



# FINDHORN UNIVERSAL HALL

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## **General Information**

Address: Universal Hall, The Park, Findhorn Foundation, Forres. Morayshire IV36 3TZ  
Tel: 01309 691170. <https://universalhall.co.uk/>

- Venue is in grounds of the Findhorn Foundation on east side of B9011 Forres to Findhorn road before Findhorn village and is signposted. Venue is staffed. Car parking near venue.
- Built between 1974 and 1984.
- Capacity 300 seated in auditorium, with up to 400 if floor used for seating. Padded, interlocking, stacking chairs.
- Mobile reception good, payphone by shop near Foundation entrance.
- Findhorn Foundation has café, pizza takeaway, general wholefood shop. Findhorn village has hotels, café, general store. Petrol at Kinloss (2 miles), banks, cashpoints and other services in Forres (4 miles).

## **Hall Details**

- Stage: stage is pentagon shaped on floor with tiered seating and tree sculpture at rear. Stage front 5M (16'5"), 2 sides @ 10M (32'10) each, 2 rear sides @ 7M (23'). Height to grid approx 4.88M (16'). No wings or crossover. Q-build staging rostra available (approx 54 units @ 0.9M sq) can make stage approx 8M wide x 5.5M @ 0.5M height.
- Décor: floor light beechwood, no markings; walls maroon; roof wooden triangular trusses with black cover and pentagon skylight.



- Get-in: at rear of hall through fire exit. From van loading area up ramp, right angled turn through double doors and right angle turn through 2<sup>nd</sup> set double doors into backstage 1.43M (4'8") wide x 2.47M (8'1") high. Approx 30M from van loading area to stage.
- Acoustics good.
- Blackout good, skylight has electric blind.
- Heating by wall-mounted convector heaters.
- Grand piano available. Smoke detectors throughout auditorium.
- Powered platform Skywinder access lift or long extending ladders available.

### **Technical**

- Power: 125amp 3-phase incomer in control room with 63amp 3-phase socket (on 32amp trip) and 63amp single phase socket (on 40amp trip) in same location.
- Full stage lighting rig – Strand 200 48 channel desk, Stage CL 24 ch desk, ETC Element 2 desk, 96 Green-Ginger hard wired dimmers, 2 x 1kw profile spots, 16 x 650w/500w profiles spots, 30 x 650w/500w fresnels/PC lanterns, 14 x Prolight StudioCob FC LED wash lights operated from control room at rear of auditorium. 2 x 5-sided LX bars and extra FOH LX bar, also 1 rear upstage to downstage LX bar (all overhead).
- Concert PA system – Allen & Heath QU24 24ch desk, HK speakers (flown and sub bass bins), 10 monitor wedges, FX rack, CD player, hand-held radio microphones, selection of microphones and DI boxes. Operated from rear of auditorium outside control room.
- AV – projector and 5M wide screen available.
- Houselights are dimmable roof Par 36 lamps operated from control room or FOH.

### **Backstage**

- Can use dance studio and workshop as dressing rooms (50M away under stage), separate toilets and showers.
- Kitchen available.
- Bar and refreshments available on performance nights.







