

The Nest – Access Guide



Access Overview

The Nest is a third-floor black box performance space located in Festival House on Granville Island. It is accessible by elevator or stairs, with step-free routes from the building entrance to the theatre lobby and performance space. Seating includes five tiers of padded folding chairs, with wheelchair-accessible seating only in the front row. Washrooms, located on the same floor, include accessible stalls. Some exterior surfaces on Granville Island are uneven due to cobblestones, and lighting levels outdoors can be low in some areas.

Address

Street address: **1398 Cartwright Street, Granville Island, Vancouver, BC**

Wayfinding notes: **Located inside Festival House on the 3rd floor. Exterior signage reads “Festival House,” with additional building and directional signs inside.**

Getting Here

Public Transit

- Nearest bus stop is approximately a 5+ minute walk from the venue.
- Sidewalks between transit stops and Festival House are equipped with curb cuts.

Parking

- Granville Island has pay parking throughout the island.
- One wheelchair parking stall is directly in front of Festival House.
- Another accessible stall is located in the adjacent lot.
- Ground surfaces near parking include stones and flat pathways.

Bicycles

- Bike lockups are available directly in front of the venue.

Accessibility of the Building

Entrances

- Ground-level entry with flat exterior surfaces.
- Building doors open outward, have glass panes, and use pull handles.
- Threshold height approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ "; doors are not automatic and may be heavy.
- No doorbell at the entrance; staff or ushers generally assist during events.

Path of Travel

- Exterior ground is flat with clear routes.
- Level access from street/parking into Festival House.
- Interior hallways are wide, smooth, and unobstructed.
- Accessible route of at least 48" width connects the elevator, washrooms, and theatre.

Lobby / Rest Areas

- Wide, open lobby and hallways suitable for mobility devices.
- Non-carpeted floors.

Policies

- Service animals welcome.
- Scent use is discouraged but not formally restricted.

Accessibility Inside the Theatre

Seating Format

- Five levels of seating on risers.
- Only the front row is wheelchair accessible.

Seat Details

- Standard padded folding chairs.
- Seat height: 18"; width: 16"; depth: 16".
- Approximately 21" spacing between rows.
- Supportive or alternative seating available upon request.

Mobility Device Seating

- Wheelchair users sit at floor level in the front row.
- Folding padded chairs are provided for companions.
- Space available for guide dogs beside or under chairs.

Additional Information

- The theatre entrance has a 1–2" rise; area is well lit and staff are available to assist.
- Front-row seating is recommended for patrons requiring lip-reading, close viewing, or interpreter sightlines.

Washrooms

General Access

- Washrooms located on the 3rd floor near the elevator.

Washrooms

- Washroom signage is undergendered, instead indicating what is in the facility.
- Washroom with toilets only: two accessible stalls.
- Washroom with toilet and urinal: one accessible stall and one open urinal.
- Entrance door clearance approx. 32"; doors are heavy.

Accessible Stall Features

- Quiet mechanical ventilation.
- Lever-style faucets; sink approx. 22" from front edge.
- Towel dispenser approx. 41" high.
- Toilet seat approx. 19" high.
- Grab bars on right side and behind toilet; approx. 40" long.
- Toilet paper approx. 23" high and 11" forward.
- Coat hook approx. 52–53" high.

Baby Changing Facilities

- Washroom with toilets only has a baby changing station

Assisted Listening Devices

Availability

- No built-in FM or infrared listening system.

Viewing Considerations

- Front-row and central seating offer best visibility for interpretation and lip-reading.
- Staff can direct patrons to optimal seating based on access needs.

More Information

- Venue information: <https://gitd.ca/pages/the-nest>
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Contact PuSh

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