Zellerbach Playhouse Facility Information

During much of the academic year, the Zellerbach Playhouse is primarily a lab and performance space for the Department of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies, and is, therefore, subject to restrictions on availability and use. In general, it is available for rental during parts of December, March, May, June, July, and August. Please contact Cal Performances for availability and policy regarding use.

Location

The Playhouse is located on the UC Berkeley campus to the rear of Zellerbach Hall on Spieker Plaza.

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House Capacity

Audience area can be set up as either proscenium or thrust, with variable configurations.

Maximum Seating: 547
Total Fixed seating: 439

Stage Dimensions

- Proscenium: 66' x 20' (19.20 x 9.14)
- Offstage Right: varies
- Offstage Left: varies
- Curtain to rear wall: 33'10" (10.31m)
- Thrust (elevator): 29'4" x 14'8" (8.94m x 4.47m)
- Height of stage from auditorium: 3'0" (.91m)
- Distance to grid: 53' (maximum out trim 47') (16.15m)

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Floor
Flat black particle board floor over sprung fir. Not raked.
Black/White dance floor.

Sound Equipment
Stage Manager's console located Stage Right.
Paging and program system to all dressing rooms.

Lighting And Electrics Equipment
Lighting Console. Company Switch.
400 Amp, 3 Phase, located Stage Right.

Lighting Inventory
Followspots.
None.

Additional lighting inventory is shared with Zellerbach Auditorium. Contact CAL Performances for available instruments.

Important Notes: Please advance an inventory and lighting plot. Zellerbach Playhouse does not maintain a gel inventory.

Dressing Rooms
Two dressing rooms one flight down from stage level. All dressing rooms equipped with monitors and page system. Dressing rooms have mirrors with lights, costume racks and dressing tables. Toilet facilities and showers are conveniently located. Some dressing rooms are shared with Department of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies and/or other CAL Performances Productions and are subject to availability.

Rehearsal Space
Space is available locally upon advance arrangement. Call for rates, reservations and availability.

Piano
Pianos are shared between Department of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies and Cal Performances.
Steinway Model D, 9’ concert grand
Mason & Hamlin, 6’ grand piano (suitable for rehearsal)

Loading Dock
Stage right, 15’ (4.57m) from stage, trailer height. Can accommodate only 1 truck at a time.
Doors 12 x 16’ (3.66m x 4.88m).

U.S. Interstate 80 to Ashby Avenue exit. East two miles to Telegraph Avenue, North (left) on
Telegraph one mile to Bancroft Way, West (left). One block to Dana Court. North (right) 50 feet
to first driveway on right (Speiker Plaza.) Speiker Plaza is designated “pedestrians only,”
vehicle access is barred by bollards. Prior arrangements must be made to have the
bollards dropped in order to access the Loading Dock. If you get stuck in a truck outside
the bollards, call the stage door guard at 642-0212 to try to get someone to lower them
for you. No parking in Loading Dock; all arrangements for parking permits must be made
in advance.

Map>

Crew Information
Cal Performances manages Zellerbach Auditorium, Zellerbach Playhouse, the William Randolph
Hearst Greek Theatre, and Wheeler Auditorium. Cal Performances is governed by a union
contract between the University of California, Berkeley, and the University Professional and
Technical Employees (UPTE), Local 1, which is affiliated with the Communication Workers of
America (CWA). All stagehand employees are professional, non-student positions. Please call in
advance regarding IATSE labor or “yellow card” shows.

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