

TAIN DUTHAC CENTRE

June 2000 Mick Andrew



General Information

Address: Duthac Centre, Shandwick St, Tain, Ross-shire IV19 1BQ.
01862 894422. Venue is staffed.

- Venue is on Shandwick St, east of town centre off old main road. Car park at venue.
- Built in 1814 as a church and became community hall in 1920's. Refurbished in 1976 and renamed The Duthac Centre.
- Capacity 400 if stage used, approx 200 if performing on floor. Stacking, interlocking, plastic chairs.
- Mobile reception good.
- Tain has all services.

Hall Details

- Hall Dimensions: 14.33M (47') wide x 16.46M (54') long. Flat roof approx 6.1M (20') to suspended grid overhead.
- Stage: 8.23M (27') wide x 5.89M (19'4") deep. Height of proscenium 3.35M (11'), height of stage 1.07M (3'6"). Wings 1.83M (6') both sides. Crossover only if back drapes hung on stage. Access treads off up stage right into side corridor. Stage has 5 hemp sets, 3 tab tracks & 3 LX bars dead-hung.
- Décor: floor wood with 2 Badminton Courts marked out; walls cream lower, white upper; roof white. FOH tabs maroon red. Black box stage.
- Get-in: through hall fire exit at back of hall. Up 6 steps from street or maybe possible to get van into car park for loading at side which is level access, 2 sets double doors & right angle turn

into hall. Approx 20M from van loading area to stage. 1.17M (3'10") wide x 1.96M (6'5") high.

- Acoustics reverberant.
- Blackout good.
- Heating by wall-mounted panel heaters.
- Baby grand piano available. No smoke detectors in hall.
- Large A-frame steps available.

Technical

- Power: 3-phase incomer (assume 100amp) in SR wing.
- Stage lighting – desk not seen, 4 patchable Strand Act 6 dimmers (DMX), large motorised grid in hall for rigging, 3 stage LX bars. 8 x 1kw profile spots, 14 x 500w fresnels, 4 x 150w floods, 4 x 8 cell flood battens (all old Strand lanterns). Club rig in hall.
- Concert PA system available – no details.
- Houselights are dimmable pin-spots (control in chair store), or switched fluorescents, switched in SR wing.

Backstage

- 3 small function rooms upstairs can be dressing rooms.
- Kitchen available
- Separate upstairs toilets.

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