

Winnipeg Fringe BYOV Venue Ideas

If your company is considering submitting a Bring Your Own Venue application and you are looking for a possible venue, please find below a list of BYOV venues from previous years as well as venues that are new this year. We have included some of the information on each venue, but if you are interested in using one of these spaces, please contact the venue directly to confirm the 2025 availability, rental rate, technical specifications and services provided by the venue. Please DO NOT contact any venue listed as “FULL” as all spots at these venues have been filled.

If you contact a BYOV owner and you determine that the space meets your needs and the owner is willing to rent you the space, you can let the owner know you'd like to tentatively book the venue and you can confirm the booking once your BYOV application has been approved and accepted by the Fringe.

BYOV VENUES that have been used in the past

The King's Head Pub | www.kingshead.ca

120 King St., 2nd Floor

Contact: Chris Graves (204) 891-2197 kingshead@kingshead.ca

- Seating capacity: 140-150
- Rental rate unknown
- Some lighting and sound equipment available
- NO wheelchair access
- Air Conditioned
- Licensed Venue – Patrons under 18 NOT ADMITTED
- 2 to 3 companies usually share this venue

PTE Mainstage | www.pt.mb.ca

393 Portage Ave (Portage Place, 3rd Flr)

Contact: Lisa Li, email: lisali@pte.mb.ca, 204-925-5251

- Seating capacity: 323
- Rental rate: approximately \$150/performance
- Fully equipped professional theatre with technician
- Air Conditioned
- Wheelchair accessible
- 4 companies usually share this venue

PTE Colin Jackson Studio | www.pt.mb.ca

393 Portage Ave (Portage Place, 3rd Flr)

Contact: Lisa Li, lisali@pte.mb.ca, 204-925-5251

- Seating capacity: 100
- Rental rate: approximately \$135/performance
- Fully equipped professional theatre with technician
- Air Conditioned
- Wheelchair accessible
- 4 companies usually share this venue

West End Cultural Centre | www.wecc.ca

586 Ellice Avenue at Sherbrook

Contact: Megan Stewart, housemanager@wecc.ca

- Seating capacity: 350 – Ventura Concert Hall
80 – Assiniboine Community Hall
- Contact venue for rates
- Concert venue with lighting and sound system
- Wheelchair accessible
- Air conditioned
- UVC Light filters in air return system
- 3 to 4 companies usually share this venue

The Output - Video Pool Media Arts Centre | www.videopool.org

100 Arthur Street – 2nd Floor

Contact: Shreen Ramprashad | venue@videopool.org

- Seating capacity: 50-60
- 1000+ sq. ft. of space
- Wheelchair accessible
- QSC PA system + HD Projector
- Non-gendered washrooms
- Air Conditioned
- Wifi
- Venue also available for rehearsal for an additional charge
- Can accommodate up to 4 companies

One88 | www.one88.org

188 Princess Street

Contact: Dave Enns, email: dave@one88.org

- Seating capacity: 90
- Rental rate unknown
- Small space ideal for solo shows/storytelling/improv
- Minimal technical equipment available
- NO wheelchair access
- Air conditioned
- 3 to 4 companies usually share this venue

Duke of Kent Legion

227 McDermot Avenue

Contact: Sheila Babaian, email: sab11@mymts.net

- Seating capacity: 50
- Wheelchair accessible
- 2 companies share this space
- Licensed Venue – Patrons under 18 NOT ADMITTED

Le Studio @ Théâtre Cercle Molière | www.cerclemoliere.com/en/about-us/facility-rentals/

340 Provencher Boulevard

Contact: Miguel Fortier, miguel@cerclemoliere.com 204 797 4278

- 2 – 4 companies would share the space
- Seating capacity: 60
- Rental rate: to be discussed with the Venue Manager
- Equipped with essential technical equipment including: ETC Nomad Lighting Console, LED's, QLab and projector
- Air Conditioner
- Wheelchair accessible

Le Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain - Antoine Gaborieau Hall | [Room rental - CCFM](#)

340 Provencher Boulevard

Contact: Marie Lorrain, mlorrain@ccfm.mb.ca, 204.233.8972, poste 443

- 2 – 4 companies would share the space
- Seating capacity: Approx 70-100 based on cabaret seating style
- Rental rate: to be discussed
- Equipped with basic lighting and sound equipment
- Air Conditioned
- Wheelchair accessible
- Contact venue for more information

Oseredok – Ukrainian Cultural and Education Centre | www.oseredok.ca

184 Alexander Avenue E.

Contact: Yulia Zmerzla, yulia@oseredok.ca

- Gallery space (approx. 22' x 45') with seating of 50-60
- No lighting or sound equipment, chairs included
- Wheelchair accessible
- Air conditioned
- Washroom facilities
- Can accommodate up to 3 companies

Creative Manitoba | www.creativemanitoba.ca

245 McDermot Avenue, 4th floor

Contact: admin@creativemanitoba.ca or call 204-927-2787

- Classroom seating capacity: 60
- Wheelchair accessible
- Air conditioned
- Green room
- Washroom facilities
- Can accommodate up to 3 companies

Dalnavert Museum Visitors' Centre | www.friendsofdalnavertmuseum.ca

61 Carlton Street

Contact: Samantha Machado, info@dalnavertmuseum.ca, 204-943-2835

- Seating capacity: 50
- Rental rate: to be discussed - the more shows the smaller the cost.
- Main hall event room with track lighting, projector screen and back storage /stage area - no crossover.
- Suitable to small shows with low set requirements.

- Air Conditioned
- Wheelchair accessible

*** Companies wishing to perform in the historic house may be considered on a case-by-case basis. This may require an additional fee and have very limited capacity (max 15). The historic house is NOT wheelchair accessible but is air conditioned. Please contact Dalnavert well in advance to discuss options.

FULL - The Gargoyle Theatre | www.thegargoyletheatre.com

585 Ellice Ave. (at Sherbrook and across from the WECC)

Contact: Andrew Davidson andrew@thegargoyletheatre.com

- Seating capacity: 145
- Fully equipped professional theatre
- Air Conditioned
- Can host up to 4 groups

Royal Albert Arms | royalalbertarms.net

48 Albert St, Winnipeg, MB

Contact: David McKeigan, daveham@mts.net, 204 783 1715

- Seating Capacity: 70-180
- Wheelchair accessible
- Air Conditioned
- Can accommodate up to 4 companies

MTYP Richardson Hall | www.mtyp.ca

2 Forks Market Road

Contact: Susan Bohn, email: sbohn@mtyp.ca

- Seating capacity: 75-100
- Rental rate TBC
- Fully equipped professional theatre with venue technician included
- Wheelchair access
- Air conditioned
- 2 to 4 companies usually share this venue

Gas Station Theatre | www.gsac.ca

445 River Avenue (at Osborne)

Contact: Nick Kowalchuk, email: nick@gsac.ca, 204-284-9477

- Seating capacity: 230
- Rental rate: TBC
- Fully equipped professional theatre with technician
- Air Conditioned
- Wheelchair accessible
- 2 or 3 companies usually share this venue

City of Winnipeg Parks

There are several public park spaces in downtown Winnipeg (City, Provincial, Federal) and some have been used as BYOV venues over the years. If you are interested in using a park space as a BYOV please contact Fringe staff at

performers@winnipegfringe.com so that we can go over your concept and any issues that may arise from your specific location.

Site Specific BYOV's

There are many other possible venue locations that you may be considering for your site specific BYOV project. The easiest type of space that can be set-up as a BYOV venue is one with an existing occupancy permit which means it has an official capacity and all fire and safety requirements are in place.

Over the years non-traditional venues have been created in spaces that do not have occupancy permits and if you are considering this option we recommend you begin your planning very early so that you can secure a temporary occupancy permit prior to the Program Copy Form deadline which will be around the end of April. The festival has seen BYOV venues closed by the City of Winnipeg just prior to the festival due to the inability to secure an occupancy permit.

If you are planning to use a venue that will need to apply for an occupancy permit, please contact the Festival Manager at performers@winnipegfringe.com so that **we can verify that it will fit within our guidelines as an appropriate and safe venue and help you start the permit process.**