

GILDED BALLOON PATTERN HOUSE

DOONSTAIRS

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 2026



SEATING

- There are 11 rows of seats.
- The seats are fixed in the space and are on a slight rake.
- The total capacity is 160 seats.

STAGE

- The performance area is approximately 6000mm wide x 4000mm deep.
- There is a forestage in front of the proscenium which is 7500mm wide x 2200 deep.
- Performance can extend in front of this area if required.
- The stage is approximately 900mm high, and the surface is TBD.
- Stage access is via wings at the sides of the performance area.
- There is a crossover behind the stage.

MASKING

- There are soft black drapes at the rear of the performance area which are openable via a track.
- There are drapes serving as wings.

***Please note: All tech specs are subject to small changes as new venues plans are finalised.**

SUSPENSION

- There are 6 fixed lighting bars, their positions are FOH, Forestage, LX 1, LX 2, LX 3, and CYC.
- Any items which may require rigging in the venue require approval from Gilded Balloon.
- Please be aware the roof is approximately 3600mm above the stage.

DRESSING ROOM

There is a dressing room at the rear of the venue, accessible from the stage crossover of the venue from the performance area. This is to be shared with many companies, please do not use this space to store flyers or merchandise.

STORAGE

There is a small storage space for props at the rear of the stage. This is at the same level as the stage. This space is shared with other companies.

All set items must easily pass through a standard door.

ACCESS

The venue is located at:

Basement Level
Adam House
5 and 6 Chambers Street
Edinburgh
EH1 1HR

- Entry for loading is from the front of the building through the front doors and three stairs.
- There is an accessible entrance also at the front of the building that ramps up into the main foyer.
- The venue is on the basement floor down a large spiral staircase.
- Please contact production to arrange delivery of large set items.
- Please be aware there are no parking facilities at Patter House. Standard central city parking fees apply to parking around the venue.



ACCESSIBILITY

- All levels of Patter House are accessible by lift and stairs to the basement level.
- Please be aware that the stage is not wheelchair accessible. There are 5 steps up on to the stage. Please also be aware that the dressing room facilities are not wheelchair accessible, there are approximately 5 steps up to the dressing room.
- The access route throughout the building is TBC due to ongoing renovations in the building.
- Please visit the [accessibility page](#) on the Gilded Balloon website for more information.

SECURITY

Please remember that this is a festival environment. We cannot accept any responsibility for any items lost or stolen within the building. We work hard to ensure the venues are safe and recommend the following:

- That you do not leave any valuable personal items in the venue.
- That you take any valuable items away with you every day.
- That electronics should not be left in the venue, unless they are wired into our system for your production.

LIGHTING

- The control position for both lighting and sound is located at the back of the room on the house right side, in line with the back row of chairs.
- It is possible to operate both sound and lights from the same position.

Control

- ETC ION

Lighting Fixtures

- 18 x 500-watt Fresnel's (providing warm and cool wash to Left, Centre, and Right playing areas)
- 2 x 1200-watt Fresnel's (providing a wash on the forestage)
- 1 x 26-degree Source 4 profile (centre special)
- 4 x source 4 pars (rear wash)
- 4 x Phillips SL LED par (rear wash)

Effects

- There is no hazer or smoke available as part of the venue kit. If your show requires one, please contact the production team for further assistance.

General Information

- We recommend the use of our supplier to hire any additional equipment. If the hire is arranged before the deadline (usually in mid-July) it may be sent with our main hire, saving you transportation costs. If you would like any help sourcing additional fixtures, please contact the production team at production@gildedballoon.co.uk.
- Additional lanterns can be rigged as company specials, but due to rigging and power considerations these must be approved for use before arrival. As well as fixtures, cabling for any extras must be provided to reach the dimmers or stage boxes (please get in touch to discuss prior to arrival).
- All electrical equipment brought into the venue must be PAT tested.
- "Full" blackout is not possible due to emergency lighting regulations.

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- A centre stage spot is provided, focused with a semi-hard edge to provide light for a single performer.
- A good general cover is provided over the performance area.

This general cover cannot be refocused or recoloured in any way

The above information is subject to change - for the most current plans and specifications, to discuss company specials or for any other lighting related queries please get in touch with the Production Manager at: production@gildedballoon.co.uk.

SOUND

- The control position for both lighting and sound is located at the back of the room on the house right side, in line with the back two rows of chairs.
- It is possible to operate both sound and lights from the same position.

Control

- MIDAS - M32R

Speakers

- 2 x KV2 EX12 Active loudspeaker
- 2 x KV2 EX2.5 MKII Active sub
- 2 x KV2 ES2.6 Bass module
- 4 x KV2 ESD6 Speaker

Foldback

- 3 x D&B Ci80 Loudspeaker

Microphones, Di's, And Stands

- 5 x SHURE SM58
- 4 x DI BOXES
- 5 x Tall microphone stands

Playback & Qlab

- We will provide whatever cables you require to be able to plug your audio devices into our sound system but we do not supply a machine to play sound files from.
- A mac with standard Qlab (which allows you to play stereo audio tracks and fade them up/down and play/stop video files to 1 projector but DOES NOT allow you to FADE video files) can be hired from us to play back sound and video cues for £5 per show.

We provide an audio system of good, undistorted, even coverage across the entire seating area sufficiently powerful to satisfy most productions. If you feel that you have specific requirements regarding the sound system in a venue, please be in touch with our Production Manager at: production@gildedballoon.co.uk

Please Note: Prior to your arrival, a professional audio engineer tunes each venue's audio rig. This system cannot be re-tuned or amended in any way.



Radio Microphones

- If you would like Gilded Balloon to source radio mics for your show, you can do so in the technical questionnaire on Eventotron.
- If you are bringing your own radio mics please indicate so in your technical questionnaire on Eventotron.
- The production team will coordinate radio mic frequencies across their sites and deal with all radio mic frequency licensing.

The above information is subject to change - for the most current plans and specifications, to discuss company needs, radio microphones or for any other sound related queries please get in touch with the Production Manager at: production@gildedballoon.co.uk.

PROJECTION

There is no projector available as part of the venue kit. If your show has vision requirements, please contact the production team for further assistance.

GB TECHNICAL OPERATOR FEES

- If you request a member of the Gilded Balloon technical team to operate lighting and/or sound cues, this service will be charged at a rate of £30 plus VAT per performance. Please note that it may not be the same member of the technical team across all performances.
- Visiting Companies are welcome to bring their own qualified technicians but must ensure the person designated for the role is suitably technically competent to operate the venue equipment. If the production is technically complex, we would recommend bringing your own technical operator.
- If you need additional support during turnarounds and need extra members of staff, we can provide this at a rate of £15 plus VAT per performance.

Service	What's included	Cost (charged at settlement)
Technical Operator	Turnaround assistance and full operation of sound and/or lighting cues throughout the show.	£30 + VAT per performance

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Once your show has been registered with the Fringe and contracted, you will receive a link to fill in our technical questionnaire. This is your opportunity to give as much information as possible on the technical requirements for your show. You will be asked if you wish GB to provide an operator or will be providing one yourself as well as all sound, lighting and AV requirements for your show. It will also ask for an indication of your technical rehearsal requirements.

If any additional technical equipment is required for your show, you can indicate it on the questionnaire and a quote will be provided in advance of the Fringe for you to confirm. If this is not filled out by the deadline given, there is no guarantee we can provide what is needed for your show.

NOTES

- There are no wardrobe or laundry facilities at Gilded Balloon.
- Any additional staff or items of equipment, which the management are requested to provide will be charged to the visiting company.
- Any electrical equipment you wish to use must have a current PAT certificate dated less than 12 months prior. All electrical items must also be cleared with us before use. We reserve the right to refuse the use of any equipment.
- Each company is assigned a get in/rehearsal time prior to their first performance. This is the time for you to load your set and props into the venue and to re-tech your show. This time is also for the venue technician to learn the requirements of your production.
- You will need to allow enough time to rehearse your daily turnaround and set storage. Please note that your time slot must include get-in and get-out time.
- All use of naked flames, smoke, haze, strobe, laser or pyrotechnic effects must be cleared with management before bringing them onsite. Smoking is not permitted in any venues.
- At the end of the festival, please arrange for removal or disposal of your set and any unused publicity material. Any company who does not comply will be charged for the cost of disposal. The base charge for disposal is £200 but may be increased.
- Please note, since this is a temporary conversion and not a permanent performance space, all measurements and quantities quoted in the above specification are approximate and may be subject to change.
- Venue specifications may be subject to minor changes.

If there is anything specific to your show that you would like to discuss with the production team that cannot be clearly communicated in the technical questionnaire, please email them on production@gildedballoon.co.uk