



Grand Opera House York was not originally built as a theatre and was in fact an elegant corn exchange. The conversion to a theatre took only three months and cost approximately £24,000. That's around £2 million in today's money.

The Theatre opened in 1902 with a pantomime performance of Little Red Riding Hood.

In 1903, the Theatre's policy changed to allow variety performances in the style of Music Hall. Over time, all sorts of ingenious and strange acts began to develop. From ice-skating jugglers to performing llamas, our stage has seen it all.

Learning to adapt has been a key part of our story. Some locals remember when the Theatre was called The S.S. Empire, when we offered a space for bingo, wrestling and roller skating. Today, we present an exciting programme of musical theatre, dance, comedy, music, drama, and pantomime.

The Theatre has undergone two major restoration projects in 1989 and 2022 that have restored the auditorium to its former glory and promised to preserve the beauty of this historic theatre for generations to come.

Grand Opera House York is an inclusive, dynamic and fast-paced environment that offers the opportunity to work with an ambitious, creative and passionate team.



By Car

Grand Opera House York
Cumberland Street
York
YO1 9SW



Parking

Please note there is no parking at the venue.
The nearest car park is
Castle Car Park – YO1 9RY (4 min walk)



By Bus

There are several Park & Ride schemes with various pick-up points on the outskirts of the city.



By Taxi

Streamline Taxis (opposite Stage Door)
01904 656565

On arrival, please come to the Stage door located on Cumberland Street and ring the doorbell and a member of the team will come to greet you.