

Technical Rider

Papillon Parade – 2026



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1. The act at a glance

The Papillon Parade is a mobile act: illuminated butterfly wings on special bikes, accompanied by dancers, move through the audience. The parade can be performed during the day or at night. The table below summarises the most important facts. Every item is explained in detail further in this document.

Papillon Parade	At a glance
Type of act	Mobile parade act (day and night)
Duration	3 x 30 min / 2 x 45 min / 1 x 1,5h (one long parade)
Crew	3 to 10 persons (1 up to 4 wings)
Bike dimensions	Width 3,5m × length 2,8m × height 4,6m
Minimum route width	3,5m (passageway)
Minimum free height	5m along the whole route
Turning radius	Minimum 620cm for a full turn in one go
Maximum wind speed	Max 4 Beaufort (constant wind up to 28 km/h) including wind gusts
Sound & light	Provided by Theater Tol (mounted on the bikes)
Build-up time	Minimum 5 hours before the first parade

Note: every location and event is different. Always check with the designated project coordinator what applies to your specific parade.

2. General info

Duration – choose one of the following formats

- 3 x 30 min (with breaks of maximum 1,5h in between)
- 2 x 45 min (with breaks of maximum 1,5h in between)
- 1 x 1,5h (one long parade)

Crew

The size of the crew depends on the number of wings that is booked:

Number of wings	Crew members
1 wing	3 crew
2 wings	5 crew
3 wings	7 crew
4 wings	10 crew

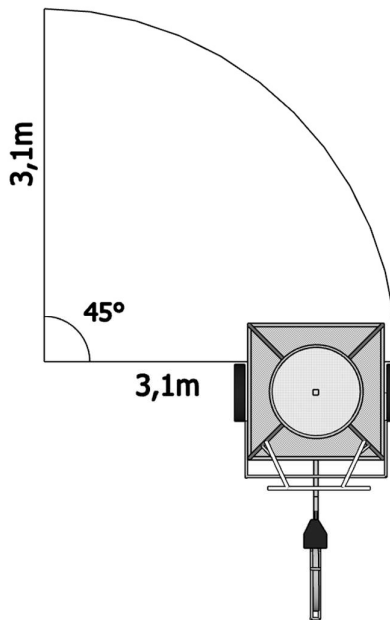
3. Route requirements

The organizer chooses the route, but it must meet the requirements below. Please send a detailed plan of the route in advance: this way Theater Tol can estimate what measures need to be taken to assure a smooth parade.

- The road should be flat.
- The surface should be solid (no gravel or grass).
- The passageway must be at least 3,5m wide along the whole route.
- The wings are 4,6m high, so a minimal free height of 5m is necessary (watch out for arches, cables, banners and low branches).

Turning radius

The bikes have a turning radius as specified in the illustration below. To make a full turn (in one go), the bikes need at least 620cm, preferably more.



4. Weather & Wind conditions

Wind limits

Due to the significant surface area and height of the butterfly wings (4,6m), the bikes are highly sensitive to wind. For the absolute safety of the performers, crew, and audience, the parade can only be performed with a maximum wind speed of 4 Beaufort (approx. 28 km/h).

Wind gusts: In case of unpredictable or higher wind gusts, Theater Tol reserves the right to pause or adapt the performance.

Alternative plan: If the weather forecast predicts winds above 4 Bft on the day of the show, Theater Tol will consult with the local organizer to look for a more sheltered alternative route or discuss an adapted performance format.

Rain & Waterproofness

All costumes, technical equipment, sound systems, and lighting mounted on the bikes are fully waterproof and can be performed normally during rain or drizzle.

Severe weather: In the event of extreme downpours, severe storms, or lightning, the performance may be temporarily paused or delayed in consultation with the local organizer for the safety of the dancers and audience.

5. Schedule (example day)

Every parade follows (more or less) the same schedule. The example below is based on a 17:30 showtime; shift all times according to your own showtime. Always check with the designated project coordinator what applies to your specific event.

Actual time (example)		Time to showtime
12:30	Arrival + briefing	-05:00h
13:00	Assembling wings with cyclists	-04:30h
13:00	Rehearsal dancers + filling bags + adjusting straps	-04:30h
13:30	Walk the route with the customer	-04:00h
14:30	Lunch	-03:00h
15:15	Briefing route & planning	-02:15h
15:30	Make-up / costumes dancers	-02:00h
15:30	Last preparation wings	-02:00h
16:30	Make-up / costumes bikes	-01:00h
17:10	Crew standby	-00:20h
17:30	Showtime	00
18:30	End parade / build off & load-out	+01:00h
19:30	Dinner	+02:00h

6. Theater Tol provides the following

Sound system

We have a sound system attached to the platform of each wing. The organizer does not need to provide any sound equipment for the parade itself.

Light

During evening parades, we provide all lighting used on the bikes.

Bikes (wings)

- Width: 3,5m
- Length: 2,8m
- Total height (wing on top of driving platform): 4,6m

7. To be provided by the local organizer

Dressing room

The dressing room should be available at least 5 hours before the first performance until 2 hours after the final performance. In case of rain, it should remain available for at least 3 hours after the last performance.

The following should be present in the dressing room:

- A clean, secure, dry and warm/air-conditioned dressing room with sufficient lighting for make-up.
- Space to accommodate between 5 and 19 people for changing (depending on the number of bikes planned).
- One full-length mirror.
- Chairs (3 per person) and enough table space for each crew member.
- Clothing racks with hangers (3 hangers per person).
- Cold and warm beverages.
- An electrical outlet (220V) for battery charging.
- If necessary, the dressing room can be set up in tent(s), though we prefer it to be arranged within a building.

Build-up location

- Available at least 5 hours before the first performance.
- A dry space to build up all our gear (preferred).



- At least 4,5m free height (the wings are assembled here).
- Close to the dressing room and secured/locked from the audience.

Starting point

The starting point of the parade should be close to the dressing room / build-up location.

Volunteers

We need one volunteer per two bikes. The volunteers walk along with the parade and help guide the bikes through the crowd; they will be briefed by our crew before the show.

If you can't provide volunteers, please let us know in advance.

Hotel

Whether hotel rooms are required depends on the distance and the timing of the show. Please check with our project coordinator to confirm if this applies to your event.

When arranging sleeping accommodation, take the following into account:

- Usually, we require B&B or hotel rooms according to the number of crew members attending.
- Provide single or double rooms (twin beds).
- The B&B or hotel should at least have continental breakfast.
- Take into account possible late arrivals and late check-out.
- There should be Wi-Fi available.
- A free parking spot if Theater Tol travels by car.

8. Checklist for the organizer

WHEN USING THE CHECKLIST, CHECK THE DOCUMENT ABOVE TO SEE MORE SPECIFICATIONS ABOUT EVERY STEP

Route

- Send a detailed route plan to Theater Tol in advance
- Check: flat & solid surface, min. 3,5m wide, min. 5m free height, turns of min. 620cm
- Check the weather forecast: parade possible up to 4 Beaufort (approx. 28 km/h), incl. gusts
- Walk the route with the Theater Tol crew on the day itself (see schedule)

Locations

- Arrange a dressing room (available 5h before until 2h after – 3h after in case of rain)
- Equip the dressing room as specified in this document (mirror, chairs, racks, beverages, 220V outlet)
- Arrange a build-up location: dry, min. 4,5m free height, close to the dressing room
- Choose a starting point close to the dressing room / build-up location

People

- Provide 1 volunteer per 2 bikes (or inform Theater Tol in advance if not possible)

Hospitality

- Check with the project coordinator whether hotel rooms are required
- If so: book B&B/hotel with breakfast, twin beds, Wi-Fi and parking

Planning

- Adjust the example schedule to your specific showtime and confirm it with the project coordinator

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