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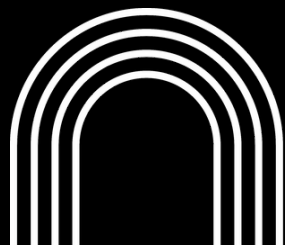
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About The Venue

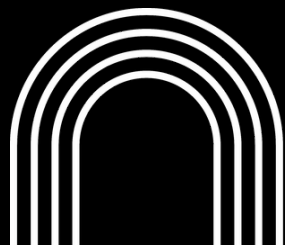
 Capacity 50	 Wi-Fi (and ethernet)
 Projector and Screen	 Access to Museum and Collection
 Historically Accurate Space	 Prime Location

The Old Operating Theatre, Museum and Herb Garret is a **Grade 2* Listed** church built in 1703. The original timber framed Herb Garret was once used to dry and store herbs for patients' medicines and in 1822 an operating theatre was included. Predating anaesthetics and antiseptics, it is the oldest surviving surgical theatre in Europe. Now run as a non-profit museum, any hiring of the museum directly contributes to us as a registered charity and contributes to our historical and community work.

A truly unique space with a wonderful history, the museum is a stunningly beautiful backdrop for any project. It is the perfect type of unexpected, delightful, and atmospheric venue to use in photoshoots and filming in an historically accurate space. The Old Operating Theatre boasts a particularly photogenic quality with its original wooden beams and dark aesthetic.

Used often for projects relating the museums history and time period, our venue offers **full access to all spaces and collection items** (with some restrictions on some anatomical collection items).





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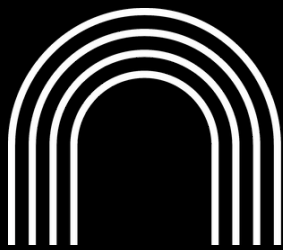
Museum Areas & Locations

The Museum consists of several well-defined areas (see below for images): First, the **Herb Garret (1)**, a charming area below the timber rafters of St Thomas' Church. Second, the **Operating Theatre (2)** itself, which is a small semicircle that can seat up to 50 people. In addition to these two areas, there is also a small **Ante-Chamber (3)** which joins the Herb Garret with the Operating Theatre, as well as the **Bell Tower (4)** floor, which houses front of house and a small shop at the top of the Wooden Spiral Staircase entrance. You hire includes exclusive access to the whole museum.

For more images of the space please see our website:
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(1) - Herb Garret





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**(2)- Operating
Theatre**

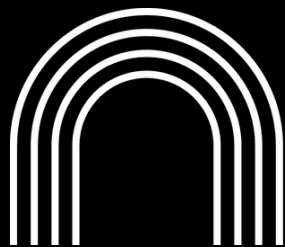


(3)- Anti-Chamber



**(4) - Bell Tower/
Front of House**





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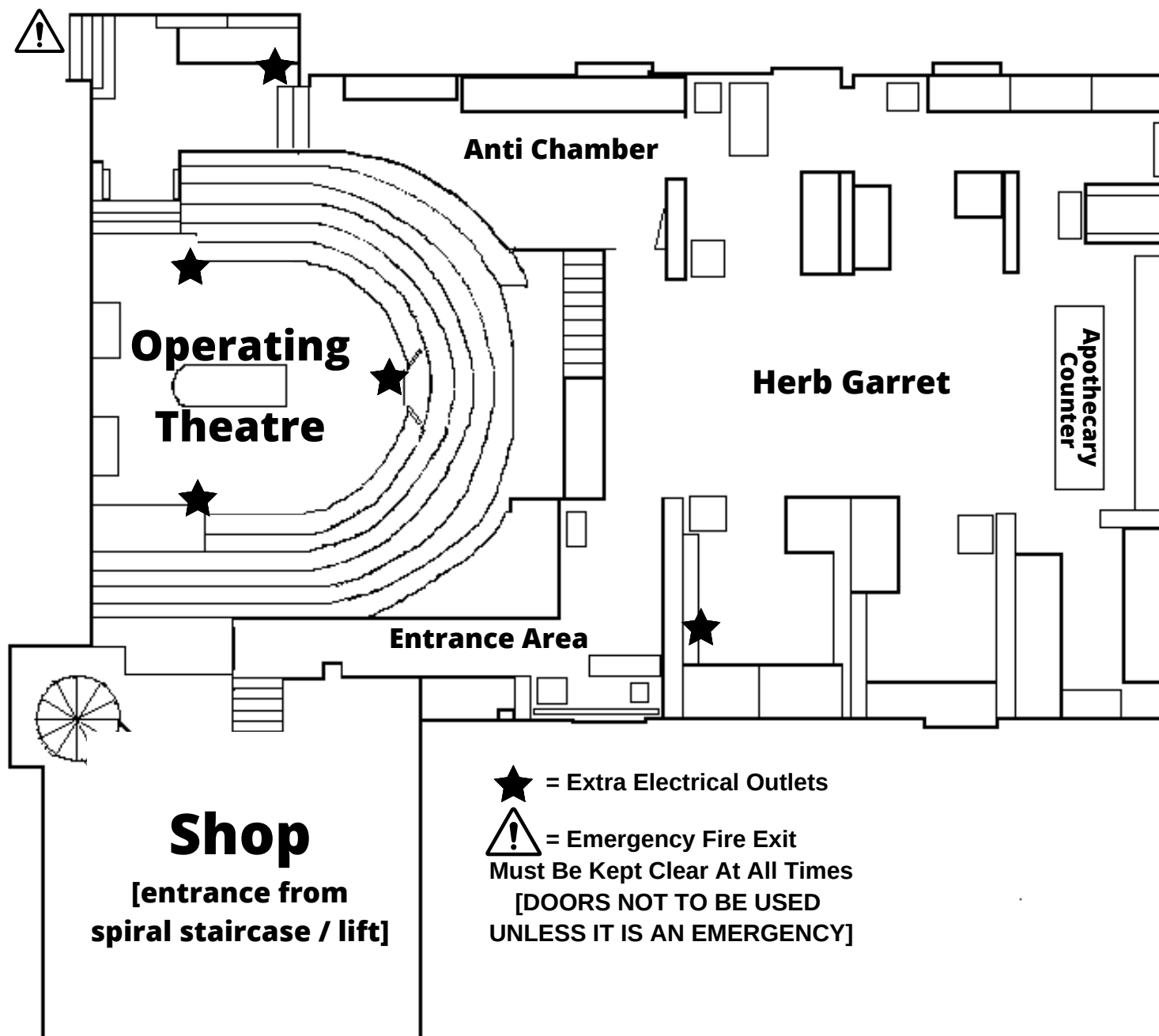
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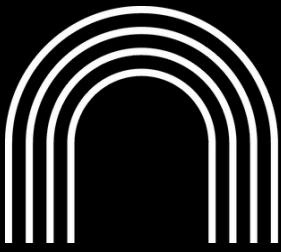
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★ = Extra Electrical Outlets



= Emergency Fire Exit
Must Be Kept Clear At All Times
[DOORS NOT TO BE USED
UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY]



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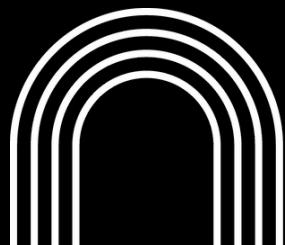
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"Freak Films brought a fairly large production to The Old Operating Theatre. Although a challenging venue to film with a large spiral staircase, and temperamental lift, we had absolutely no challenges that we weren't able to overcome with the assistance of the team at Old Operating. Calm, chilled, helpful and generally just a lovely team, made what could have been a nightmare shoot just run so smoothly. The herb garret also made for the most interesting green room for our talent! Sarah, Daniel and the whole team were a pleasure to work with."

- Freak Films

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TIMING & AVAILABILITY

Venue hires must take place outside of the Museum's normal opening hours, which are currently Thursday to Sunday between 10:30 am - 5:00 pm.

Bookings are available any other day (Mon to Wed) between **8:00 am** and **8:00 pm** (subject to availability). For additional fees, we will consider hiring the museum outside of these hours, or even consider closing the museum to the public for a few days.

The length of the hiring will include the time needed for load in, set up, take down, and load out, so please keep this in mind when budgeting your time.

Your hire includes exclusive access to the Museum and Historical Collection for up to x50 people, and 2 Museum staff members who will be on site to assist and facilitate your hire for you.

HIRE COSTS

Due to the unique historic nature of our space, film hire costs vary depending on the size and type of production, and what kinds of accommodations may need to be made.

Please contact venuehire@oldoperatingtheatre.com with more information about your project and we will get back to you with a quote and to arrange a free visit to the Museum to further discuss your project.

As a registered charity, all proceeds from venue hires make a valuable contribution to our historical and community work and ensure we can keep operating for future generations.

PAYMENT

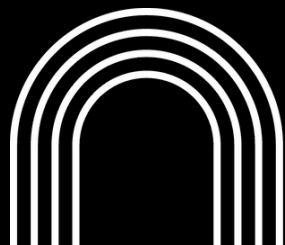
Payment must be made in advance. The full balance must be paid upon receipt of the invoice, but no later than five days before the proposed date of the hire. The Museum reserves the right to cancel a hire if full payment has not been received by us before the venue hire takes place.

INSURANCE

The organisation hiring the Museum should take out adequate insurance to cover all eventualities liable during the hire period. You will be required to provide the Museum with a copy of this insurance policy prior to the hire.

CREDITS

The Museum is only available for film and photography hire on the understanding that the Museum is fully credited under its proper title of: **"The Old Operating Theatre Museum and Herb Garret, Southwark, London."** For more information please see the full Venue Hire Terms and Conditions.



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ACCESS

Please note that the main entrance is via a historic 52 step spiral staircase. A lift is also available for those who need it or to bring equipment or larger items into the museum. For further details about our accessibility please see our website. It is highly recommended that you visit the venue before booking in order to ensure it is suitable for your needs.

FACILITIES

Due to the unique and historic nature of the museum there are limitations in terms of facilities, but there is a single, accessible toilet, located on the ground floor of the building, accessible either via the stairs or lift during your hire.

As the museum is located in the attic of the church, we do not have a green room or additional space for cast and crew. Depending which areas of the museum you use for filming, we can transform other areas to fit your needs.

GETTING HERE

The museum is centrally located, just around the corner from London Bridge station, and within walking distance of many major bus routes, making the location easily accessible via public transport.

Please note that there is very limited on street paid parking in St Thomas' Street. Other parking:

Union Car Parks, 53 Southwark St, London, SE1 1RU, 020 7378 6639;

Union Car Parks, 70-78 St. Thomas St, London, SE1 3QU, 020 7378 9749;

Euro Car Parks, t h ilry St, LonLot,





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