

# Waterfront Theatre – Access Guide



## Access Overview

Waterfront Theatre is a wheelchair-accessible venue on Granville Island with step-free access from the street, wide pathways, an accessible lobby, and accessible washrooms. The black box style theatre has riser-style seating with spaces for patrons using mobility devices in the front row. Some exterior surfaces on Granville Island are uneven due to cobblestones, and lighting levels outdoors can be low in some areas.

## Address

Street address: **1412 Cartwright Street, Granville Island, Vancouver, BC**

Wayfinding notes: Waterfront Theatre is across the street from Granville Island Brewing, and next to The Kids Market. The entrance is under a glass awning.

## Getting Here

### Public Transit

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

## Parking

- Granville Island has pay parking throughout the island from 9AM to 10PM.
- Accessible parking is available
- Ground surfaces near parking include stones and flat pathways.

## Bicycles

- Bike lockups are available in many locations around the island.

# Accessibility of the Building

## Entrances

- Ground-level entry.
- Building doors open inwards and are not automatic.

## Path of Travel

- Exterior ground is flat with clear routes.
- Level access from street/parking into venue.
- Interior hallways are carpeted, flat and unobstructed, making use of gradual ramps.
- Accessible route of at least 59" width connects the elevator, washrooms, and theatre.

## Lobby / Rest Areas

- Wide, open lobby and hallways suitable for mobility devices.
- Benches for resting available in hallways

## Policies

- Service animals welcome.

# Accessibility Inside the Theatre

## Seating Format

- Riser-style seating. Steps required to access all by the front row.
- Only the front row is wheelchair accessible.

## Seat Details

- Standard padded folding chairs with armrests.
- Seat height: 18"; width: 16"; depth: 16".

## Mobility Device Seating

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

## **Washrooms**

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- There are two washrooms located in the lobby, one has stalls and one has urinals and a stall
- Signage is ungendered, indicating what's in them rather than who can use them
- Both washrooms include an accessible stall

### **Baby Changing Facilities**

- Both washrooms have 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/waterfront-theatre>

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### **Contact PuSh**

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