



2024 FESTIVAL ACCESS GUIDE



***TIT TALKS, APRIL 4
VANCITY CULTURE LAB
1895 VENABLES ST***

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?

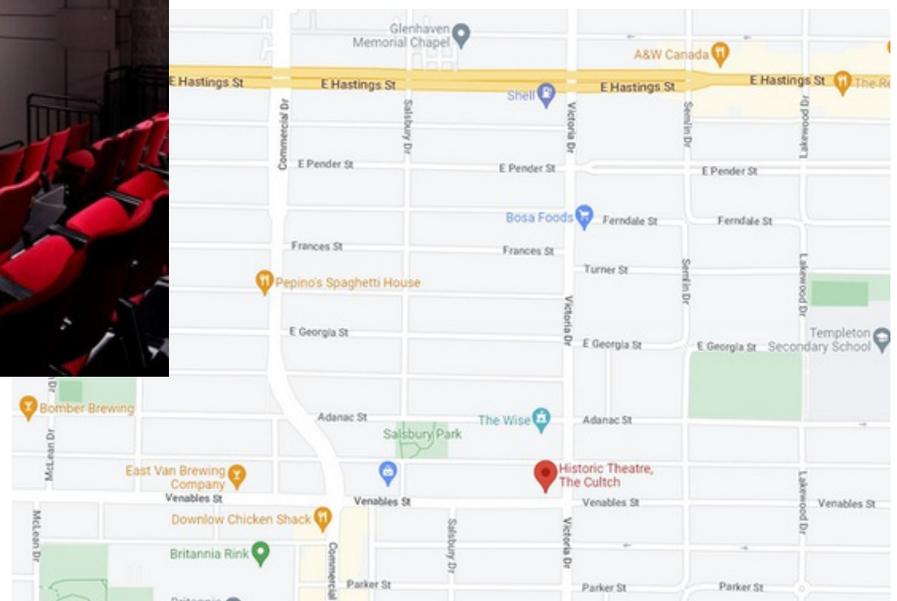
The Cultch's Vancity Culture Lab is located at 1895 Venables St, Vancouver. The entrance is a shared entrance with the Historic Theatre, and with the Cultch's Box Office.

The Culture Lab is five blocks south of East Hastings St and one block east of Commercial Drive. Many Translink buses pass along both East Hastings and Commercial. There are also several City of Vancouver Mobi bike-share stations nearby. Please visit www.mobibikes.ca for more details. There is a bike rack in front of the Box Office.

Metered street parking is available in front of the theatre and on the blocks surrounding the theatre. There is no designated wheelchair-accessible street parking. There are two accessible parking spots at the rear of the building. To request, please contact education@vibfa.ca in advance. There is a level entrance from the parking spot directly into the building.

The entrance is at street level, and is a large double door. There is a paved entrance way leading to the Box Office and main entrance door. The entrance is wheelchair accessible (automatic) and the door swings outward.

Please note: to check in for this event, you will sign in with the VIBF personnel you will see at the front door, not at the venue's Box Office.



WHAT IS THE VENUE LIKE?

The Vancity Culture Lab is a small black box theatre.

The Culture Lab has 74 seats in rows. These are fixed fold-down seats with armrests. They are 16 inches high x 18 inches wide. There are also designated wheelchair spots in the front row. To request, please contact education@vibfa.ca in advance. A limited number of big and tall seats are also available to accommodate larger and taller body types. The dimensions are 23.5 inches x 31.25 inches and can accommodate up to 453 KG. To request, please contact education@vibfa.ca in advance.

To get to the Culture Lab, you will turn right once you enter into the building. Please note that, during TIT Talks, there will be another show in the Historic Theatre. Please refer to venue signage as well as to staff and VIBF volunteers to find the Culture Lab.

There is a shared lobby and bar area between the two theatres, which patrons at TIT Talks will have access to.



WHAT IS THE SPACE LIKE?

Overall, The Culture Lab was rated by the PuSh Festival in 2011 to have "full" accessibility for wheelchair users/scooter users/mobility-limited patrons, "semi" accessibility for Deaf and hard of hearing patrons and for Blind and vision-limited patrons, and as not accessible for scent reduction. We thank PuSh for creating this resource; [click here](#) to read PuSh's full assessment of The Culture Lab. The Cultch also shares significant, and more recent, information about accessibility directly on their website.

Getting Around

Access to The Culture Lab through the entrance is at street level. There are spaces inside the lobby to park mobility scooters. Access to the bar, lobby, and washrooms is also at street level.

There is seating in the lobby and bar area as well.

Eating and Drinking

The bar offers a mix of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, as well as snacks, for purchase. There is no water fountain, but there is a self-serve water dispenser available at the bar.

Washrooms

All washroom facilities are located on the ground floor and are for use by people of all genders. The main washroom area includes two wheelchair accessible stalls and there is also a separate, standalone accessible washroom around the corner. In the accessible stalls, the stall door entrances are 34 inches and open outwards with a swing style inside door handle. The flush is controlled by a sensor located above the toilet. The washroom stall on the left of the main sinks has grab bars on the back and left, and transfer is to the left and front of the toilet. The washroom stall on the right of the main sinks has grab bars on the back and right and transfer is to the right and front of the toilet.

In all washrooms, soaps are scent-free. There are no urinals. Tampons and pads will be available in all washrooms.

WHAT IS THE SPACE LIKE?

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

Inside the building, there is a mix of fluorescent, incandescent and LED lighting. Fluorescent lighting will be turned off for performances in the theatre.

There is signage throughout the venue, but no Braille.

Listening devices are available in all Cultch venues on a first come first serve basis. To request, please contact education@vibfa.ca in advance. All speakers will use a microphone.

If you would like a quiet space to take a break, please leave in between performances and feel free to go to the lobby or outside the venue.

Certified guide and service dogs are welcome in this venue.

Other Amenities

There is not ATM on site; the closest ATM is in the corner store at Venables and Commercial. Child care is not available on site. VIBF staff and volunteers, as well as venue staff, will be available to help direct you.



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 help keep yourself and others safe - 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 in the lobby and 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:
info@vibf.ca

