

West Side Story: Film with Live Orchestra

Access guide



April 17-18, 2026
Meridian Hall

We are looking forward to having you join us for ***West Side Story: Film with Live Orchestra*** at Meridian Hall.

This guide uses plain language to provide audiences, particularly neurodiverse audiences, with specific sensory details of programming in advance to help guide your experience.

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

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Meridian Hall

The Meridian Hall auditorium is a large soft-seat theatre that can seat up to 3,172 people. The orchestra seats 2,133 people, the mezzanine seats 250 people, and the balcony seats 789 people. Seating is assigned in the auditorium, 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.

There are 85 accessible seats on the orchestra level of the Meridian Hall auditorium, and eight accessible seats on the mezzanine level of the Meridian Hall auditorium.

A venue guide for Meridian Hall is available [here](#).



This picture shows the Meridian Hall auditorium from the stage.

The seats in the Meridian Hall auditorium are between 19” and 22” wide, with most of our seats being 20” and 21” wide. If you need additional room, please contact our box office team either ahead of your visit or during your visit who would be happy to assist you.



This picture shows the Meridian Hall auditorium stage from the back of the orchestra.

The musicians

West Side Story: Film with Live Orchestra features 85 musicians and one conductor.

The live symphony orchestra will consist of the following:

- 3 Flutes
- 2 Oboes
- 1 English Horn
- 1 E-Flat Clarinet
- 2 B-flat Clarinets
- 1 Bass Clarinet
- 2 Bassoons
- 1 Contrabassoon
- 1 Alto Saxophone
- 1 Tenor/Baritone Saxophone
- 1 Soprano, Baritone, Bass Saxophone
- 4 French Horns
- 3 Trumpets
- 3 Trombones
- 1 Tuba
- Timpani
- Drum Set
- 3 Percussion
- Harp
- Piano/Celeste
- Guitar
- 14 First Violins
- 12 Second Violins
- 10 Violas
- 8 Cellos
- 6 Bases

The show

West Side Story: Film with Live Orchestra will run approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes with one 20 minute intermission.

With the original film projected on the big screen in high definition, Leonard Bernstein's iconic music will be performed by a full symphony orchestra under the baton of conductor Evan Mitchell, with the film's original vocals and dialogue.

A timeless story of forbidden love, this Oscar-winning classic is a moving portrait of connection in a dangerous, divided world. Winner of 10 Academy Awards®, including best picture, *West Side Story* is considered one of the greatest achievements in the history of movie musicals.

Directed by Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins, this modern-day retelling of *Romeo and Juliet* features Robbins' electrifying choreography, with lyrics by renowned musical theatre legend Stephen Sondheim, a screenplay by Ernest Lehman based on the stage play produced by Robert E. Griffith and Harold S. Prince adapted from Arthur Laurents' book.

Advisories

Live music will be played for the duration of the show.

This film is rated PG for its themes of violence and sexuality.

Get in touch

If you have any questions or concerns about the access guide or planning your visit to *West Side Story: Film with Live Orchestra* at Meridian Hall, please reach out.

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Thank you for coming to *West Side Story: Film with Live Orchestra*, presented by TO Live and Glatz Concerts.