

Three small breakaway areas just off the main gallery space mean that this is a popular choice for events incorporating a talk followed by smaller group discussions or activities.



Dance Studio



18.92m x 12.65m x 4.44m

One of the best dance studios in the region, this beautiful basement studio boasts sprung, wooden flooring. Male and female changing rooms adjoin the space and accessible showers are also located nearby.

The studio is fully equipped with a mirrored wall, grand piano, sound system and mobile ballet barres that can be extended as required. Regularly used for a variety of activities, clients include British Ballet, Hammond School of Theatre and the cast of Billy Elliott.



Music Studio



main space 17.58m x 7.56m x 4.73m
balcony 6.10 x 7.56 x 2.43m

A truly wonderful and versatile space, this studio is large enough for rehearsals yet intimate enough to inspire music. Located adjacent to the Dance Studio, this space is complete with grand piano, upright piano, organ and Gamelan situated on the balcony area. There are plans to enable a recording studio link up to this music studio from January 2007.



Lounge



12.36 x 7.87 x 3.76m

The Lounge has an airy feel with four Georgian windows facing Hulme Park ensuring plenty of natural light. Although very popular with our corporate clients, the four panels of different floor material make this space particularly attractive to our dance teachers and theatre groups for classes.

Manchester's award-winning Lip Service Theatre Company regularly use this space.



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Studio Space

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11.23 x 13.90 x 4.67m

A truly versatile space located on Zion's first floor, this large room boasts a panel of windows at the top of the rear wall adjoining a high ceiling. The dark curtains on the opposite wall provide the perfect backdrop for intimate events. The Studio Space is ideal for performances, rehearsals, meetings and activity workshops.



Rehearsal Studio

T B C R

4.9m x 7.1m

This bright room with painted walls and wooden floor overlooks Hulme Park. The room has a particularly vibrant feel to it that would inspire ideas for any creative rehearsal, class, talk, meeting or drop-in session. Recommended for groups of up to 10 people.



Practice Room

B R

7.85m x 4.23m x 3.12m

This intimate room on Zion's lower level has been used for music lessons, rehearsals and exams. Also an ideal space for band rehearsals, auditions or interviews.



Meeting Room

T B

6.24m x 6.14m x 3.76m

Situated on the first floor and facing Stretford Road, the meeting room is a formal space with an original fireplace and windows. The meeting room can comfortably seat up to 15 people.*



Radio Studios

R

7.85m x 4.23m x 3.12m

Complete with SBS FM25 transmitter, Zion's radio studios are suitable as both broadcasting and training resources. Whether you are looking for audio or editing services or applying for an RSL you will discover that Zion's Radio Studios also provide a fun and creative way to boost self esteem, team spirit, IT and communication skills. Organisations that have used Zion Radio for training and RSL Broadcasts include Radio Regen, ALL FM, Storm FM GWR Group and In The City.



*To provide that extra professional touch, Zion's technical team can provide a selection of presentation facilities to make your meeting run smoothly.

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Gallery Workspace

6.6m x 8.0m

A colourful, creative workspace located at the rear of the gallery. This spacious room benefits from plenty of natural light, making it the ideal setting for painting, sculpting and all things creative.

Work tables, Belfast sink, storage area, paints and containers are already in situ for all your creative needs.

Recording Studio

5.9m x 3.9m

Zion's Recording Studio is in development and will be available to hire at an extraordinarily competitive rate from January 2007. So if you are looking to record a demo, mixdown vocals with backing track or even want to learn more about studio engineering, get in touch for more details!

Café

T B C R
8.17m x 7.41m x 7.6m

This space is available for private hire or can be included in your hire package as a complimentary breakaway area for your catering requirements. This is a colourful, spacious and versatile space.

Bar

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Situated at the very heart of Zion Arts Centre, the bar area is a vibrant spot for interval drinks and post-performance entertainment. The bar's circular cut-away balcony is close to the theatre doors and overlooks Zion's reception area.

Ideal as an informal meeting area, this area is available for hire and is particularly well-suited to drop-in session events.

Need a Flip Chart? Pens? Projector? Laptop?

See the administration and conference resources listed at the end of this pack ...and if you require anything else, please let us know.



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Accessibility

Zion is an easy access building with elevator entry to all levels. Accessible shower and toilet facilities are located close to the Theatre and Dance Studio.

This pack is also available in large print, audio format or translated upon request.

Location

Zion is situated on Stretford Road in a prime location overlooking Hulme Park and only 5 minutes walk from the City Centre.

“ Zion is easily accessible from the City Centre and has a community warmth in a unique and creative building”



Bus

53	54	250	253
256	263	290	291

Trains

Main stations:
Piccadilly, Oxford Road
and Victoria

Car

Close to M60 for all
motorway routes.
Ample on the street
parking.

TO BOOK / FURTHER INFO

Please phone 0161 226 1912 and ask to speak to a Duty Manager or email the request for space form to bookings@zionarts.com