

Salamanca Arts Centre

Peacock Theatre

Information Kit & Conditions of Hire

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The Basics

The Peacock Theatre is housed within the Salamanca Arts Centre on Hobart's historic waterfront. The back wall of the stage area is a natural rock face, a unique backdrop. The theatre is used for theatrical and dance performances, music events, seminars, film screenings, fashion shows, cabaret, lectures and debates.

- The Peacock Theatre has a maximum Fixed Seating Capacity of **133*** (unnumbered seats). Please refer to **Seating Plan** for more details.

The maximum number of seats available for sale for any performance is 131.

*This includes 2 x Complimentary SAC House Seats, which are not available for sale.

NB: When films are being screened in the Peacock Theatre, as the back row has limited / restricted viewing due to the impediment by a heritage beam, we recommend selling a max of 120 seats only for film events.

- The Stage Area is 10m x 8m (approx.).
- Dance Surface (Tarkett) is available for stage (Custom Fit) at an additional cost.
- The Dressing Room with space for 20 (approx.). Includes toilet, shower, washing machine and dryer.

- HD Projector (1920 x 1080) and Screen (both installed in the ceiling).
- Basic Workshop Area / Loading Dock with direct laneway access (via Kelly's Lane).
- Level / Wheelchair access is available (through Stage Door in Courtyard).
- There is limited vehicle access for bump in / bump out (no loading access on Saturdays prior to 5:00pm due to the Salamanca Market).
- There is a Live Music Event (Rektango) in the adjacent Courtyard every Friday evening between 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Due to the sound bleed between the two Venues we advise Peacock Theatre Hirers to **commence their performances no earlier than 8:00pm on Friday evenings.**
- Tricycle Bar & Café is available to open for performances and events, serving beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). **Hirers cannot operate their own bar.**

Venue Hire Rates : for 2026

2026 Venue Hire Rates BELOW | Effective 13 Feb 2026

All Costs are inclusive of GST

Venue Hire Rates will increase as of 1 January 2027 (see Page 4)

	Per Day	Per Week
Performances & Events		
Independent Artists & Non-Funded Groups	\$430.90	\$1,691.55
Funded NFPs & Festivals / Schools	\$459.25	\$1,819.13
Commercial	\$604.20	\$2,381.40
Government Departments or GBE	\$778.84	\$3,167.28
 Bump In / Bump Out / Rehearsals / Creative Developments		
Independent Artists & Non-Funded Groups	\$242.95	\$810.00
Funded NFPs & Festivals / Schools	\$265.00	\$945.00
Commercial	\$479.25	\$1,819.13
Government Departments or GBE	\$612.65	\$2,419.44

Venue Hire Rates : for 2027

2027 Venue Hire Rates BELOW | Effective 1 Jan 2027

All Costs are inclusive of GST

Venue Hire Rates will increase as of 1 January 2028

	Per Day	Per Week
Performances & Events		
Independent Artists & Non-Funded Groups	\$477.21	\$1,729.52
Funded NFPs & Festivals / Schools	\$531.55	\$1,946.46
Commercial	\$665.24	\$2,548.10
Government Departments or GBE	\$852.11	\$3,388.99
 Bump In / Bump Out / Rehearsals / Creative Developments		
Independent Artists & Non-Funded Groups	\$276.11	\$864.76
Funded NFPs & Festivals / Schools	\$323.70	\$1,011.15
Commercial	\$531.55	\$1,946.46
Government Departments or GBE	\$674.29	\$2,588.78

Venue Hire Rates include:

- Hire of the Peacock Theatre for the duration of the Hire Period;
- Cleaning prior to the commencement of the Hire Period and Daily Cleaning (between 8:00am – 10:00am) throughout the Hire Period.
- A 30-minute tech familiarisation and induction with a SAC Technician, which includes the setting of basic lighting and sound equipment (Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm ONLY);
- Use of Lighting and Basic Audio Equipment (to be operated by approved / Qualified Technicians ONLY*)
*Only approved / qualified personnel may operate the technical equipment in the Peacock Theatre.
- **From 1 January 2026, charges for Electricity Usage (heating and lighting) are included in the Venue Hire Rates. There is no longer an additional charge for electricity.**
- **From 1 January 2026, the use of Projector and Screen are included in the Venue Hire Rates. There is no longer an additional charge for the use of this equipment.**

Venue Hire Rates DO NOT include:

- Additional Cleaning. Charged at \$55.00 per hour.
- SAC Technician (outside of 30-minute tech familiarisation and induction). Charged at \$55.00 per hour for a minimum 4 / four-hour call (plus penalty rates when applicable).
- SAC Venues Supervisor. Charged at \$55.00 per hour (plus penalty rates when applicable).
- Recording allowance of \$169.88 for each SAC Technician working on a show that is recorded for broadcast or distribution.
- Use of Dance Surface (Tarkett), Charged at \$440 per hire, includes labor to lay, tape and removal.
- Hire of Additional Equipment (consult Technical Manager prior to your hire)

Conditions of Hire

Hire Period

The minimum Hire Period is **1 x Day**.

The BUMP IN and BUMP OUT of your performance must occur within the Hire Period. Please account for this when requesting your desired length of Hire Period.

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Payment of Deposit

Upon approval of submitted application, the Hirer will be issued with an Agreement for Hire and invoiced for the deposit (generally half of the total Venue Hire). The hire is secured upon the return of the signed Agreement for Hire and payment of the deposit has been received.

Payment of Remainder of Venue Hire

The Hirer will be invoiced for the remainder of the Venue Hire in the month preceding the commencement of the Hire Period. Payment of the remaining Venue Hire must be received prior to the commencement of the Hire Period. Access to the venue will not be granted until payment has been received.

Other Charges

The Hirer will be invoiced for any charges incurred during the course of their Hire Period (such as additional cleaning, hire of SAC equipment and SAC Technical Equipment, SAC Technician charges) at the end of the Hire Period.

Cancellation OR Postponement

Should the Hire be cancelled less than three months prior to the commencement of the Hire Period, the Deposit (50% of the Venue Hire charges) shall be retained by SAC.

Arrangements for postponements shall be at the discretion of SAC and pending the availability of dates.

Technical Equipment

All lighting equipment and basic audio equipment will be available to the Hirer upon arrival.

The Peacock Theatre has a standard rig and the HIRER MUST RETURN THE LIGHTING TO THE STANDARD RIG AT THE END OF THE HIRE PERIOD – failure to do so will result in the Hirer incurring all charges associated with returning lighting to the standard rig.

Additional audio equipment, such as microphones, will be signed over by the Technical Manager.

Any equipment on stage needs to be returned to storage after the event. Additional audio equipment should be returned to the Technical Manager.

All technical and electrical equipment brought onsite by the Hirer must have current tag and test certification and pass a visual inspection by the Technical Manager.

To request a current Peacock Theatre Technical Specifications & Equipment List, please email the Venues Manager (venues@sac.org.au) or the Technical Manager (technician@sac.org.au)

Projector & Screen

The Peacock Theatre has a HD Projector (1920 x 1080) and projection screen installed in the ceiling of the theatre. The Projector and screen cannot be removed. Failure to abide by this condition will result in the Hirer being charged for any costs associated with the damage of the projector and/or screen and the re-installation of the projector and/or screen.

From 1 January 2025, the use of Projector and Screen are included in the Venue Hire Rates. There is no longer an additional charge for the use of this equipment.

Hire of External Equipment & Furniture

The Hire of external equipment and furniture through an external hire company is the responsibility of the Hirer. The Hirer is responsible for all charges associated with the hire of external equipment and furniture, and for ensuring that deliveries / collections occur within the Hire Period.

Technical and After Hours Staff

THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE FOUNDERS ROOM MAY ONLY BE OPERATED BY APPROVED / QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.

A Technician approved by Salamanca Arts Centre is to be in attendance at all times SAC Technical Equipment is in use. If you do

not have a SAC Approved Technician, SAC will provide one for you and the Hirer / Artist will be charged for their time.

SALAMANCA ARTS CENTRE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INSIST ON A TECHNICIAN OF ITS CHOICE TO OPERATE SAC EQUIPMENT.

A 30 minute tech familiarisation and induction with a SAC Technician, which includes the setting of basic lighting and sound equipment is included in the Venue Hire Rates. The tech familiarisation and induction must occur from Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm. If the tech familiarisation and induction exceed 30 minutes OR occurs outside of the regular hours listed above, the Hirer / Artist will be charged for the SAC Technician's time accordingly.

If you require a SAC Technician for your event (including operating for a performance or event / additional set up time etc.), please advise the Venues Manager and Technical Manager so that a SAC Technician can be booked. A minimum 2 weeks' notice is required to book in SAC Technicians.

All SAC Technicians and After Hours Staff are paid as per the SAC Enterprise Agreement, which directly correlates with the Live Performance Award Rates:

- **\$55.00 per hour** (single time applies for the first 8 hours worked, after this penalty rates apply).

There is a minimum 3 hour call for SAC Technicians and After Hours Staff Members.

Breakdown of Rates & Penalty Rates:

- **Single Time** is defined as the first 8 hours of a shift worked within Monday – Saturday from 7:00am – 12:00midnight.
- **Time + Half** applies to the 9th and 10th hours of a shift worked within Monday – Saturday from 7:00am – 12:00midnight OR any hours worked between 12:00midnight and 7:00am.

- **Double Time** applies to any hours worked after 10 hours OR on a Sunday.

Further Penalty Rates apply on Public Holidays.

SAC Technicians and After Hours Staff must receive a 10 hour break between finishing work one day and commencing work the next day. SAC Technicians are entitled to a meal break of at least 30 minutes after 5 continuous hours of work.

Security, Safety & WHS

The Technical Manager will conduct a Venue and WHS induction with the Hirer during office hours, Monday to Friday. Inductions outside of these times will be charged to the Hirer.

At the commencement of the hire period, the Hirer will be issued with a set of keys and instructed in security and safety procedures. All doors are to be secured at the end of each day and all lights are to be turned off. Fire exits and common passageways are to be kept clear at all times. See the Operations Manual for security details.

Insurance

The Hirer shall provide insurance cover for Public Liability and for all goods and effects brought on to the premises by the Hirer and the Hirer's representatives. Evidence of Public Liability Cover of a minimum of \$10 million is to be provided to SAC prior to the commencement of the hire period.

Ushers

The Hirer is responsible for organising ushers for all performances.

As the Peacock Theatre is general admission / non-numbered seating, ushers are usually essential for most performances, however this is at the discretion of the Hirer.

FOH / Ticketing Staff

The Hirer is responsible for appointing a Front of House Coordinator for the Hire.

The Front of House Coordinator will be the key contact for all FOH matters prior and during the Hire Period for both SAC and Ticketing Enquiries, and is responsible for coordinating ushers, overseeing ticket and program sales, and providing duty of care to patrons at every performance.

If you do not have FOH or Ticketing Staff for your performance, SAC can provide them and the Hirer will be charged for their time. A minimum 2 weeks' notice is required to book in SAC FOH / Ticketing Staff.

All SAC FOH / Ticketing Staff are paid as per the SAC Enterprise Agreement.

\$55.00 per hour (single time applies for the first 8 hours worked, after this penalty rates apply. Penalty Rates apply to Sundays, double time).

There is a minimum three (3) hour call for SAC FOH / Ticketing Staff.

Breakdown of Rates & Penalty Rates:

- Single Time is defined as the first 8 hours of a shift worked within Monday – Saturday from 7:00am – 12:00 midnight.
- Time + Half applies to the 9th and 10th hours of a shift worked within Monday – Saturday from 7:00am – 12:00 midnight.
- Double Time applies to any hours worked after 10 hours OR

between 12:00 midnight and 7:00am
OR on a Sunday.

SAC FOH / Ticketing Staff must receive a 10-hour break between finishing work one day and commencing work the next day. SAC FOH / Ticketing Staff are entitled to a meal break of at least 30 minutes after 5 continuous hours of work.

Ticket Sales

Ticket Sales are the responsibility of the Hirer, including pre-sale tickets and the sale of tickets at the door.

This also includes events that are free. The Hirer is responsible for collecting any RSVPs and monitoring guest numbers to ensure that the theatre does not exceed the seated capacity.

The Hirer is responsible for supplying cash float / eftpos machine or MPOS Device and any other equipment required to conduct ticket sales at the door.

Hirers must ensure that:

- Tickets are available for purchase online and at the door (unless sold out prior) as a minimum.
- A Concession Ticket Price is available at all performances.
- A SAC Associate Members Ticket Price is available at all performances. This ticket price must be less expensive than the Concession Ticket Price.
- Companion Cards will be accepted at all performances. A Companion Card is issued to residents of Tasmania with a significant and permanent disability that are unable to participate in most community-based activities with significant assistance. The Companion Card admits carers to performances as complimentary guests.

Seating

The Peacock Theatre has a maximum Fixed Seating Capacity of 133* (unnumbered seats). The maximum number of seats available for sale for any performance is **131**.

NB: When films are being screened in the Peacock Theatre, as the back row has limited / restricted viewing due to the impediment by a heritage beam, we recommend selling a max of 120 seats only.

Reserved SAC House Seats

SAC reserves the right to 2 x House Seats at every Public Performance / Event during the Hirer's season. These seats are located in the back row of the theatre and cannot be sold by the Hirer. These seats are not included in the seats available for sale.

SAC must advise the Hirer at least 1 week prior to the commencement of the Hire Period if SAC wishes to utilise the Reserved SAC House Seats for any Public Performance / Event.

Please refer to the Seating Plan for more details.

Peacock Theatre Foyer

The Peacock Theatre Foyer is utilised by Tricycle Café from 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Saturday. During the Café opening hours, please ensure that the location of ticketing booths etc. do not obstruct access and activities of the Café.

The Peacock Theatre must be cleaned and returned to its original condition directly after the completion of every evening performance / event. Any furniture from the Café must be returned to its original position and is not to be removed from the Peacock Theatre Foyer.

Access & Level Access

For loading / Bump In / Bump Out, the Peacock Theatre can be accessed via the Workshop doors in Kelly's Lane or via the Stage Doors in the Courtyard (accessed via Wooby's Lane Courtyard Entrance).

The primary access for guests is via the main entrance on Salamanca Place. The Front Doors to the theatre are located in the Peacock Theatre Foyer.

NOTE: There are numerous stairs located in the Peacock Theatre Foyer and then also inside the Peacock Theatre itself.

For Level Access, guests can be escorted from the Peacock Theatre foyer, through to the Courtyard, and enter via the Stage Doors in the Courtyard.

Friday Evening Events

There is a weekly live music event (Rektango) in the SAC Courtyard adjacent to the Peacock Theatre every Friday evening between 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Due to the sound bleed between the two venues we advise Peacock Theatre Hirers to **commence their performances no earlier than 8:00pm on Friday evenings.**

Bar Operation / Tricycle Bar & Café

Tricycle Bar & Café is available to open for performances and events at the Peacock Theatre, serving beverages for sale to guests (alcoholic and nonalcoholic).

The Hirer must confirm directly with Tricycle Bar & Café which performances they wish Tricycle Bar & Café to be open for. At least 2 x Week's notice is required.

Hirers cannot operate their own bar service.

Smoking

SAC is a non-smoking complex and so smoking is prohibited in all SAC Venues / spaces – including the Courtyard.

NO SMOKING ANYWHERE ANYTIME.

The Hirer shall ensure that all those associated with the performance / event and all members of the public comply with this condition.

Heating & Cooling

The auditorium of the Peacock Theatre has both under-seat heating and stage blackheat, as well as ceiling fans for cooling.

From 1 January 2025, charges for Electricity Usage (heating and lighting) are included in the Venue Hire Rates. There is no longer an additional charge for electricity.

Fire & Candles

Fire and / or candles are not permitted in the Peacock Theatre or associated areas without the separate and explicit written authorisation from the Venues Manager AND Technical Manager is required prior to the commencement of the Hire Period.

Micro Plastics / Single-Use Plastics / Balloons

In 2025, SAC is reviewing our Environmental Policies to ensure that all Hirers and Artists of Salamanca Arts Centre Venues are committed to the protection of Tasmania's environment and wildlife, and to ensure that all events, exhibitions and performances that occur at Salamanca Arts Centre are compliant with existing State and Hobart Council laws and by-laws. These policies include a ban on micro plastics (glitter) and balloons, and support an ongoing significant reduction of single-use plastics and products.

Micro plastics can find their way, even indirectly, into SAC's plumbing and other internal and external waterways. Balloons can escape into the atmosphere or when deflated become a risk to bird and other wildlife. Other matter, such as loose glitter (of any kind) is not permitted within SAC as it becomes lodged within seats and other crevasses and is impossible to clean.

Confetti, rice, streamers (including party poppers), balloons (of any kind and no matter how they are inflated), sky lanterns or similar materials are not permitted within SAC.

None of the above items are to be scattered, thrown or released into the air or waterways. Hirers and Artists are reminded that balloon releases are [illegal within Tasmania](#).

Hirers and artists are encouraged to substitute environmentally sustainable alternatives for their events and celebrations.

SAC discourages the use of any single-use plastics and products at all events, exhibitions and performances that occur at SAC. Hirers and artists are encouraged to utilise reusable, recyclable and compostable products and are reminded that they must comply with the [Hobart City Council Single-Use Plastics By-Law](#).

Theatrical Effects

If you are intending to use any smoke effects, strobe etc. then separate and explicit written authorisation from the Venues Manager AND Technical Manager is required prior to the commencement of the Hire Period.

Noise

Salamanca Arts Centre reserves the right to cancel any performance causing excessive noise or showing lack of consideration for the general public or tenants of the Centre.

Painting

It is possible to negotiate the painting of certain areas of the theatre and such negotiations may incur payment of an additional bond. Separate and explicit written authorisation from the Venues Manager AND Technical Manager is required prior to the commencement of the Hire Period for any painting to occur. All painted areas are to be returned to their original condition as part of the bump out and the Hirer shall be responsible for both the painting and the cost thereof. The Hirer shall ensure that the rock, the auditorium seating and all other fixtures and fittings are covered during the painting.

Painting of the rock is not permitted.

Cleaning

The Peacock Theatre and associated areas are cleaned by SAC's Cleaning Contractors regularly.

Any further cleaning is the responsibility of the Hirer. Cleaning equipment is provided, and cleaning must be completed to the satisfaction of SAC. If additional cleaning is required by SAC the Hirer will be charged \$55.00 per hour for the additional cleaning.

The stage area, auditorium, dressing room, toilet, shower, technical box, entrances, passageways and foyer need to be kept clean and free of refuse at all times.

The Hirer shall remove all refuse at the end of the Hire Period.

Performing Rights

The Hirer / Artist shall take total responsibility for the securing and payment of all rights and licensing fees, including but not limited to: Musicians Royalties, OneMusic (APRA, AMCOS & PPCA), Writers Royalties, screening fees, image licensing, and licensing fees to the Australasian Performing Rights Association.

Promotional Material

The Hirer / Artist will be contacted by the Venues Manager / Marketing Manager prior to the commencement of the Hire Period in regards to providing publicity information for the SAC website, e-news and Social Media.

The Hirer / Artist must include the correct name and address of the Peacock Theatre on all printed and digital promotional material.

The correct name and address of the Peacock Theatre is:

Peacock Theatre
Salamanca Arts Centre
77 Salamanca Place
Hobart Tasmania

All costs associated with the design, printing and distribution of promotional material are the responsibility of the Hirer.

The Hirer / Artist must lodge copies of posters, programs, fliers and other relevant promotional material with the Venues Manager / Marketing Manager prior to the commencement of the Hire Period for archiving purposes. Digital copies are preferred.

Please contact the Marketing Manager to seek information regarding additional marketing support and Advertising Packages (additional charges apply).

Use of SAC Logo

The use of the SAC Logo is ONLY for SAC Performances / Events or SAC Supported Performances / Events. All use of the SAC Logo must be approved by SAC prior to print and distribution.

Posters throughout SAC

No promotional materials / posters may be fastened to any stonework or the facade of the buildings.

The Hirer / Artist will have access to the following poster boxes / poster frames at SAC:

- 1 x A0 Poster Frame in Peacock Theatre Foyer
- 1 x A3 Poster Frame in the Courtyard
- 1 x A2 Poster Frame at Main Entrance
- 1 x A2 Poster Frame on Level 1

The secondary A0 Poster Frame in the Peacock Theatre foyer may be available (pending availability / the next booking).

The Hirer will have access to 1 x A1 AFrame, to be positioned at the main entrance to SAC on Salamanca Place for the duration of their Hire Period.

AFrame

1 x AFrame / sandwich board is available for the Peacock Theatre to position at the entrance on Salamanca Place. All AFrames are for external / street use only and cannot be utilized within SAC Buildings or arcades as they are a trip hazard.

The AFrame is A1 size. Posters attached to the Aframe MUST be A1 size; No signs, notes, posters smaller than A1 may be placed on the AFrame. The Hirer must not write on the A-Frame sandwich board.

The Hirer / Artist is responsible for supplying the A1 poster/s to the Venues Manager prior to the commencement of the Hire Period. The poster will be affixed to the AFrame sandwich board by SAC Staff.

The Hirer is responsible for positioning the AFrame at the entrance on Salamanca Place each day / at the start of each performance and for retrieving it at the conclusion of the day / evening performance.

In the event of high winds, AFrames must not be placed on Salamanca Place / on the street. SAC will advise if AFrames are not to be utilised due to wind, but it is the Hirers responsibility to monitor weather warnings and act accordingly.

Banners at SAC

There is one banner hanging location available to SAC Venue Hirers on the front façade of SAC, overlooking Salamanca Place. This banner hanging location is highly sought after and therefore must be booked via the Marketing Manager.

All banners must relate to events / exhibitions occurring at SAC. All costs associated with the design, printing and delivery of the banner are the responsibility of the Hirer. Banners must be designed and printed as per SAC specifications, and must be approved by the Marketing Manager prior to printing. Any unapproved banners

or banners not meeting SAC specifications will not be hung.

Due to the position of the banner hanging location, SAC Staff are responsible for the hanging of all banners. The Hirer will be invoiced for an installation charge for the banner.

For more information, please contact the Marketing Manager.

Statistics Reporting

Hirers are required to provide SAC with statistics at the end of their hire, including the number of paid and free attendees to their performances / events, and the number of artists involved.

Hirers will be issued with a Statistics Request form to complete at the end of their hire period.

All statistics are collated annually in the SAC Annual Report and used for various purposes by SAC.

Use of Spaces

SAC reserves the right to use the Peacock Theatre and associated areas for other purposes at such times as the Hirer shall not be using the spaces and by mutual agreement, in such a manner that secondary use shall not interfere with the Hirers use.

Application & Assessment

Application

All applications for the Peacock Theatre must be submitted online via the SAC Website. Applications by any other means will not be accepted.

Please refer to the SAC Website for the full application requirements.

Assessment

All applications will be assessed by the SAC Assessment Panel.

The application process is very competitive. SAC receives more applications than dates available.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email in due course. All decisions are final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.

Dates are not confirmed until an application is approved by SAC, the Agreement for Hire has been signed / returned by the Hirer and the deposit paid.

Submission Dates

Applications for the Peacock Theatre are assessed twice annually as a minimum, with SPECIAL Submission Rounds as required.

The annual submission dates usually are:

- midnight 30 April
- midnight 30 September

Please note: SPECIAL Submission Rounds may be called as and if required. In this case, please refer to the SAC website for Submission Dates for SPECIAL ROUNDS.