



2022 FESTIVAL ACCESS GUIDE



**BUFFIES, APRIL 6
THE RIO THEATRE
1660 EAST BROADWAY**

We respectfully acknowledge that all Vancouver International Burlesque Festival events take place on the stolen ancestral territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. As settlers on these lands, we encourage you to learn about the history of the land while celebrating and uplifting the people of our host Nations.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

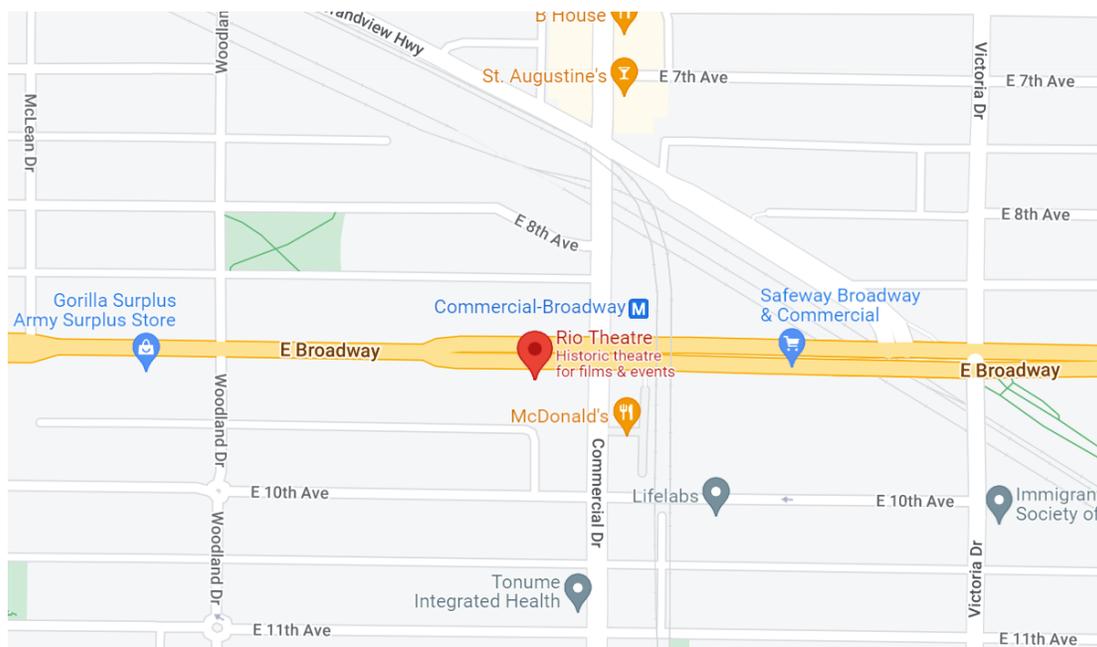
The Rio Theatre is located at 1660 East Broadway, Vancouver. The entrance to the theatre is on Broadway and is at street level. The entrance can be opened to the width of two standard-sized doors. The entrance does not have an automatic door.

The Rio Theatre is located across the street from the Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain station. Many Translink buses pass along Broadway, including the 99 B-line on Broadway which stops at Broadway and Commercial (one block away). There is also a City of Vancouver Mobi bike-share station located at 10th and Commercial (one block away). Please visit www.mobibikes.ca for more details.

There is metered and public parking along Broadway and its side streets near The Rio Theatre, but finding parking can be difficult. We recommend carpooling, taking transit, or arriving early to secure parking.

Accessible parking spaces are not included at this venue. We recommend arriving early or being dropped off at the front entrance.

There is not a specific driveway outside of the main entrance for taxis or for pick up and drop off; the entrance is directly on Broadway.



WHAT IS THE VENUE LIKE?

The Diamonds in the Buff: Industry Night ("The Buffies") will take place at the Rio Theatre.

The Rio Theatre is a large, historic theatre with seating in rows on a gradual decline toward the stage. This means everyone has a clear view of the stage. There are two aisles, one on each side of the theatre, which are steady and gradual ramps down to the stage. There is also a balcony with additional seating, which is only accessible via two staircases of 22 stairs each.

Wheelchair seating is available in the back row and the front row of the main auditorium seating.



WHAT IS THE SPACE LIKE?

Overall, the [Radical Access Mapping Project](#) has rated the Rio Theatre as semi-accessible for wheelchair/scooter use, and as non-accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Accessibility, Blind and Low Vision Accessibility, and Scent Reduction Accessibility.

Getting Around

The main floor, lobby, and auditorium of the Rio Theatre are all accessible for wheelchairs and scooters. The two aisles in the street-level auditorium are wider than four feet across. In the back left corner of the main seating area, there is a seven foot by eight foot area which provides several wheelchair/scooter spaces. The front row also had 23 fixed seats removed to create front row access for wheelchairs/ scooters.

The stairs to the balcony are well-lit and have handrails. The stairs are carpeted.

Washrooms

There are two washrooms, one at each side of the Rio theatre, and both located at street level. The washrooms are gender neutral. We encourage you to use whichever washroom suits your gender identity and accessibility needs. The washroom on the left side of the venue has one stall that has been adapted with an accessibility bar and a wider 32" door, but at this time scooters are not accessible in either washroom because the turn radius to enter the washrooms are too tight. The washroom on the right side of the venue is very small and does not have a wider door. However, The Rio has made arrangements with Broadway Station Sushi to give customers access to their accessible washrooms. Broadway Station Sushi is located two doors west of the Rio. Tampons and pads are not provided in the washrooms at The Rio.

Eating and Drinking

Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase, as well as food. Water is also available for free from the bar, which is located in the lobby.

WHAT IS THE SPACE LIKE?

Blind, Low Vision, Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Neurodivergent Guests

Signage within the theatre is clear and visible, though there is only Braille on the washroom signs. Throughout the theatre, the lighting is bright and even, though this includes fluorescent lighting. VIBF volunteers and venue staff will be able to help guests to their seats as needed.

There will not be ASL interpretation provided at this event. The host will use a microphone. This event will include loud noises and bright lights. If you would like a quiet space to take a break, please leave only in between performances, and feel free to go into the lobby or outside of the venue.

If you would like to bring a certified guide dog or service dog, please contact us.

Other Amenities

There is no ATM at The Rio, but there are several banks nearby including: BMO directly beside The Rio to the east, Scotiabank across the street, CIBC one block east, and Vancity Credit Union two blocks southeast.

There is no coat check available on site. Child care is not available on site.

At the Buffies, venue staff and VIBF volunteers will be on site to help direct you to your seat and answer any questions.



Two VIBF Community Safety Liaisons will also be on site at every event. Community Safety Liaisons are volunteers who will be briefed and trained in VIBF policies and procedures and best practices for community safety prior to every VIBF event. Community Safety Liaisons can be approached by audience members, performers, volunteers, or any other VIBF personnel at VIBF events who may wish to report concerns or request VIBF Board follow-up on any incidents.

At all VIBF events, Community Safety Liaisons will be identifiable via their 'Community Safety Liaison' badges, and event hosts will indicate how attendees can report any concerns to Community Safety Liaisons during events.

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE THE SPACE SAFER AND MORE INCLUSIVE?

Please come prepared with your COVID-19 vaccine card and government-issued photo ID for presentation with your tickets. All Festival events will continue to require vaccine cards. At all times when you are not eating or drinking, we strongly encourage you to please continue to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Be respectful of others' choices, including to continue to wear a mask and physically distance.

Set your phones to vibrate or silent, and put them away during the show. No photos or videos are allowed from audience members during the show, though we encourage you to take photos and videos before and after the show.

Abide by the [VIBF Code of Conduct](#).

Be respectful of performers, staff, volunteers, and other audience members.

Please keep the space free of strong perfumes or scented body products.

Please refrain from bringing food into the space, especially products containing nuts.

Please ask us if you have any other questions!

Contact us:

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See you April 2022!

