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The Birdhouse

44 West 4th Avenue

The Buffies

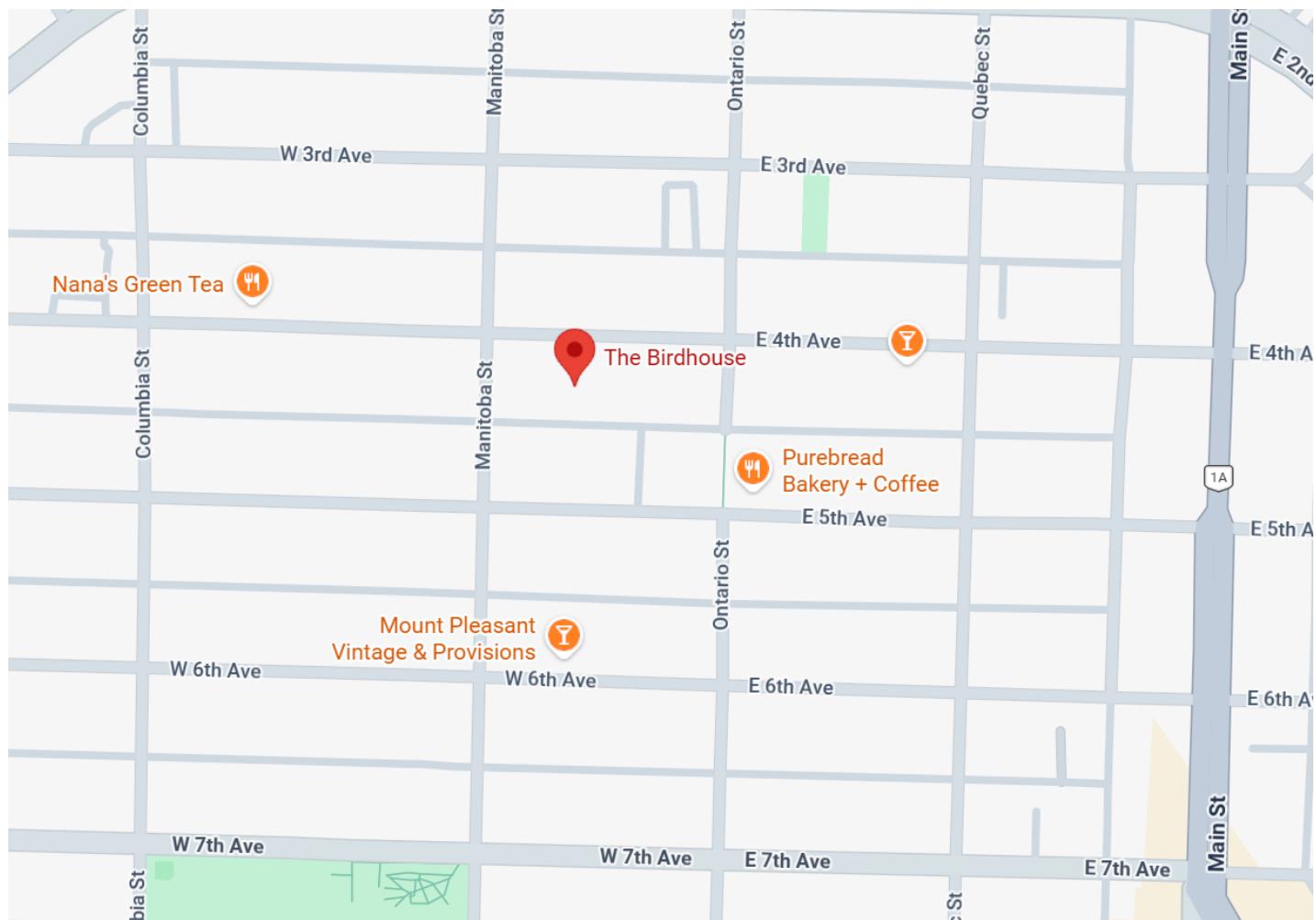
We respectfully acknowledge that all Vancouver International Burlesque Festival events take place on the stolen ancestral territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. As settlers on these lands, we encourage you to learn about the history of the land while celebrating and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

How to Get There

The Birdhouse is located at 44 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver. The main entrance is on 4th Avenue through the chainlink gates, and is at street level.

The Birdhouse is eight blocks away from Broadway Street, where you can find many bus routes. There are also many bike share options and Lime scooters in the area.

Parking is on the street and at three nearby lots. Parking Indigo Vancouver Lot 009 is at 4th & Alberta, Precise ParkLink at 45 West 7th Avenue, and Easy Park Lot #102 is at 3rd at Quebec.



Venue Details

The Birdhouse is a ground level venue, with a wheelchair-accessible entrance/exit (double doors 70 in. wide, single door is 35).

The door to the outdoor patio is 35 inches wide. There is a cord that is 1/2 in. off the ground running parallel before the door to the outdoor patio. About 5ft from the patio door the ground slopes approx. 20 degrees.

Getting Around

There is a small raised area left of the stage with a few stairs, and the stage is also only accessible via a small set of stairs.

Washrooms

There is one wheelchair-accessible washroom and several single-stall washrooms ranging from 32-27 inches in width inside the venue. All washrooms are all genders.

The wheelchair-accessible washroom's measurements are as follows: door width of 35 inches, sink height is 33 inches, toilet paper is 32 inches from the toilet, paper towel height is 44 inches, and a railing on the right side of the toilet is 31 inches from the ground. The door opens inwards to the washroom, the dimensions of the washroom are 94 inches x 70 inches. Due to the warehouse flooring, there is a ramp with a slope about 2in in height and 30in length to access the washroom. Access is around a corner 56in wide and 42in deep.

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

Lighting is overall dim throughout the venue, except in our vendors hall where they are more bright. We will be limiting flashing lights for our guests who have sensory issues. Hosts will use microphones. The show will include loud noises and bright lights. If you would like a quiet space to take a break, please feel free to go outdoors to the patio, some noise can still be heard but it is otherwise quieter and less overstimulating.

Eating and Drinking

Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase.

(Venue info from <https://www.vancouverpride.ca/the-birdhouse-accessibility>)

Seating Sizes

For shows, there is reserved seating space for disabled folks at the front of the stage. Please make use of it as you need. We know not all disabilities are visible, this space is for you if you need it.

There is a raised space (wheelchair inaccessible) left of the stage that we've converted into a sitting area with couches and stools.

There are several couches and stools in the lower sensory lounge adjacent to the staged area.

There are low, sturdy garden chairs with arms available on the patio outside as well as picnic benches with no backrest. Please feel free to ask security or door staff if you ever require alternative seating and would like staff assistance in finding a seat.

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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, 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 the VIBF Board at info@vibf.ca

