

DANCE LIVE! PORTSMOUTH VENUE PACK



Directions and Parking

Venue Address

Portsmouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 2AB

Coaches

Coaches can drop off and pick up participants on the side of the building along King Henry Street.

Cars

Schools will be allowed to park one vehicle (either a car, minibus or van) in the Portsmouth Guildhall Car Park which is located behind the building and accessed via King Henry Street.

Following this, the venue's closest car park is the Isambard Brunel Multi-Story Car Park with 473 parking spaces, located a 5 minute walk from Portsmouth Guildhall.

Bus

The venue's nearest bus stop is located outside the Civic Offices on Isambard Brunel Road, a 2 min walk from the venue. Portsmouth bus routes are covered by First Bus and Stagecoach.

Train

Portsmouth Guildhall is a 2 min walk from Portsmouth and Southsea Train Station.

Arrival and Departure

Please arrive at the front of the building where the correct entrance will be marked with Dance Live! branded banners and posters with members of the team ready to greet you. This is also where parents/guardians will need to collect participants post-event. Parents/guardians will not be allowed access to the dressing rooms and must collect participants from outside the building.

Props can be taken to the rear of the building in the car park and delivered to the Dance Live! Team at the venue's loading bay/stage door. This is where they should be collected at the end of the event. Please note that while vehicle access is allowed for drop off and collection of set, only one vehicle per school may park in the car park for the entirety of the event. Please see above for local parking options.

Café

Portsmouth Guildhall's Square Kitchen Café will be open for hot and cold drinks and snacks during rehearsals and the performance. Don't forget to visit our tuck shop located in the North Foyer!

Toilets

There are toilets available on all floors. Accessible toilets are located on the basement floor.



Accessibility

All areas of Front of House, are wheelchair accessible to participants and audience members with lift access. Accessible toilets are located on the basement floor. Accessible dressing rooms and wheelchair access to the stage is provided on the North side of the building (Stage Left). For more information regarding audience accessibility please visit Portsmouth Guildhall's website here:

<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk/your-visit/access/>

Stage and Performance Information

The performance space at Congress Theatre is **12m wide by 7m deep** with one large wing on each side. There is a corridor behind the stage easily accessible from the wings and stage doors for crossovers and quick changes, there are a set of three steps either side of the crossover. The LED Screen is **9.6m wide and 5.4m tall**.

Schools will be queued pre-performance on Stage Right and will exit the stage after receiving their Judge's feedback post-performance on Stage Left to return to dressing rooms. Those in accessible dressing rooms and require lift access will access the stage from Stage Left pre-performance and post-performance.