

FOCHABERS PUBLIC INSTITUTE

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General Information

Address: 15 High St, Fochabers, Morayshire IV36 7EP. Tel: 01343 821325.

<http://www.morayvillagehalls.org.uk/hallhire/fochabers.html>

- Venue is at East end of High St on South side of road. Car Park at venue.
- Built 1905. Upgraded 2017
- Capacity up to 345 if stage used including 65 balcony seats, approx 150 if performing on floor. Stacking padded non-interlocking chairs.
- Mobile reception good. Venue has Wi-Fi.
- Fochabers has general store, bank & cashpoint, hotels and cafes. Petrol at Mosstodloch (2 miles). All other services in Elgin (9 miles).

Hall Details

- Hall Dimensions: 8.8M (28'10") wide x 20.85M (68'5") long with balcony overhang over last 4.8M (15'9"). Height at side walls 4.92M (16'2") rising to approx 6M (19'8") over centre.
- Stage: 6.4M (21') wide x 5.75M (18'10") deep to back tabs, 7.15M (23'6") to back wall. Wings 1.3M (4'3") both sides. Height to grid 3.8M (12'6"); height of stage 1.3M (4'3"). Crossover behind back drapes. Access treads off both sides of front of stage (8 steps), no rake. 6 folding stage extension units available to extend stage.
- Décor: floor polished dark wood, no markings; walls cream upper, light grey lower; roof cream. Windows have beige curtains; stage has black box & borders and maroon FOH tabs.
- Get-in: good - through side fire exit, flat, straight through single door into hall. For stage up 2 steps, through double door straight onto stage. Approx 10M from van loading area to stage. Hall access 0.83M (2'9") wide x 2.35M (7'8") high; Backstage access doors 1.15M (3'9") wide x 2M (6'6") high.
- Acoustics good.
- Blackout reasonable – all windows have lined curtains.
- Heating by wall-mounted convector heaters.
- Upright piano in FOH room. Smoke Detectors in hall and above stage – possible to disable these.
- Large 12-step A-frame ladder & 7-step stepladder available.

Technical

- Power: 60amp 3-phase incomer in switch room FOH. 63amp single-phase socket in SL wing.
- Stage lighting rig – Zero88 jester 12/24 desk, 24 channels Chilli dimmers, 3 stage LX bars 2 FOH perches. 6 x 650w profiles spots, 6 x 650w fresnels, 6 x 500w floods.
- Allen & Heath 24-2 QU24 mixer, Martin speakers, Crown 2002 amps and powered LD system monitors. Some mics & stands.
- Houselights are dimmable down-lighters, control at back of hall.

Backstage

- Dressing Room adjacent to Stage Right.
- Kitchen & meeting rooms available.
- Separate backstage toilet.

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