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2026 Accessability Guide



Passion & Performance

55 West 8th Avenue

Workshops: Friday and Saturday, April 3rd and 4th

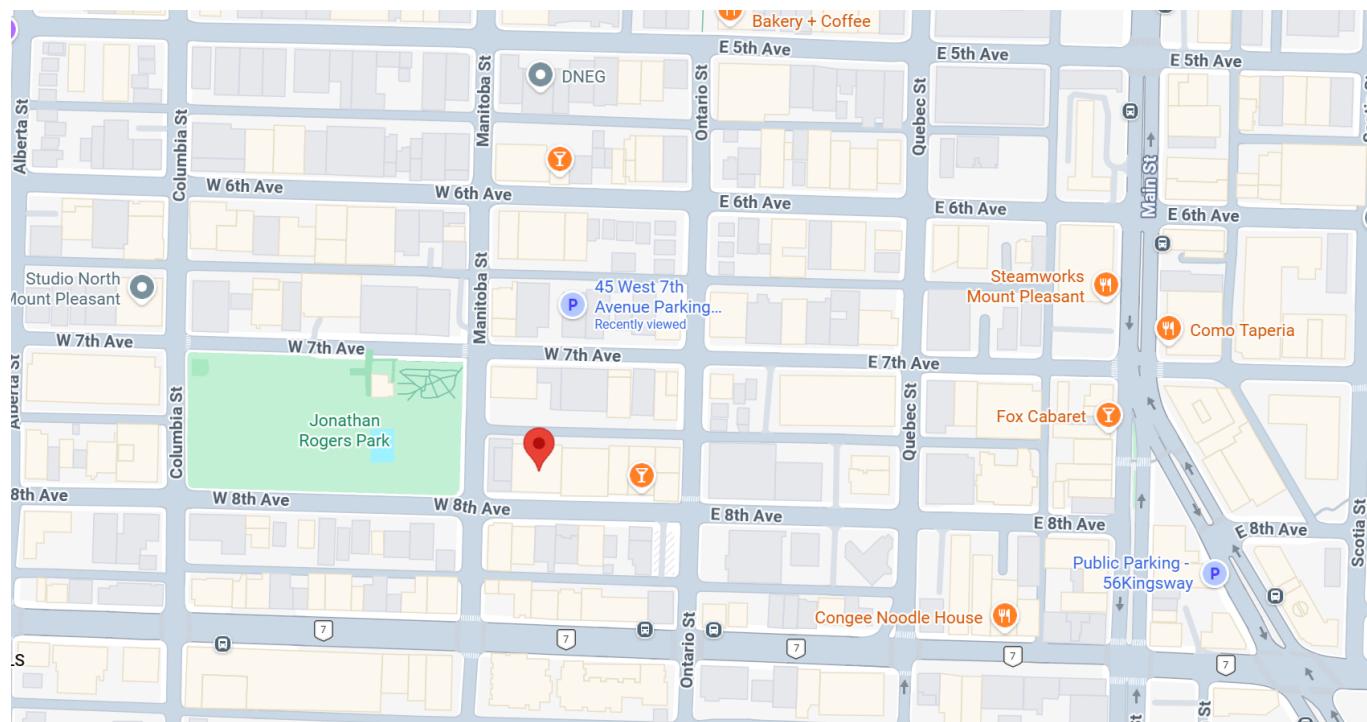
We respectfully acknowledge that all Vancouver International Burlesque Festival events take place on the stolen ancestral territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. As settlers on these lands, we encourage you to learn about the history of the land while celebrating and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

How to Get There

Passion & Performance is located at 55 West 8th Ave, Vancouver. The entrance is at the corner of West 8th Ave and Manitoba St.

Passion & Performance is one block north of Broadway Ave and six blocks south of West 2nd Ave. Many Translink buses pass along both Broadway and West 2nd. There is also a City of Vancouver Mobi bike-share station nearby, at West 8th and Ontario St. Please visit www.mobibikes.ca for more details.

Metered street parking is available in front of the studio and on the blocks surrounding it. There are two free parking spots in front of the studio. The entrance is at street level, and is a large double door.



Venue Details

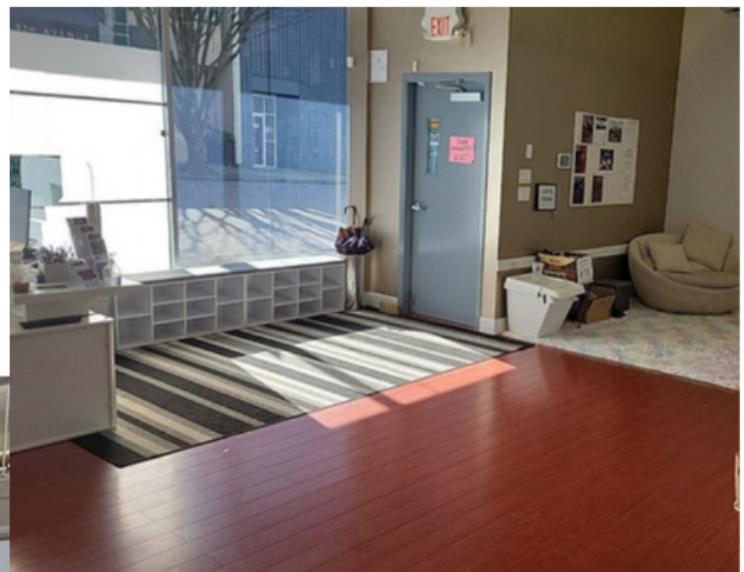
Passion & Performance is a dance studio focusing on providing safe and inclusive spaces for adults to learn dance and performance.

Passion & Performance has two classrooms, both at street level. The studio is entirely accessible for those who use scooters, wheelchairs, and other mobility devices.

Top Right: Lobby

Below: Studio A

Bottom Right: Studio B



Getting Around

Passion & Performance does not have any stairs, elevators, or escalators to deal with as it is all on street level. The entrance has spaces to sign in, sit down, remove shoes, and prepare for class. There is a hallway to access both classrooms and the washrooms which is about four feet wide. The large classroom (Studio A) will hold a maximum of 40 students.

Washrooms

Passion & Performance has one accessible washroom and one gender neutral washroom with two stalls. The washrooms have double doors for wider access. Tampons and pads are available in the washrooms.

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

There is not substantial signage throughout the studio; however, the total studio size is small. Throughout the studio, the lighting is bright and even, though this includes fluorescent lighting. The lighting is dimmable. The large classroom has a wall of windows with natural light. The small classroom does not have windows.

If you would like a quiet space to take a break, please feel free to take a moment in the lobby/entrance, or outside the studio. Certified guide and service dogs are welcome in the studio.

Eating and Drinking

Please refrain from eating in the classrooms. Passion & Performance has a kitchen with a sink, fridge, and microwave. Water bottles can be filled in the sink.

Seating Sizes

There are three sizes of seats once inside the theatre that measure 18', 20' and 22' from between each arm rest support. There is one armrest between each seat that does not raise and is made of wood.

For patrons with larger bodies who require a wider seat, the Playhouse seats in row 16 are significantly wider and have more room between the other rows. Another option for those who need extra space is to select a loose seat in the balcony.

The theatre seating consists of lightweight folding chairs and a limited number of sturdy seats. If you have a larger body, it is recommended to contact us if you wish to reserve a more sturdy seat.

Other Amenities

The studio has cubbies for students to store your jackets, shoes, and other belongings while in class.

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 encourage you 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.

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 the VIBF Board at info@vibf.ca

