

Studio Theatre | Meridian Arts Centre
Venue guide



We are looking forward to having you join us at the Studio Theatre at Meridian Arts Centre. This document will help prepare you for your visit. It includes directions to our theatre and a step-by-step guide to what happens before the show to help you navigate the building.

Do you need more information, or would you like to schedule a visit to get more comfortable in the space?

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At a glance

Studio Theatre

- The Studio Theatre can seat up to 183 people.
- There are five accessible seats in the Studio Theatre.

Getting here

- The Studio Theatre is one of four theatres located in Meridian Arts Centre, located at the corner of Beecroft Road and North York Boulevard. The address is 5040 Yonge Street East, Toronto, Ontario.
- Meridian Arts Centre is accessible by vehicle, bicycle, bus, subway, GO Transit, taxi or rideshare, and Wheel-Trans.
- Meridian Arts Centre is approximately 400 metres southwest of North York Centre Station.
- Meridian Arts Centre does not have parking on site.
- Limited metered street parking is available in the surrounding streets. Public parking can be found at several lots in the local area.

Before the show

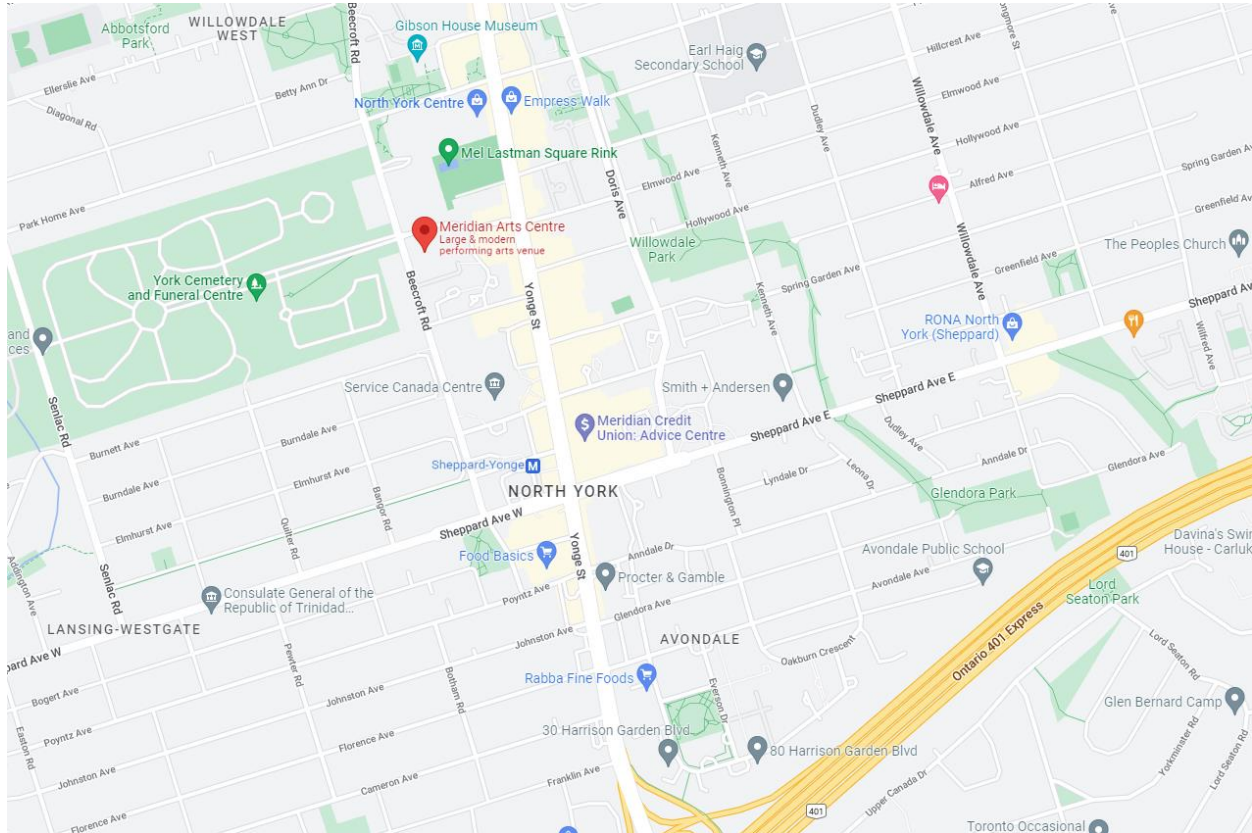
- You will need a ticket for an event when you are visiting the Studio Theatre. You can pre-purchase your tickets or buy tickets at the box office.
- You will find three refreshment counters on the lower level of Meridian Arts Centre, and two refreshment counters of the upper level of Meridian Arts Centre.
- You will find the patron services and coat check desk in the lower main lobby where you can pick up an assistive listening device or audio description device (when offered).
- You will also find an elevator in the lower main lobby that can take you up one level to the upper main lobby.
- From the Studio Theatre lobby, you can enter into the theatre.

Washrooms

- There are several washrooms on both levels of Meridian Arts Centre.
- On the west side of the Studio Theatre lobby, there is an all-gender washroom.
- On the east side of the lower main lobby, there is an all-gender washroom.
- On the west side of the lower main lobby, there are family washrooms and a universal washroom.
- On the east side of the upper main lobby, there is an all-gender washroom.
- On the west side of the upper main lobby, there are family washrooms.

Getting here

The Studio Theatre is one of four theatres located in Meridian Arts Centre, located at the corner of Beecroft Road and North York Boulevard. The address is 5040 Yonge Street East, Toronto, Ontario.



This picture shows our venue's location with a red mark on a map of the surrounding area.



Bicycle

There are numerous bike racks on the north side of our venue on North York Boulevard. Please make sure you bring a lock to secure your bike.



Bus

The closest accessible bus routes are 84 Sheppard West, 85 Sheppard East, 97 Yonge, and 98 Willowdale-Senlac.

If you are taking the westbound 84 Sheppard West or westbound 98 Willowdale-Senlac bus, get off on Sheppard Avenue West at Beecroft Road and make your way north along Beecroft Road. Turn right onto North York Boulevard. The theatre will be on your right. It is approximately 700 metres from the bus stop.

If you are taking the eastbound 84 Sheppard West, 85 Sheppard East, or eastbound 98 Willowdale-Senlac bus, get off at Sheppard-Yonge Station and make your way north along Yonge Street. Turn left onto North York Boulevard. The theatre will be on your left. It is approximately 750 metres from the bus stop.

If you are taking the northbound 97 Yonge Bus, get off on Yonge Street at Elmwood Avenue and make your way west along North York Boulevard. The theatre will be on your left. It is approximately 250 metres from the bus stop.

If you are taking the southbound 97 Yonge Bus, get off on Yonge Street at North York Boulevard and make your way west along North York Boulevard. The theatre will be on your left. It is approximately 250 metres from the bus stop.



Subway

North York Centre Station and Sheppard-Yonge Station are the closest subway stations.

To get to the theatre from North York Centre Station, make your way south along Yonge Street, then turn right onto North York Boulevard. The theatre will be on your left. It is approximately 400 metres from the subway station.

To get to the theatre from Sheppard-Yonge Station, make your way north along Yonge Street, then turn left onto North York Boulevard. The theatre will be on your left. It is approximately 750 metres from the subway station.

GO Transit

Finch Station is the closest GO Transit station. To get to the theatre from Finch Station, make your way south along Yonge Street, then turn right onto North York Boulevard. The theatre will be on your left. It is approximately 1.9 kilometres from Finch Station.

Taxi or rideshare

There is enough room for taxis and rideshare vehicles to make pickups and drop-offs in the driveway right in front of the main entrance. Please let a staff member know if you need assistance calling a taxi.

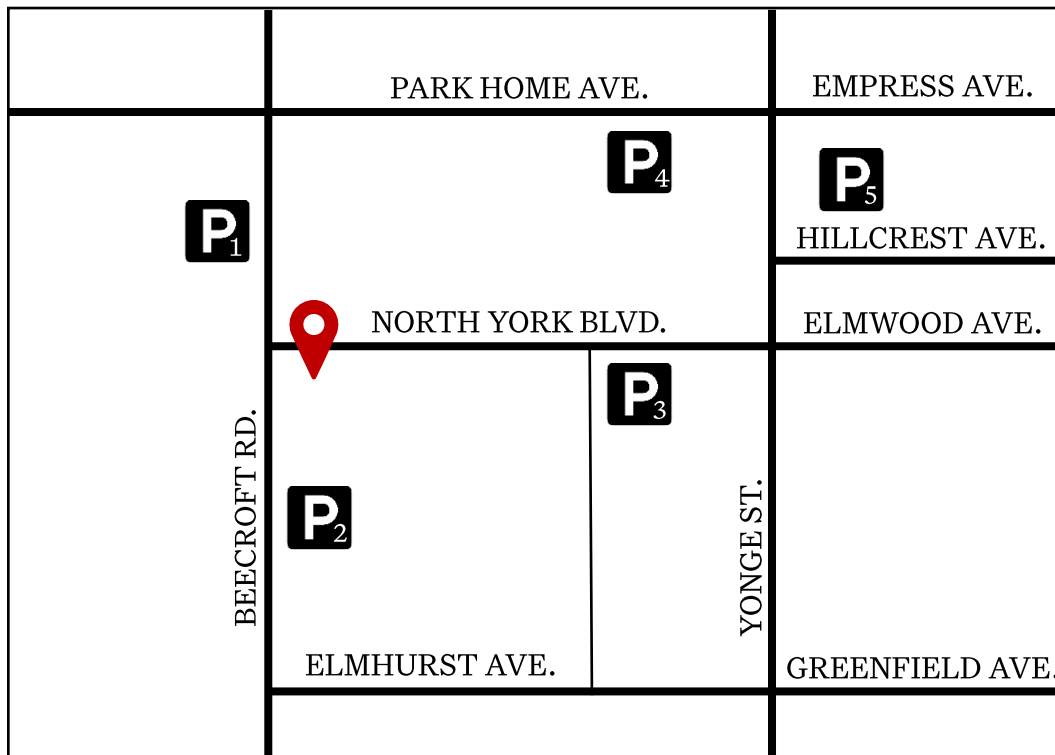
Wheel-Trans

There is enough room for Wheel-Trans to make pickups and drop-offs in the driveway right in front of the main entrance.

P Parking

Meridian Arts Centre does not have parking on site. Limited metered street parking is available in the surrounding streets, including on Yonge Street, Beecroft Road, and other nearby streets. Public parking can be found at several lots in the local area, including at:

1. 180 Beecroft Road
2. 95 Beecroft Road
3. 5000 Yonge Street (entrance/exit off a side street from North York Boulevard)
4. North York Centre, 5160 Yonge Street (entrance/exit off Park Home Avenue)
5. Empress Walk, 5095 Yonge Street (entrance/exit off Hillcrest Avenue)



This picture shows a map with the public parking lots in the surrounding area with our venue's location marked with a red pin.

Before the show

Main entrance

The main entrance to our building is on North York Boulevard between Yonge Street and Beecroft Road. It has three sets of double doors.



This picture shows the main entrance to our building.

The first door at the far left is an automated door, and the push-to-open button is to the left of this door on a post. If you have any issues with the automated door, or if you need any assistance, our staff members would be happy to help.



This picture shows the automated door and push-to-open button for our building.

Box office

When you enter through the main entrance, the box office will be on your right. There is an accessible box office counter at the far left of the box office.

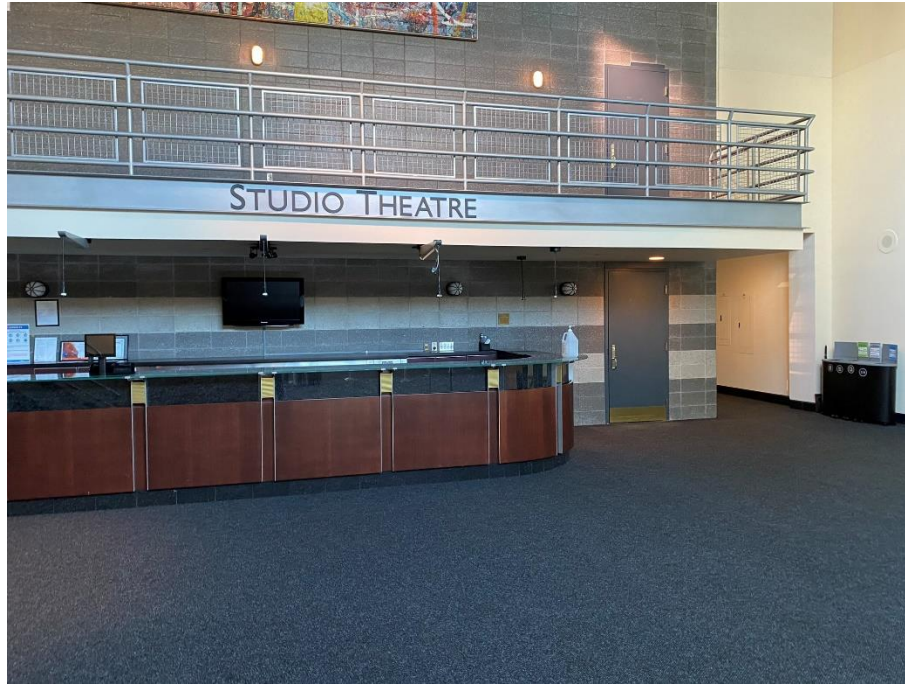
You will need a ticket for an event when you are visiting the Studio Theatre. If you did not pre-purchase your tickets, you can buy tickets at the box office. If you pre-purchased your tickets, you may have received your tickets electronically by email. If you are picking up pre-purchased tickets at the box office, the box office will ask you for a piece of photo identification and the credit card used to make the purchase.



This picture shows the Meridian Arts Centre box office.

Studio Theatre lobby

When you enter through the main entrance, the Studio Theatre lobby will be on your left. The Studio Theatre lobby is an intimate space that features a staircase leading up to the Studio Theatre lobby mezzanine.



This picture shows the Studio Theatre lobby.

In the Studio Theatre lobby, you will find one refreshment counter where you can purchase snacks and beverages.



This picture shows the refreshment counter in the Studio Theatre lobby.

You may hear bells or an announcement in the lobby when the show is about to begin. These lobby bells are different than fire or emergency alarms. The bells are played to let the audience know that they should make their way to their seats.

From the Studio Theatre lobby, you can enter into the theatre. There are two sets of doors: one on the west side of the lobby and another on the east side of the lobby.



This picture shows a set of doors into the theatre from the Studio Theatre lobby.

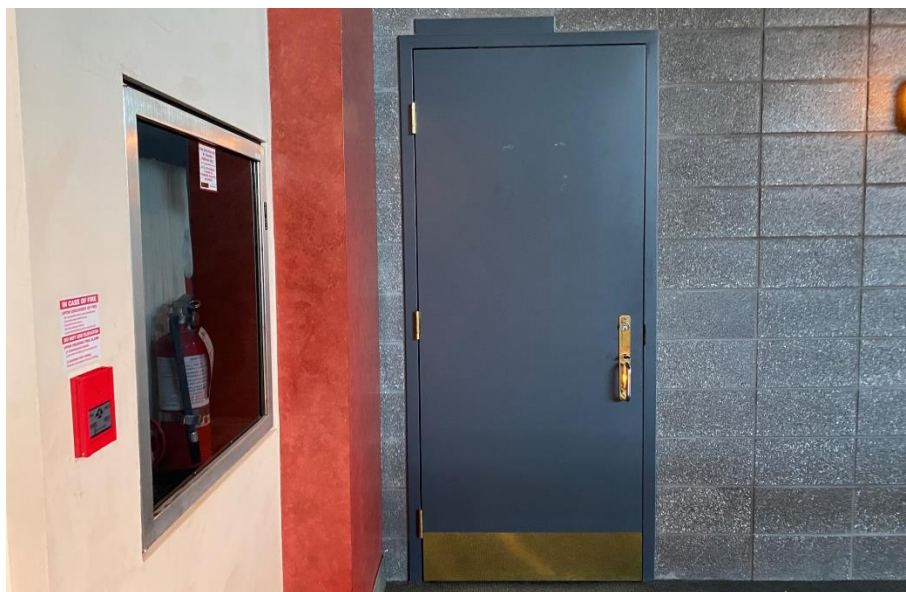
Studio Theatre lobby mezzanine

You can get to the Studio Theatre lobby mezzanine by taking the stairs up one floor from the Studio Theatre lobby. There are 19 steps up to the Studio Theatre lobby mezzanine from the Studio Theatre lobby.



This picture shows the stairs leading up to the Studio Theatre lobby mezzanine from the Studio Theatre lobby.

The Studio Theatre lobby mezzanine is a small space on the upper level of Meridian Arts Centre that is solely meant for access to rows J through M of the Studio Theatre. From the Studio Theatre lobby mezzanine, you can enter in the theatre. There are two sets of doors: one on the west side of the lobby and another on the east side of the lobby.



This picture shows a set of doors into the theatre from the Studio Theatre lobby mezzanine.

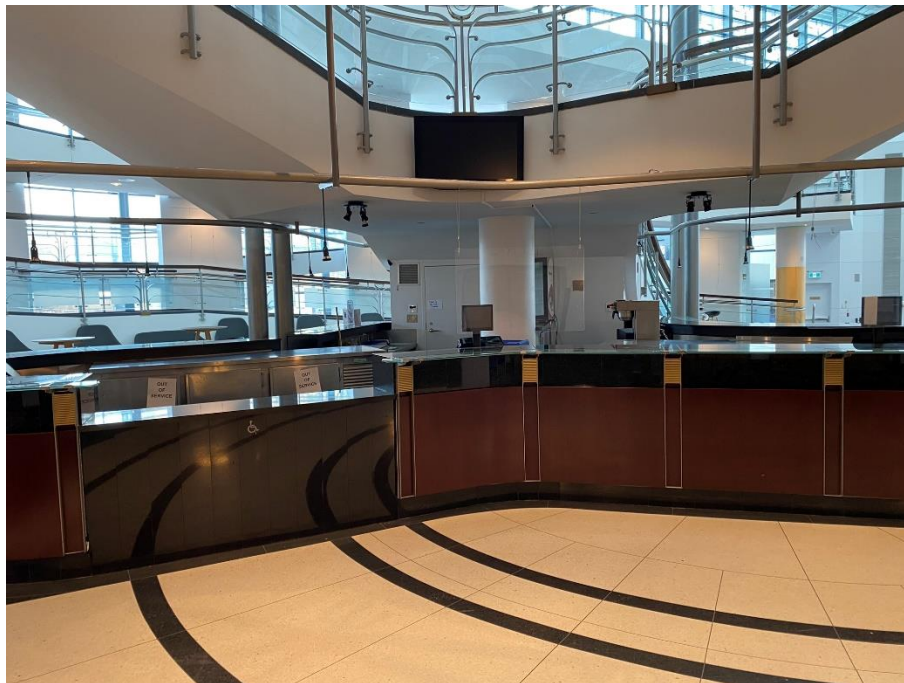
Lower main lobby

When you enter through the main entrance, the lower main lobby will be straight ahead, accessible by five stairs or a ramp. The lower main lobby is a large open and airy space that features two staircases leading up to the upper main lobby.



This picture shows the Meridian Arts Centre lower main lobby.

In the lower main lobby, you will find two refreshment counters in the centre and on the west end of the lobby where you can purchase snacks and beverages.



This picture shows one of the refreshment counters in the lower main lobby.

You will also find the patron services and coat check desk in the lower main lobby where you can pick up an assistive listening device. For performances where audio description is being offered, you can also pick up your pre-reserved audio description device from this desk. There is no charge to use these devices, but a piece of identification must be left as a deposit.



This picture shows the patron services and coat check desk in the lower main lobby.

If you have any questions or concerns during your visit at Meridian Arts Centre, the patron services and box office staff members would be happy to help. You can identify our team members by their uniform, specifically their coloured polo shirt with the TO Live logo.



This picture shows the beige, black, red, pink, and grey TO Live polo shirts worn by Meridian Arts Centre patron services and box office staff.

You will also find an elevator in the main lower lobby which can take you up one level to the upper main lobby. The elevator door opening is 48 inches wide by 84 inches high, and the inside of the elevator is 58 inches wide by 105 inches deep.



This picture shows the elevator in the main lower lobby.

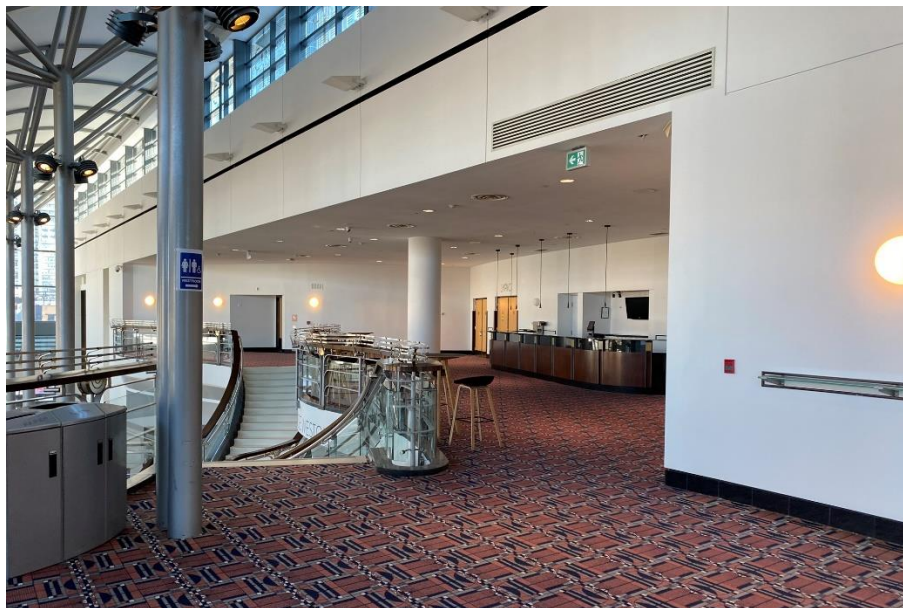
Upper main lobby

You can get to the upper main lobby by taking the stairs or elevator up one floor from the lower main lobby. If using stairs, there are 35 steps up to the upper main lobby from the lower main lobby.



This picture shows a set of stairs leading up to the upper main lobby from the lower main lobby.

The upper main lobby is another lobby space that is on the upper level of Meridian Arts Centre.



This picture shows the Meridian Arts Centre upper main lobby.

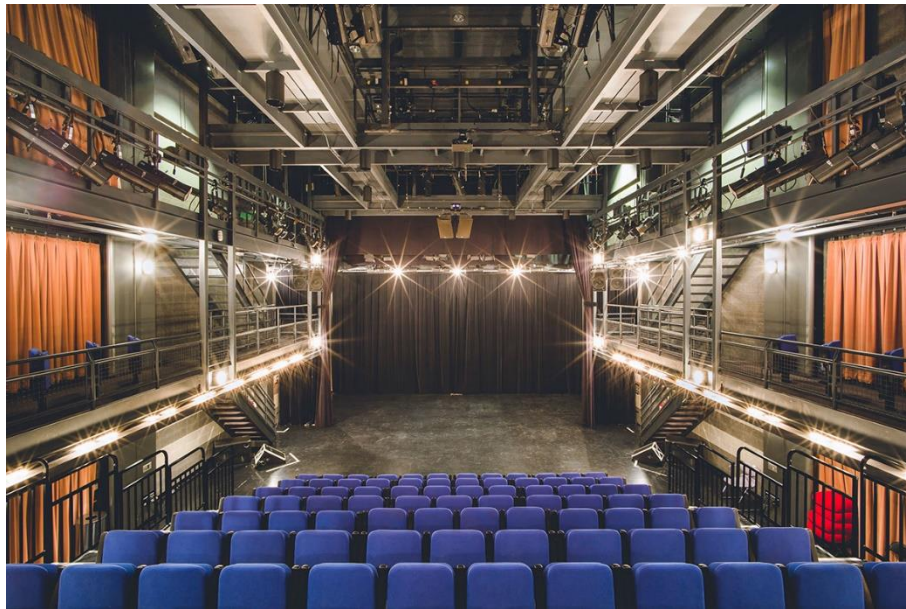
You will also find two refreshment counters in the centre and on the west end of the upper main lobby where you can purchase snacks and beverages.

Studio Theatre

The Studio Theatre can seat up to 183 people. Seating is assigned in the theatre, and your ticket will tell you your row and seat number. If you require assistance locating your seat, let a theatre attendant know and they will take you right to it.



This picture shows the Studio Theatre from the stage.



This picture shows the Studio Theatre stage from the centre of the house.

There are five accessible seats in the Studio Theatre. Seats 1 and 14 to 15 in row AA are designated as accessible seats.



This picture shows the Studio Theatre stage from accessible seats 14 to 15 in row AA.

During a relaxed performance

If you are coming to the Studio Theatre for a relaxed performance, there will be a short introduction before the show starts telling you a little bit about the show, the characters, and if there is anything that may be surprising during the performance. You can also expect reduced sound and lighting effects. The house lights will be on at a low level so that you can enter and exit safely at any time. Audience members are free to sit or stand, make noise as they need to, or use fidgets as needed. We want you to be comfortable.

Quiet area

If you need to leave the auditorium during the show for any reason, you are welcome to sit in any of the lobby spaces or either of the galleries. You may still hear some of the sounds from the show while you are in the lobby or gallery, but it will be quieter than inside the theatre space. The upper gallery is the quietest area during a performance.

Washrooms

There are a number of washrooms on both levels of Meridian Arts Centre. On the west side of the Studio Theatre lobby, there is an all-gender washroom that includes one universal washroom.



This picture shows the all-gender washroom on the west side of the Studio Theatre lobby.

On the east side of the lower main lobby, there is an all-gender washroom that includes two family washrooms.



This picture shows the all-gender washroom on the east side of the lower main lobby.

On the west side of the lower main lobby, there are men's and women's washrooms that are both equipped with accessible stalls, as well as five family washrooms and one universal washroom.



This picture shows the entrance to the women's, family, and universal washrooms on the west side of the lower main lobby.



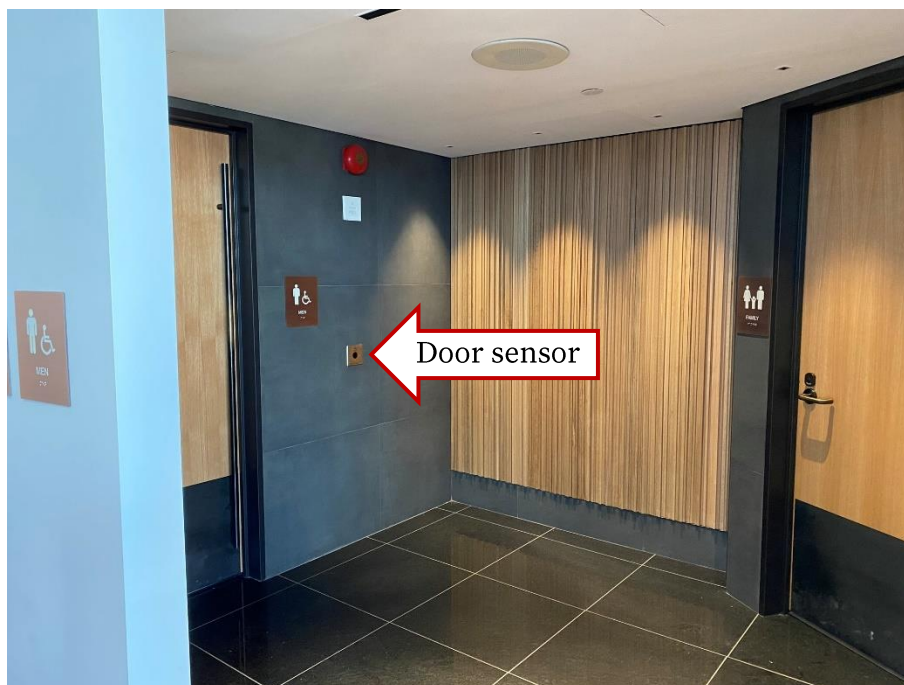
This picture shows the universal washroom on the west side of the lower main lobby.

On the east side of the upper main lobby, there is an all-gender washroom that includes three accessible stalls, one family washroom, and one universal washroom.



This picture shows the all-gender washroom on the east side of the upper main lobby.

On the west side of the upper main lobby, there are men's and women's washrooms that are both equipped with accessible stalls, as well as family washrooms.



This picture shows the entrance to the men's and family washrooms on the west side of the upper main lobby.



This picture shows the men's washroom on the west side of the upper main lobby.

Get in touch

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Thank you for coming to the Studio Theatre.