

Venue Hire

in the heart of Guildford

An inspiring space for every occasion.



Our theatre

Located in Guildford, Surrey, the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre offers a distinctive and memorable venue for a wide range of events. Set in a central Guildford location, our adaptable and highly sought-after spaces provide a truly unique setting for gatherings of all kinds.

Our Grade II listed theatre has recently undergone a full renovation, creating beautiful and versatile spaces in a stunning riverside location. With a wide selection of accessible rooms available for hire, the theatre is an inspiring place to host everything from private celebrations and receptions to corporate meetings and commemorative events.

We offer in-house catering to suit every occasion, from drinks receptions to finger buffets and more. With flexible event spaces, excellent service, a unique theatre environment and an experienced events team, you can be confident that your event will be delivered with care, professionalism and attention to detail.

As a registered charity, every hire directly supports our artistic programme and community outreach work. By choosing to host your event with us, you are helping to sustain the creative life of the theatre and support the work we do across the local community.

Choose the right space for your event





Vanbrugh Room

The beautifully renovated Vanbrugh Room is the theatre's private members area, which can be hired out for special occasions. With comfortable and versatile seating, as well as its own bar, the room is a popular option for meetings, presentations, dinners and receptions.

Seated guests - 30
Standing guests - 40

From £200 for Half Day
From £350 for Full Day



River Room



With stunning views, this large, curved space can be transformed to accommodate almost any function, from business meetings to Christmas parties to private dinners. The room comes complete with a retractable screen, AV capabilities, dimmer blinds and flexible seating options.

Seated guests - 80
Standing guests - 100

From £400 for Half Day
From £500 for Full Day





Stalls Bar

With high ceilings, modern decor and uninterrupted views of the garden and River Wey, the Stalls Bar is a light-filled and dramatic space.

There is plenty of seating around the central staircase and the bar can be staffed if required, this space is an ideal choice for gatherings and receptions.

Seated guests - 40
Standing guests - 100

From £100 for Half Day
From £150 for Full Day

Riverbank Kitchen



Overlooking the banks of the River Wey, the Riverbank Kitchen is our large, ground-floor café featuring quarry tiled floors and floor-to-ceiling, west-facing windows which can be opened to the riverside terrace in warmer weather.

The space offers flexible seating options and its own bar. An ideal space for gatherings, dinners, buffets and meetings. The garden is also included with the Riverbank Kitchen hire.

Seated guests - 50
Standing guests - 100

From £200 for Half Day
From £300 for Full Day



Garden

Our beautiful garden area is the perfect setting for intimate gatherings during the warmer months, offering a peaceful and picturesque backdrop overlooking the stunning River Wey.

Surrounded by natural beauty, it provides a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for you and your guests to enjoy.

Ideal for family gatherings, receptions and a breakout space on meeting days.

Seated guests - 80
Standing guests - 100

Included with hire of
Riverbank Kitchen.





Circle Bar

The Circle Bar, is a cosy space on the top floor of the theatre with its own bar. In this flexible space, the bar can be shuttered off to create a blank canvas, and the addition of a large screen gives the hirer versatility. Perfect for small receptions, meetings and presentations.

Seated guests - 20
Standing guests - 20

From £150 for Half Day
From £250 for Full Day

Meeting Room



A carpeted boardroom with a large conference table. Located on the second floor of the theatre, this room is tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the theatre foyers and ideal for meetings and conference calls.

Seated guests - 12

From £50 for Half Day
From £75 for Full Day



Main Stage & Auditorium

The star of the show is the Main Stage and Auditorium. The low-level stage has a playing area of approximately 10x10m, with generous wing space, a cyclorama, backstage crossover, scene dock and 10 spacious dressing rooms. The stage also has AV and flying capabilities. Technical support can be provided for an additional charge.

A perfect option for production dry hires, private film screenings, conferences, presentations, fine dining events, training days and more.

[Full tech details available on our website.](#)

Auditorium guests - 586

Seated on stage - 120

Standing guests - 120

From £1,500 for Half Day

From £3,000 for Full Day

Mill Studio

(Ground Floor- Separate Building)

Located in the historic Old Town Mill, next door to the main Yvonne Arnaud Theatre building, the Mill Studio is a black box theatre space with AV capabilities and 3 dressing rooms.

Perfect for production dry hires, small private film screenings, receptions, training days, rehearsals and workshops.

Technical assistance and the removal of the seating bank can be provided for an additional charge.

Seated guests - 80
Standing guests - 100

From £400 for Half Day
From £600 for Full Day





Entire Building



Hire the whole of the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre for an exceptional large-scale event experience. Ideal for conferences, corporate gatherings, award ceremonies, festivals and private celebrations. Exclusive use of the venue provides access to multiple breakout spaces, offering flexibility for plenaries, workshops, networking sessions, and VIP hosting.

With its distinctive riverside setting, professional technical facilities, and adaptable event spaces, the Yvonne Arnaud delivers a seamless and memorable experience for both organisers and guests.

Due to our busy programme of performances and events, exclusive hire often requires advance booking. Early enquiries are strongly recommended to secure your preferred dates.

Seated guests - 586
Standing guests - 586

From £2,500 for Half Day
From £4,000 for Full Day

“ It was the first visit to the theatre for many of our guests and they loved it! ”

In-house catering

If you are looking for a more relaxed dining experience, our exceptional in-house catering team would be delighted to assist with a range of street food, canapés and light dining options, all thoughtfully prepared to suit your event and guests.

Riverbank Breakfast

(prices per head)

Selection of freshly baked mini-Danish pastries - £3.00

Fresh fruit selection platter - £3.00

Breakfast rolls (bacon or sausage) with sauce selection - £4.50

Riverbank Afternoon Tea - £16.50

A selection of our homemade sandwiches

Homemade fruit scone with clotted cream and preserves

Selection of homemade cakes

Pot of tea or coffee

Add a glass of Greyfriars Cuvee or Sparkling Rose*

(*additional £9.25)





Canapes - £18.50 per head

We offer a selection of three homemade canapes, with the option of adding more.

Recent examples include:

Mozzarella and vine tomato crostini with a balsamic dressing

Salmon, dill & cream cheese bellini

Cherry tomato, basil & mozzarella pearls

Roast beef bruschetta with horseradish cream

Mini naan, spinach puree, roasted butternut squash & mango chutney

Goats cheese, toasted walnut, sliced pear, homemade rosemary crackers, & honey

Various arancini balls – chestnut mushroom & thyme, smoked paprika sweet potato & red pepper, garden pea & mint

Charcuterie Platter - £15.00 per head

A selection of meats, cheeses and Mediterranean vegetables served with artisan breads, red onion marmalade or chutneys.

Vegetarian Mezze Platter - £14.00 per head

A selection of cheeses and Mediterranean vegetables served with artisan breads & houmous.

'Pop-Up' Stands - From £15.50 per head

A choice of hot food dishes including vegetarian option. Dessert options also available.

Recent examples include:

Indian Street Food – garlic & coriander naan topped with marinated chicken or vegetarian alternative and dry curry spiced slaw

Chilli and Nachos

Curry and Rice

Mac 'n' Cheese

Lasagne

Jacket potatoes, with fillings

Dinner - From £32.00 per head

Three course dinner with coffee to follow.

Our chefs will devise a seasonal menu offering according to your needs.

If you have any dietary requirements, please share with us at the time of your booking. Everything is freshly prepared in our kitchen, so we can adapt to cater to most dietary requirements.



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Drinks for your event

Bottled beers, ciders and ales - From £6.50 each

Bottled house white or red wine - From £25.00 each

75cl bottle of Prosecco - £32.50 each

1L jug of orange or apple juice - £5.00 each

Selection of canned soft drinks - From £2.60 each

75cl still or sparkling water - £3.50 each

Filter coffee and tea selection - £3.00 per head

Add biscuit selection - £3.50 per head

Add pastry selection - £4.50 per head

Add homemade cakes selection - £6.65 per head

Drinks are supplied in house.



Fine dining for your event

in partnership with



If you are seeking a more formal dining experience, our trusted partners at **At Home Catering** would be delighted to assist in creating a bespoke culinary experience tailored to your occasion.

At Home Catering has proudly earned a reputation as one of the best caterers in London, offering exquisite menus and flawless service across London, Surrey and beyond.

With over 40 years of experience in luxury catering, At Home Catering specialise in personalised service tailored to your unique vision. Their team will deliver exceptional food and seamless coordination from start to finish.

Design your bespoke menu, ensuring your event is perfect, memorable and truly delicious!

[Visit website here.](#)

“ All our guests were full of praise for the show, the drinks, canapes and catering staff and for the warm Yvonne Arnaud Theatre welcome. ”



Let's Chat

If our theatre feels like the perfect setting for your special day, we would love to chat. Please get in touch to check availability or arrange a visit.

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