

# Laughing Horse @ The Counting House

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38 W Nicolson St, EH8 9DD

## Venue Description

The Counting House has been a free venue for 15 years, and is one of the largest free venues in Edinburgh, with six rooms between this venue and its sister venues West Nic Records and The Pear Tree every day from 10:00 to 03:00. There's a massive outdoor courtyard, four bars, a full restaurant food selection and giant outdoor screen. What better place could you hang out during The Fringe?

**This venue is signed up to the Best Practice Code.**

## What makes this venue special?

Centrally located venue, close to all of the main Fringe venues. Three spaces, three bars, plus large outdoor area and stage. Part of the 'Free Festival', this venue is free to hire, and shows will be free to watch, with performers taking a collection at the end of the show. Suitable for all genres, large and small rooms for comedy, theatre productions, children's shows, bands. A variety of spaces available.

## Venue Programming

## Venue Manager Contact Details

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## Viewing Details

Plans on [www.freefestival.co.uk](http://www.freefestival.co.uk), Please email [info@freefestival.co.uk](mailto:info@freefestival.co.uk) to arrange viewing.

## Venue Facilities

- Front of House Staff
- Technical Staff
- Bar
- Cafe or Catering
- Additional Venue Facility Details: Performers' web forums for help prior to the Fringe, free rehearsal time, discounted performers' bar, 'Free Festival' performers' club, press launch, performers' social events throughout the Fringe

## Box Office

- Venue runs own Box Office
- Accepts Credit Cards

## Press & Marketing

- Own Programme Published
- Size of Print Run: 60,000
- Website: [www.freefestival.co.uk](http://www.freefestival.co.uk)

## Performance spaces

- [The Ballroom](#) (audience capacity 150)
- [The Lounge](#) (audience capacity 55)
- [The Loft](#) (audience capacity 30)
- [The Attic](#) (audience capacity 30)

## Performance Space Details – The Ballroom (audience capacity 150)

Significantly upgraded for 2009, The Ballroom now has a large raised stage, new lighting, sound and seating. A large space, with a high domed ceiling (dome is covered during performances). Large back-stage and storage area. Suitable for all types of performance: Theatre, Comedy, Childrens, Bands, Music.

### Technical Details

- Lighting: 8xLED Par Can; 8 x Programmable effects. Programmable controller for spot, flood or disco type lighting.
- Sound: 8 channel mixer (XJR, Jack, Phono, USB); 2xCD; 2xMic; 2x Mic Stands.
- Storage: Large backstage area / dressing room.

### Performance Space Licensing

- This performance space does not have an age limit.

### Hire Details

- Usual slot duration: Variable

## Performance Space Details – The Lounge (audience capacity 55)

Intimate room, perfect for one-person shows. Comedy, Theatre, Childrens, Solo Music. Low ceiling, dark walls.

### Technical Details

- Lighting: Spot / Flood Stage lighting. Additional lighting can be installed by groups
- Sound: 8 channel mixer (XJR, Jack, Phono, USB); 2xCD; 2xMic; 2x Mic Stands
- Storage: Small shared storage area available

### Performance Space Licensing

- This performance space does not have an age limit.

### Hire Details

- Usual slot duration: Variable

## Performance Space Details – The Loft (audience capacity 30)

### Performance Space Licensing

- This performance space does not have an age limit.

### Hire Details

## Performance Space Details – The Attic (audience capacity 30)

### Performance Space Licensing

- This performance space does not have an age limit.

### Hire Details

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