

SOUND CREW

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Sound Crew is a student organization that provides sound equipment and staff for Bard student events.

What Sound Crew Does

Sound Crew provides sound equipment and sound reinforcement services for student events- in other words, we supply the speakers/microphones/mixers/etc as well as the people to run it, whether it's a small poetry reading or a quad-sized outdoor concert.

Equipment Sound Crew can provide:

- Speakers (both big and small)
- Monitors
- Mixing Boards
- Microphones
- Digital Instrument (DI) boxes
- Cables/Adapters

*Sound Crew is **not** able to provide the following equipment:*

- Wireless microphones
- Turntables/DJ equipment
- Guitar amps
- Instruments
- Power/Generators

How To Request Sound Crew Services

All events requiring amplified sound must be set up through SPARC. A SPARC intern will assist you in filling out a Sound Crew request. Sound Crew will then contact you to follow up and confirm details of the event. Requests **MUST** be received at least **SEVEN DAYS** before the event is to occur. You can also contact Sound Crew at any time by emailing us at soundcrew@bard.edu.

How Sound Crew Operates

Though we are technically a club and receive funding from the convocation fund in order to buy equipment, our members are employees of the Bard Audio/Visual Department and are paid by the school. Sound Crew provides services to Bard students and organizations free of charge.

Bard students or clubs can request Sound Crew as part of their event planning through SPARC. If Sound Crew agrees to work an event it is added to our calendar.

At the start of each week an email is sent out to all Sound Crew members with a list of events occurring that week and staffing needs for each event. Members may sign up to work events on a first-come first-served basis. There is no minimum or maximum number of events a Sound Crew member may work in a given semester.

SOUND CREW FAQ

I don't need any staff, can I borrow some equipment and run it myself?

No. With the rare exception of some of our most trusted and experienced crew members, Sound Crew does not allow anyone to use our equipment without Sound Crew there to run it. This is in part to make things easier for you, but also to ensure that our equipment is not misused. Improper use of our equipment could damage it, which is bad for everyone.

I'm doing an event in SMOG or Down The Road. Can I get Sound Crew to work my event?

No. Sound Crew does not provide equipment or staff for those spaces. SMOG has its own equipment and sound crew, and Down the Road events are handled by Student Activities. Under no circumstances will Sound Crew equipment be used in SMOG.

I'm doing an event in Red Hook/ Tivoli/some-place-that-isn't-Bard. Can I get Sound Crew to work my event?

No. Sound Crew equipment may never be used off-campus. No exceptions.

I'm doing a play/show/ performance in the MPR/Old Gym. Can I get Sound Crew to do my sound?

Yes, but with one important caveat: Sound Crew does NOT do rehearsals. I repeat, Sound Crew does NOT provide equipment or staff for rehearsals. For this reason we usually do not participate in events taking place in the Old Gym, which has its own sound system. Regardless of location, it is unlikely we will be able to provide staff for a multi-night run. Thus for productions that are more theatrical in nature it may make more sense to find your own dedicated sound person.

Okay, I'm doing an event which is completely within the guidelines outlined above. Is Sound Crew required to work my event?

No. Firstly, there is no guarantee we will be able to work your event. We may not be able to find members to staff it, or we may have other events happening at the same time. Getting your request in early improves your chances of avoiding these problems. In any event, Sound Crew reserves the right to refuse service to any student or organization that behaves in a rude or disrespectful manner towards Sound Crew staff or misuses our equipment.