1. Auditorium (Aula)

**History**
The Auditorium has been in use by the university since 1824. It was originally built around 1460 as the Great Chapter House of the Cathedral. Originally, this section of the University Hall comprised the meeting hall of the five chapters of Utrecht. Later on, the Provincial Councils of Utrecht used it for their meetings. Due to the Reformation, the chapter house lost its original function. In 1634, it was first used by the *Athenaeum Illustre* (an early type of higher education institution) and afterwards by the Academy. 23 January 1579 was an important date in the building’s history, when the Union of Utrecht was signed in the Chapter Hall. This treaty created the basis for the Republic of the United Netherlands.

**Hall/room capacity**
Theatre (standard)  230 persons
Reception   300 persons
*Other configurations possible in consultation.*

**Hire rates**

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*The room hire is VAT-exempt.*

*Room hire includes LCD screens, microphones, a laptop (on request) and Wi-Fi.*

*In addition, you may hire a piano on request (Yamaha C2, length 1.70 m). This hire is subject to a charge. We will tune the piano for you before your event.*

*At weekends, additional charges may apply, such as for security, cleaning and the emergency response service.*