

The Citadel: Ross Centre for Dance

Frequently Asked Questions



How long can I rent for?

We rent hourly, as most users of our spaces are dance artists that book rehearsals a few hours at a time.

We rent both our studio and theatre at hourly rates (\$25/hr for the studio, \$30/hr for the theatre) with a 2-hour minimum for bookings.

If availability allows, you may rent a space for your exclusive use, at \$300/day for the studio and \$360/day for the theatre (technical personnel not included). This means only you would have access to the space from 9am-9pm.

If you'd like to rent our theatre for a production, please contact our Rentals Manager to discuss a weekly rental rate.



Do I have control over what the theatre looks like for my rental?

When renting the theatre for a non-technical rehearsal, there are a variety of states that the room may be in. Sometimes the dance floor may be black, other times grey. Sometimes our seating risers may be set up, other times they may be taken down, or set up in another part of the room! Your rental only guarantees you access to a clear and open space, the way the rest of the room looks will depend on other activity that is happening during that period.

If you require a particular floor colour, want to see our bare walls, or need them masked, need the blinds to be open or closed, or want to use theatrical lighting, please make that clear when communicating with the Rentals Manager.

Unfortunately, we may not always be able to accommodate requests for changes to the space. Extra fees may apply.



Can I bring things into the spaces?

Please let the Rentals Manager know if you plan to bring any props or equipment into the spaces. Our theatre is located on the second floor, up a flight of stairs and around a landing, therefore bringing in large items is not recommended. We have dance floor throughout our spaces, therefore nothing can be drilled into the floors.



Can I store items I'm using in rehearsal at the Citadel?

Unfortunately, we have very minimal storage space in the building. In an effort to keep our spaces as clear and open as possible for other renters, we do not allow anything to be stored in our spaces.



Can I rent at the same time every week?

We do not offer ongoing or reoccurring rentals in our theatre. These types of rentals may be possible in our studio, but availability is limited. Please let our Rentals Manger know if you are interested in a reoccurring rental.



My rehearsal is going to be very loud – is that a problem?

If you are rehearsing with live instruments, loud music, or loud vocals, please let the Rentals Manger know. Our spaces are not soundproof; therefore we may not be able to accommodate some rental requests that will result in loud sounds.



I want to use the theatrical lighting or a projector for my rehearsal – can I do that?

The theatrical lighting can only be used if your booking includes a technician. The projectors are subject to availability and come with an added installation and daily usage fee. Ask the Rentals Manager for more info about using the technical elements in the room.



Do you have chairs and tables I can use?

Yes! The lower studio has 12 wooden folding chairs available for use. The theatre has 65 grey folding chairs available for audience seating. Both spaces share an inventory of round and rectangular tables, and several black tablecloths. Please let the Rentals Manager know if you'd like to use tables and chairs as part of your rental so that we can make sure they are made available.



Do you have a dressing room?

Yes! The Lindy Green Wing is located at the theatre level on the second floor. It can be accessed from both the studio and the theatre. It holds a maximum of 10 performers. It is equipped with its own private washroom and shower, kitchenette with a mini-fridge and microwave, and a washer and dryer.



If I book the theatre for a performance, do I get a crew?

The Citadel will include and provide 40 hours of a technician's time for a standard-rate weekly rental to support your technical set up and show needs. If required, we can supplement with more crew at an additional cost. Please contact the Rentals Manager for more info about crew.



Will you sell tickets for my show?

The Citadel does not run a box office for any rentals that are not a part of Citadel + Compagnie's season. If you are renting the theatre for a production, you must sell your own tickets and provide your own box office personnel and payment system on show days.



Will you market my show?

While we do not do any formal marketing for rental productions, if your work is something we feel our dance audiences would be interested in we may be able to post about your show on our social media channels or add your show to our weekly newsletter. If this is something you'd like to inquire about further, please let our Rentals Manager know.



Is there parking?

The Citadel does not have a parking lot. Street parking is paid on weekdays, but is free after 6pm and on the weekends. There is paid parking under the FreshCo grocery store across the street from us that is available and accessible 24/7.

