

MIDDLESBROUGH EMPIRE

Built in 1897 as a music hall The Middlesbrough Empire has played host to a variety of performers from Charlie Chaplin to Paul Oakenfold to the Scissor Sisters! Since he bought the venue 1991 Barry Faulkner has transformed the derelict building into one of the countries finest venues/nightclubs. The Empire now retains all it's former glory with 3 floors dedicated to style and music.

The Empire is privately owned and is not tied to any brewery.

The Empire has a 70m sq stage with extensive stage wings for production/mixing points. A full size cinema screen above the stage for projections/video mixing. Two original private boxes have been retained as well as a standing balcony all the way round for stage viewing.

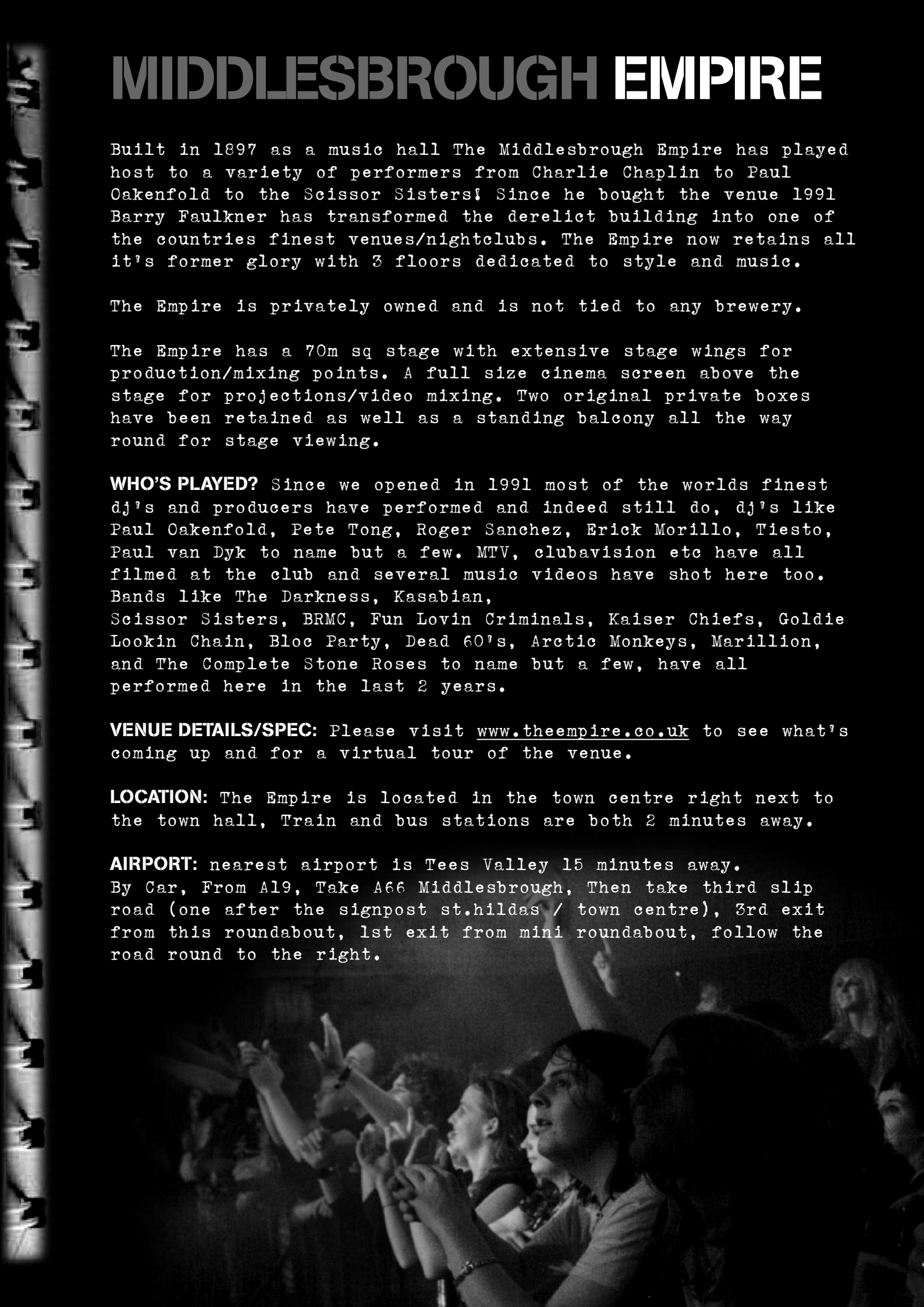
WHO'S PLAYED? Since we opened in 1991 most of the worlds finest dj's and producers have performed and indeed still do, dj's like Paul Oakenfold, Pete Tong, Roger Sanchez, Erick Morillo, Tiesto, Paul van Dyk to name but a few. MTV, clubavision etc have all filmed at the club and several music videos have shot here too. Bands like The Darkness, Kasabian, Scissor Sisters, BRMC, Fun Lovin Criminals, Kaiser Chiefs, Goldie Lookin Chain, Bloc Party, Dead 60's, Arctic Monkeys, Marillion, and The Complete Stone Roses to name but a few, have all performed here in the last 2 years.

VENUE DETAILS/SPEC: Please visit www.theempire.co.uk to see what's coming up and for a virtual tour of the venue.

LOCATION: The Empire is located in the town centre right next to the town hall, Train and bus stations are both 2 minutes away.

AIRPORT: nearest airport is Tees Valley 15 minutes away.

By Car, From A19, Take A66 Middlesbrough, Then take third slip road (one after the signpost st.hildas / town centre), 3rd exit from this roundabout, 1st exit from mini roundabout, follow the road round to the right.



VENUE: We are a fully licensed venue from 11.00am till 4.00am Monday to Sunday inclusive. The venue is available for live gigs etc. Also under 18s events can be held here.

CAPACITY: 1215 with stage open. With stage being used 1125.

STAGE: 70m²

DRESSING ROOMS: Two

SHOWERS: One

BARS: 2 downstairs, 1 on First Floor 1 on second floor

Production office available

BOX OFFICE: Yes tickets can be sold by the venue

BARRIER: We do have access to a crowd control barrier.

MAIN ROOM

SOUNDSYSTEM: Consists of a 12 Martin Audio Wavefront W8 mid high cabinets, configured as 4 flown arrays With 12 ground stacked WSX sub bass cabinets, all driven actively by XTA controllers, and powered by 36 thousand watts of MC2 amplification.

Midas Verona 32 channels 8 stereo channels mixing console.

8 x channels of Drawmer compression.

4 x channels of Drawmer noise gates.

1 x Yamaha D1500 digital delay.

1 x Yamaha SPX900.

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2 x Yamaha 31 band system eq.

2 x Rane dual 15 band monitor eq.

6 x 15"2" monitor wedges

18" drum fill sub on four mixes.



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6 x Shure SM58's.
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1 x Shure SM91.
2 x AKG 451 condensers.
1 x Beyer M88.
6 x passive DI boxes

DJ BOX:

4 SL1210 mark 3
3 cdj 1000 mark 2
2 efx 1000
1djm 1000 (sliders not rotary)
4 monitors
All linked together

EMPIRE LIGHTING:

30 par 64 1000 watt
8 par 56 300watt
8 Data flashes
2 Golden Scan Mark 3
1 Stage Colour 1200
8 Robe 250 moving heads
2 Robe 575 moving heads
4 watt argon Lazer
2 Mac 250 moving heads
4 CO2 Jets
1 Bubble Master 2000
1 Jem Hazer
Leap Frog 088 lighting desk

Merchandise facilities available

HOTELS: There are a variety of hotels available in the vicinity subject to budget

SECURITY: Full colour CCTV operates inside and outside the venue with fully trained SIA registered doormen. Fully qualified firstaider always on site.



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CLUB NIGHTS

Club NME: Every Thursday, the Empire plays host to the NME's pick of the most talked about bands, the hottest djs along with cheap drinks and rock & roll mayhem. Acts include 'Chromeo', 'Trap2', 'Broken Dolls', 'The Rakes', 'Black Wire' and 'Kubicheck'.

SUGARSHACK: Every Friday for 11 years the club has hosted one of the country's premier dance nights - Sugarshack. It's like anything in life, you only want the best and for the last 11 years that's what this evening has provided. Anyone who is anybody in the dance circuit has been in attendance and played homage to such a great evening. To list them all would take a while! Recently gone monthly along with other specialist events.

PLAY: Saturdays at The Empire. The 'Play' club night we hold in The Empire has established itself as the biggest club night in the N.E. and regularly has audiences of 1000. Music Policy is: Indie downstairs RnB on First Floor and Rock on Second Floor.

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