Theatres

Newcastle is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city with excellent theatre venues, attracting many popular artists and touring productions. Many of the venues we have listed here offer concessions for older people, so it is worth contacting them before you book. Newcastle and it's surrounding areas are home to many theatres, staging the best in drama, music, comedy and dance. The Theatre Royal is a very popular venue in the heart of the city and Mill Volvo Tyne Theatre is the world's oldest working Victorian theatre.

To go straight to a particular Theatre click on the name. For details of current and forthcoming performances and events please visit the theatre's websites.

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- Theatre Royal
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- Whitley Bay Playhouse
- The Customs House

Tyne Theatre & Opera House

The world's oldest working Victorian theatre hosts an assortment of events including opera, theatre, comedy and pantomimes. Concessions for older people are available for some performances.

Live Theatre

Live Theatre is a writing theatre based in Newcastle upon Tyne, which works with writers to transform ideas into performance. Live Theatre has a strong regional identity and the company aims to attract new audiences for its accessible work and to its friendly and informal theatre space.

Northern Stage

Northern Stage is the largest theatre company producing their own work in the North East of England. As well as their own work, they present the best in local, national and international theatre. Concessions for older people are available for some performances.

People's Theatre

The People's Theatre is the premier amateur theatre company in the North of England and one of the largest in the country. Every show is produced by their own members.

Theatre Royal

The Theatre Royal is one of the most famous theatres in the country and has played host to the biggest names in dance, music, drama and comedy. It is also the regional home of the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, Opera North and the Rambert Dance Company. Concessions for older people are available for some performances.

Limelight is a theatre club for anyone aged 55 years old and over, and provides the opportunity to learn more about companies and productions at the Theatre Royal. There are regular talks by the cast and crew of touring productions; members get priority booking for a programme of drama and dance skills workshops, which are being run specifically for the over 55s; and there are visits to other theatres and social events. For more information, visit the Theatre Royal website.

Little Theatre Gateshead

The Little Theatre Gateshead is home to the Progressive Players, an amateur dramatic group who perform ten plays every year. The plays vary greatly from serious drama to light-hearted musicals.

Sunderland Empire

The Sunderland Empire is the North East's largest theatre. It plays host to large West End productions, as well as many other touring productions. Concessions for older people may be available for some performances.

Whitley Bay Playhouse

Whitley Bay Playhouse has recently been refurbished. It hosts a range of shows and concerts. Visit the Playhouse website for details of current and forthcoming productions.

The Customs House

As well as a theatre, the Customs House also has a cinema and art gallery. Concessions for older people are available for some performances. Free tickets are available for wheelchair companions.

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Useful Organisations

Tyne Theatre & Opera House

Email: info@tynetheatreandoperahouse.uk

Website: http://tynetheatreandoperahouse.uk/

Telephone: 0844 2491000

Address: 105-119 Westgate Road, NE1 4AG

Live Theatre

Email: tickets@live.org.uk

Website: www.live.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 232 1232

Address: 27 Broadchare, NE1 3DQ

Northern Stage

Email: info@northernstage.co.uk

Website: www.northernstage.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 230 5151

Address: Barras Bridge, NE1 7RH

People’s Theatre

Email: boxoffice@peoplestheatre.co.uk

Website: www.peoplestheatre.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 275 9875

Theatre Royal

Email: feedback@theatreroyal.co.uk

Website: www.theatreroyal.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 244 2500

Address: 100 Grey Street, NE1 6BR

Little Theatre Gateshead

Email: info@littletheatregateshead.co.uk

Website: www.littletheatregateshead.com

Telephone: 0191 478 1499

Address: 1 - 4 Saltwell View, NE8 4JS

Sunderland Empire

Website: http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/sunderland-empire/

Telephone: 0844 871 3022

Address: High West Street, SR1 3EX

Whitley Bay Playhouse

Website: www.playhousewhitleybay.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 643 2643

Address: Marine Avenue, NE26 1LZ

The Customs House

Email: info@customshouse.co.uk

Website: https://www.customshouse.co.uk/

Telephone: 0191 454 1234

Address: Mill Dam, NE33 1ES

Opera North

Email: info@operanorth.co.uk

Website: https://www.operanorth.co.uk/

Telephone: 0113 243 9999

Address: Grand Theatre, LS1 6NU