

Hiring the Palace Cinema Broadstairs

With its unique historic atmosphere, lovely seafront location, excellent technical facilities and friendly staff, the Palace is a popular choice for private hires including fundraisers, film shoots, seminars, screenings and parties.

We look forward to hosting your event! Hire Contact: General Manager info@thepalacecinema.co.uk

The building

Built in 1911 as 'York Gate Hall' on the site of an old boat builder's, it was originally used as a museum and then hired out for cartoon and puppet shows. Outside, it is neo-classical style with flint walls similar to other buildings on Harbour Street. It was converted into a cinema in 1965 and is Grade II listed.

Inside it is on 2 levels with 2 entrances: from the street, the front door leads to a small foyer with box office and concessions which gives access to the 23-seat balcony. The 88 seats in the stalls are reached either by stairs down from the foyer or by the step-free entrance at the rear. Toilets are at the rear of the building.

- **Foyer:** Our box office uses online ticketing, plus also has its original antique 'clunk out' Automaticket machine with coloured paper tickets. The well-stocked licensed concessions area includes hot & cold drinks, popcorn and snacks.
- **Auditorium:** Antique flip-up blue velvet seats, small stage (W3.5m x D1.5m x H35m) incl. step up (H20cm), and upright piano. We can also provide stage chairs and trestle tables.
- **Technical facilities:** 2k digital projection; fully DCI compliant Doremi media server - DCP (file delivery via hard drive, USB, Unique or Lansat); Blu ray, DVD (all regions) and file; Dolby 5.1 surround sound; stage PA system (3 x SM58 mics with stands, Soundcraft EFX8 mixer, wall mounted RCF EVOX J8 speakers + portable woofers) and lighting (6 spotlights: 4 x profile spots, 2 x stage wash).
- **Parking:** Harbour St is very narrow, so speedy drop off outside the cinema only. Closest car parks are Albion St and Broadstairs Harbour, both a 2-min walk away; both include disabled bays.
- **Access:** Front door has 2 steps up from the pavement into the foyer, then either 2 steps up from the foyer into the balcony or 13 steps down with handrails to the stalls. The stalls can also be accessed step-free from the rear door opened from inside by Palace staff: go through the Pavilion gate to left of cinema and down the slope with the handrail. The slope means that access to the rear door includes an uneven step, approx. 10cm lower on left hand side. Width of doorframe into the auditorium: 74cm.

Venue hire

Our hire fees* include preparatory arrangements, sole use of the cinema for 2.5hrs on the day + staff support throughout.

- To personalise the cinema on the day, you are welcome to bring your own music on CD to play in the auditorium, and to decorate using lightweight (white tack-able) or free-standing items.
- We are happy to discuss any specific food/drink requirements. Owing to the terms of our license all alcohol must be purchased from the Palace. Please note no hot food permitted.



Charity	£175 + VAT
Standard free slot (daytime)	£200 + VAT (in slot not scheduled for a public show 09:00-18:00)
Standard free slot (evening)	£200 + VAT (in slot not scheduled for a public show 18:00-23:00)
Standard fill slot (Sun-Thurs evening)	£300 + VAT (replacing scheduled public show 18:00-23:00)
Standard fill slot (Fri-Sat evening)	£400 + VAT (replacing scheduled public show 18:00-23:00)

*Venue hire fees based on standard 2.5hr slot – we're happy to discuss longer/shorter slots. Venue hire fee does not include film hire (possible £100-250 fee payable to the film's distributor – we can advise on this) or cost of food/drink. All details correct at Feb 2022.

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