

THEATRE SEARCH

How To Use Theatre Search

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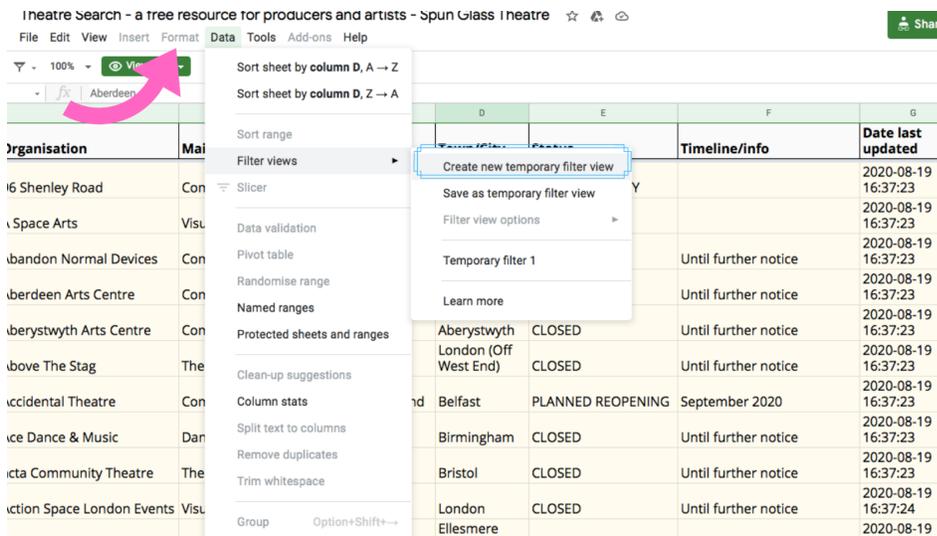
Hello friends,

Theatre Search was created to support independent producers to work together to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic with a more inclusive, fair and sustainable sector. Theatre Search will reduce the amount of unpaid work that each producer or theatre company must do to map the local and national landscape of potential performance venues, boosting our collective capacity to create new work.

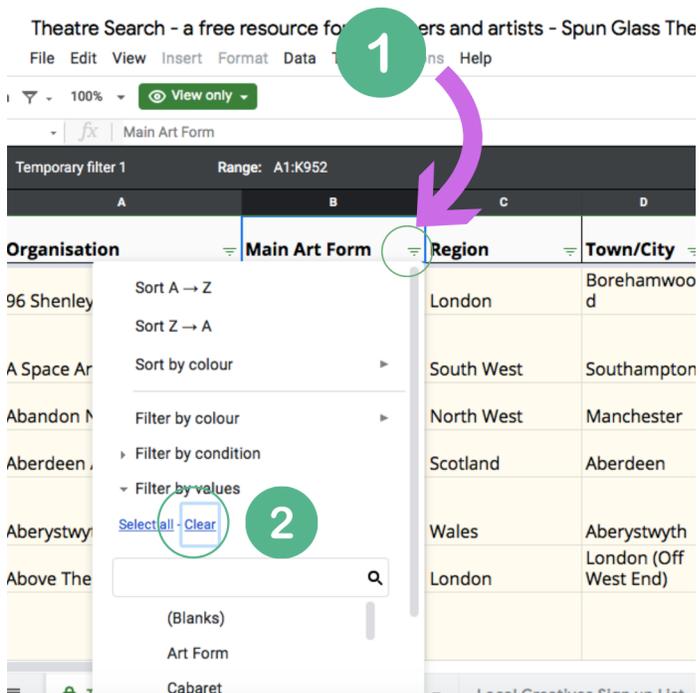
Theatre Search can be used to:

- Search for venues by location, Arts Council region* or art form
- Check when a venue plans to reopen
- Find out about opportunities for your work to be programmed

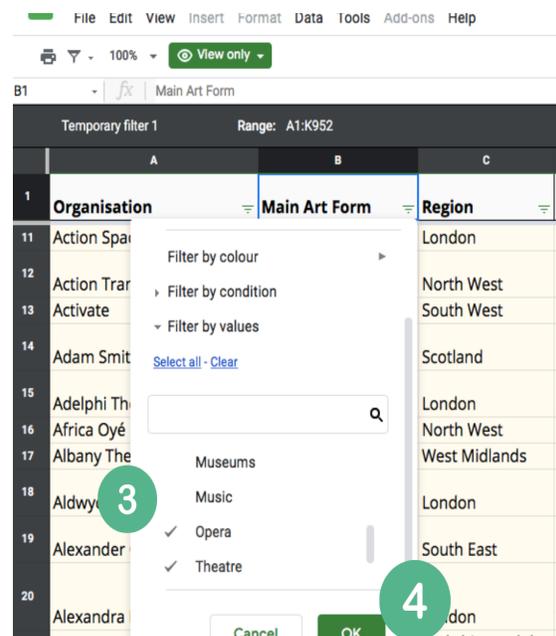
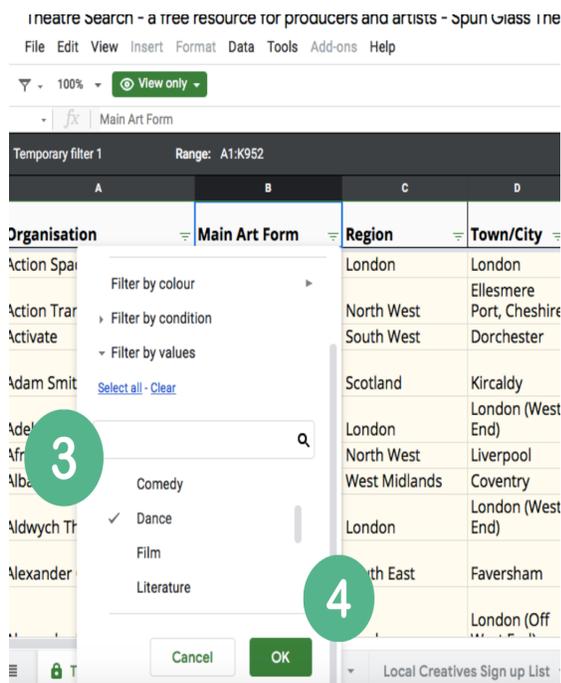
In order to make it more interactive and search by different categories; head to data → Filter views → Create Temporary filter view (You'll create a temporary filtered view which only you can see)



Then click on the filter icon -  next to each heading to sort the data



Everything will be selected by default, so click "clear" to clear everything to start selecting things you would like to filter and see



Then, choose the specific artform or region or venue status (basically sub-heading under each main heading) you want to look into; you can choose more than one. Press ok after you've selected it

We've categorised locations and art forms to match how the UK's arts councils list these organisations, helping you to use Theatre Search as a tool for planning grant applications.

Once you've clicked "ok" → you should see only venues with the specified categories you've selected, e.g just theatre. You can choose more than one filter, so if I want to see theatres in London that are planning to re-open, I will do the three filters "main art form"; "region" and "status" one by one following the same process above.

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Organisation	Main Art Form	Region	Town/City	Status	Timeline/info
Sum Theatre	Theatre	London	London (West End)	PLANNED REOPENING	1st November 2020
Field Theatre	Theatre	London	London (Off West End)	PLANNED REOPENING	3rd December 2020
ello Theatre	Theatre	London	London (West End)	PLANNED REOPENING	4th January 2021
) Arts Centre	Theatre	London	Barnes Green	PLANNED REOPENING	September 2020
enix Theatre	Theatre	London	London (West End)	PLANNED REOPENING	19th October 2020
adilly Theatre	Theatre	London	London (West End)	PLANNED REOPENING	20th September 2020
ce of Wales Theatre	Theatre	London	London (West End)	PLANNED REOPENING	4th January 2021
ftesbury Theatre, don	Theatre	London	London (West End)	PLANNED REOPENING	1st December 2020
thwark Playhouse	Theatre	London	London	PLANNED REOPENING	1st October 2020
artin's Theatre	Theatre	London	London (West End)	PLANNED REOPENING	23rd October 2020
Questors Theatre	Theatre	London	London	PLANNED REOPENING	Online and gradu...

You can then also see details of when a venue plans to reopen as you scroll right to the timeline/info column

If you keep scrolling to the right, you can see programming information

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Info	Programming info
The Play That Goes Wrong	
ATG: Suspended all performances until 20 September	
	CURRENTLY PROGRAMMING FOR JULY 2021 ONWARDS. PLEASE SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION. http://www.finboroughtheatre.co.uk/opportunities.php
Woman in Black	
The Drifter's Girl	
Cinderella	
Box office currently open to in-person enquiries, Thu-Sat, 1-5pm	Currently taking submissions for socially distanced performance [audience and performer(s)] from 20th September onwards. Also interested in supporting the work of emerging theatre companies through this period.
Our cocktail bar, The Lucky Club is currently open as well as our rehearsal space	
	Please contact Artistic Director Kris Nelson for all programming enquiries.
In house work to resume touring March 2021	
A Christmas Carol	

And this could act as a centralised resource for you to look through potential opportunities, how to best begin a conversation, and whether they are open for programming proposals etc.

We always recommend using this resource as a starting point/first point of call to look at the overview for a specific location or artform or to have a quick glance of who has opportunities open. We always encourage anyone to use the venue's own website to search for more detailed information if you think after your initial search, they might be a good fit for your project

Making a case for funding:

You can use this resource to make an argument for funding, for example, you can see the overview of a particular area and see there's only one or a few venue opens, you can then make a case to say that and your project (e.g. producing an online theatre show with that venue) will make an important impact / create arts and culture provision for the local audience because there's currently lack of activity there.

Organisation	Main Art Form	Region	Town/City ▾	Status	Timeline/info
Arena Theatre	Theatre	West Midlands	Wolverhampton	PLANNED REOPENING and ONLINE ACTIVITY	Currently online shows and Tickets for April 2021 on sale
Newhampton Arts Centre	Combined Arts	West Midlands	Wolverhampton	LIMITED ACTIVITY	For resident artists
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre	Theatre	West Midlands	Wolverhampton	CLOSED	Until further notice

Here's an example in the Wolverhampton area; showing that e.g. the Arena theatre, is the only active theatre - this helps evidence the need for your project with that theatre.

As we undertook our work to map the UK theatre sector, we discovered a terrific resource called '[Venue South West Routes In](#)'. It features a 'helpful tips for tour booking' section that has more in depth information about how to approach individual venues. The touring network House also have a wealth of information on best practice here - <https://housetheatre.org.uk/resources/>

Keeping Theatre Search up-to-date

Theatre Search is a database of all the performance venues, festivals and other programmable spaces in the UK. This is a resource for our whole sector and its ongoing success relies on keeping the information relevant and up-to-date.

We know that there are more organisations out there who programme great performance work than we currently have listed. If we've missed a venue or festival out, we welcome you to let us know by emailing info@spunglasstheatre.com.

Theatre Search is available as a 'Read-Only' spreadsheet. You are not able to edit information directly, only by emailing us. This helps us to keep the data verified, relevant and usable.

It's best to access Theatre Search via Google Sheets rather than downloading it to your own device. This enables you to always see the most up to date information.

To access Theatre Search click here -

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LvPn_qt3kkNIZA0Z08TMnn1q-Xsd3cgem_kY6Fh4j0k/edit?usp=sharing

Accessibility

We have taken advice from British Dyslexia's Style Guide on how best to format Theatre Search for people with dyslexia. You can also download dyslexia and partially sighted browser add ons such as Dyslexia Friendly and NVDA screen reader to help readability.

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If you have specific questions and feedback on Theatre Search, please drop us an email at info@spunglasstheatre.com

We hope that you find Theatre Search useful now and in the future.

*Breakdown of Arts Council Regions across the UK

[Creative Scotland](#)

[Arts Council England](#) Sub-Regions - North, Midlands, London, South East, South West

[Arts Council Northern Ireland](#)

[Arts Council Wales](#)



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