

Westminster Arts Center



The Robert Van Vossan Theatre at Westminster Arts Center is an intimate proscenium theatre with seating for 300 inside a turn-of-the-century brownstone church. It provides a wonderful setting for concerts, theatre productions, lectures and other performing arts events. It combines modern efficiency, state-of-the-art technical support, and contemporary design with historical materials and motifs to create a unique ambiance for performer and audience.

STAGE FEATURES

STAGE DIMENSIONS: 20x20 feet and rises 19 inches off the theatre floor, no fly space; battens dead hung where items may be hung that are approved by the technical director. There is shallow wing space on both sides of the stage behind the downstage curtain legs. No orchestra pit, but a pit can go down house left off of the stage or in the balcony with approval of management.

STAGE DECK is 1/4" tempered masonite. No screws or nails may be driven into the floor.



SOFT GOODS (CURTAINS)

There is no front curtain in the theatre. People entering will see what is set on the stage from the beginning of the show. However, there are two downstage black legs on both sides of the stage with a traveler curtain at the back of the stage. There is a second traveler curtain 4 feet downstage from the back curtain (almost a mid-stage traveler.)

COMMUNICATIONS

A TWO CHANNEL CLEAR COM communication system is installed in all normal and appropriate places, and additional remote stations can be installed. Five Wireless Clear Com headsets are also available.

BACKSTAGE MONITORS can be set up for shows.

LIGHTING

A COMPLETE LIGHTING SYSTEM is available and is included in the rental.

CONTROL for stage lights is supported by an ETC Expression-2 lighting board . The light booth is upstairs at the back of the house.

DIMMERS: ETC L8600; Dimmer Control Module DMX 512

LIGHTING INVENTORY is available separately from the tech director. Our rep plot is usually acceptable for most people's lighting needs. Time constraints typically prohibit a complete light re-hang. Facility renters must pay to restore the theater to the Rep plot immediately following the final production.

CYCLORAMA: A cyc is available for use for an additional charge and permission by the Tech Director and Managing Director. A responsibility agreement must be signed in order to use this.

The rep plot is uncolored. In-house gel can be rented.



SOUND

A COMPLETE SOUND SYSTEM is available and is included in the rental. The Main sound board is a Yamaha 2404 (with 22 re-patchable channels. A secondary Mackie CFX20 – 20 channel compact integrated live mixer with an EMAC custom 32-bit precision digital stereo effects processor is also available.

HOUSE SPEAKERS are clustered over the proscenium and hung at both sides of the stage. The system is comprised of 4 JBL 46120K speakers.

PLAYBACK: The booth contains a Tascam 202MK III, dual cassette, bi-directional cassette player and a 5 Disc CD Player, and a Laptop PC.

MICROPHONES: 6 Shure SM58's

MONITORS: 2 small vocal monitors are available for on stage musician/singers and can be setup out of the Monitor/Fold backs outputs on the board.

PROJECTOR: LCD Panasonic PT-L6600U can connect to a laptop or an IBM PC work station in the tech deck for events or presentations.

Note: Mac's may be used with the projector, though

the Mac, and the Video Adapters required to plug into standard video formats (DVI, or VGA will NOT be supplied) Neither can we provide any technical assistance on the Mac platform.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The theater is completely wheelchair accessible. No tools or shop use are provided with the facility.

There is a loading ramp, however, planning with the Westminster staff will be required before the ramp can be used. There is limited storage in the corner of the greenroom. No painting is permitted at the facility. Productions must be self contained.

Parking in Bloomfield is metered parking (strictly enforced) on the streets as well as a few lots across the street for weeknight and weekend events. (Not day events.) For weekends, patrons can also park in the school parking lot.

There is no smoking permitted in the building, and ALL food must be contained to the green room or lobby.

