



the **big** difference

Venue pack & Technical Specification

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Questions? email tbd@bigdifferencecompany.co.uk

About

The Big Difference is a multi-disciplinary, live performance venue situated in the heart of Leicester. Showcasing a variety of entertainment including comedy, music, theatre, spoken word and dance, it is run by the founders of Leicester Comedy Festival, registered charity Big Difference Company.

Registered Charity no. **1135167**

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CAPACITY

100 seated / 150 standing

BAR LICENCE / CURFEW

The venue is licenced until 12am

BOX OFFICE

We require an allocation to own box office thebigdifference.co.uk. Front of house staff can be provided on the night.

WI-FI

Open, free wifi available. Look for 'Big Difference Guest'

INVOICE/CONTRACT DETAILS

Big Difference Productions
LCB Depot
31 Rutland Street

ENGINEERS

Sound engineer is provided by the venue. Touring acts are able to use their own engineer under supervision from an in-house engineer and with prior consent from the venue manager. No one else should make use of the venues sound/light/video equipment without supervision and clear approval of The Big Difference management and engineers.

MERCHANDISE

For music gigs, there is space on the unused back bar within the venue space for bands to set up and sell their merchandise. We do not charge any fee for use of this space. If required, we may be able to arrange a merchandise seller for you for a fee.

GREEN ROOM

We have a small lockable storage room on the first floor of the building. Please ask for access on arrival.

STAGE ACCESS

The stage is accessed from the front through the crowd.

LOAD IN

Access via front door of venue, loading down one flight of stairs into the venue. Vehicle access is extremely restricted by the council due to the pedestrian zone. To drive up High Street you will need to send us information about your vehicle and driver. We will send that information to the council. If you do not wish to share that information then the closest vehicle access point outside of the pedestrian zone is the loading area at the end of Freeschool Lane (LE1 4FY).

PARKING

There is no venue parking available. There are lots of 24-hour multi-storey car parks nearby including: Highcross Rooftop (~3 min. walk), NCP Leicester St Nicholas Circle (~6 min. walk), Highcross John Lewis (~8 min. walk) and many others. There is limited on-street parking available nearby, which is free after 6pm.

Further travel information available at: <https://thebigdifference.co.uk/getting-here/>

Equipment List

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Below is a non-exhaustive list of the equipment available at the venue at any one time. Please be aware that this is subject to change at short notice. We ask that all acts send us a technical rider as far in advance as their show as possible so that we are able to plan ahead. We are also able to hire additional gear for touring acts if necessary.

FRONT OF HOUSE

2 x D&B Audiotechnik C4 Mid Highs
2 x Dojo Audio SB218 Subs
1 x D&B Audiotechnik P1200 Amp (Mid Highs)
1 x Lab Gruppen FP2600 Amp (Subs)

MONITORING

4 x Logic CM15 monitor wedges
2 x Pulse Amps

MICROPHONES/DI's

4 x Shure SM58
3 x Shure SM57
1 x Shure Beta 57a
2 x AKG D5
1 x Audix i5
1 x Audix D4
2 x Audix D2
5 x Klark Teknik DN100 DI

MIX POSITION

1 x Midas M32R Digital Console
and Stagebox Cat 5 run to stage
24/8 Analogue multicore to stage

LIGHTING

Botex DC 1224 lighting desk
6 x LED PAR
2 x PAR 64 longnose
2 x Fresnels
HD projector
Motorised screen
Stairville Hazer

POWER

13 amp connections for backline
on back wall

RISERS

N/A due to size of stage

Stage

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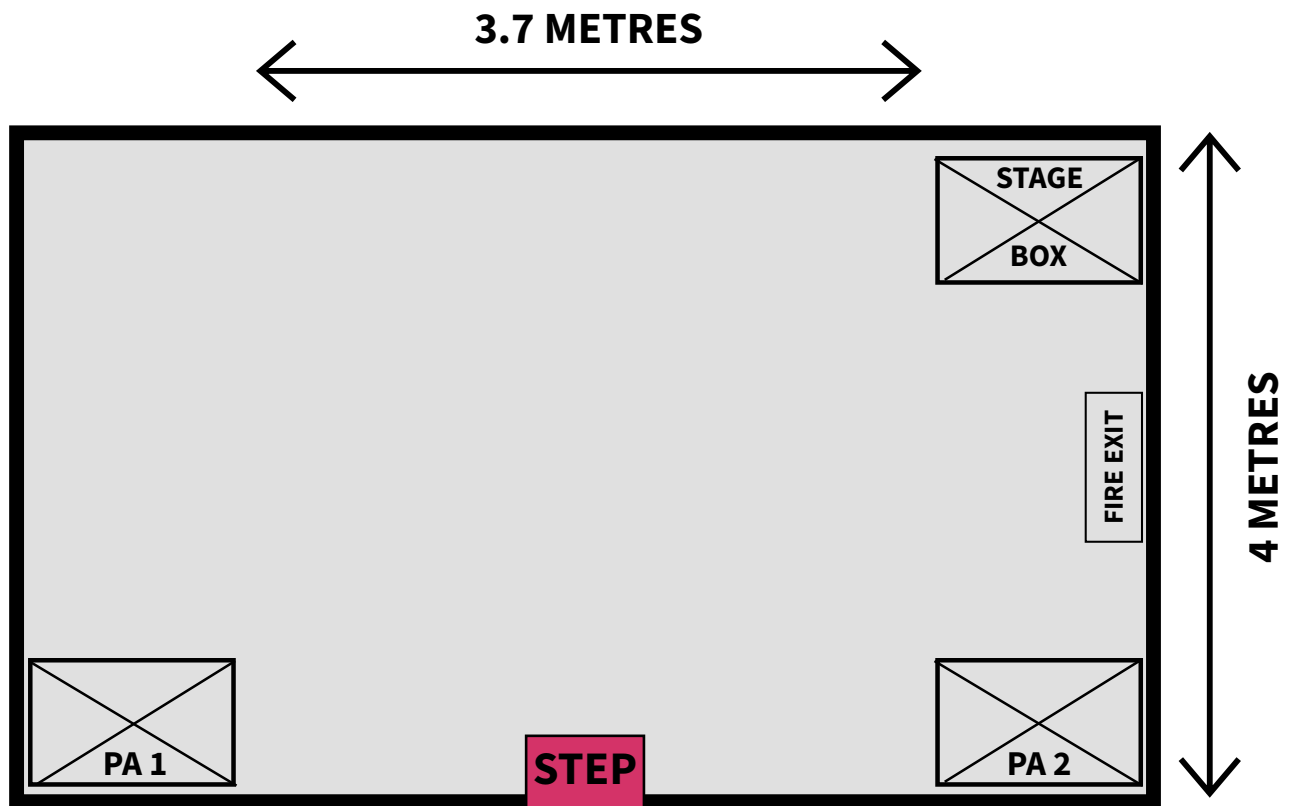


DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE
FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY



Local Services

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The Big Difference is optimally located near to lots of shops, cafes, restaurants and bars. You will be able to find most of anything you'd want and lots that you wouldn't in The Lanes or Highcross Shopping Centre. **Ask us for recommendations for restaurants and cafes.**

SUPERMARKET

Tesco Express
Haymarket Centre
21 Belgrave Gate
Leicester LE1 3HP

PHARMACY

Boots Pharmacy (within Highcross)
38-39 Shires Walk
Leicester
LE1 4FQ

POST OFFICE

The Shires Post Office (within Highcross)
Unit 65 Shires Ln
Leicester
LE1 4FR

REHEARSAL SPACE/ EQUIPMENT HIRE

Stayfree Music
2-4 Frog Island
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LE3 5AG

