



GUTHRIE
THEATER



RELAXED PERFORMANCE

Tip Sheet

Getting to the Guthrie

ADDRESS

818 South 2nd Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415
guthrietheater.org

NEARBY LANDMARKS

The Guthrie Theater is located in downtown Minneapolis along the Mississippi River. We're nestled between Mill City Museum and Gold Medal Park, just a few blocks away from the Stone Arch Bridge and U.S. Bank Stadium.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Please check with the [Minnesota Department of Transportation](#) to see if there is construction along your route.

From the North (I-35W)

Heading south on 35W, take the WASHINGTON AVE exit (17C). Turn RIGHT onto WASHINGTON AVE. Turn RIGHT onto 11TH AVE S. Turn LEFT onto S 2ND ST and go two blocks. The Guthrie will be on your right.

From the West (I-394)

Heading east on 394, take the 3RD AVE N/WASHINGTON AVE exit (9C). Take the WASHINGTON AVE ramp. Turn RIGHT onto WASHINGTON AVE N. Turn LEFT onto CHICAGO AVE S. Turn RIGHT onto S 2ND ST. The Guthrie will be on your left.

From the South (I-35W)

Heading north on 35W, take the 3RD ST/WASHINGTON AVE exit (17C). Turn LEFT onto WASHINGTON AVE S. Turn RIGHT onto 11TH AVE S. Turn LEFT onto S 2ND ST and go two blocks. The Guthrie will be on your right.

From the East (I-94)

Heading west on 94, take the 7TH ST exit (234B). Turn RIGHT onto 11TH AVE S. Turn LEFT onto S 2ND ST and go two blocks. The Guthrie will be on your right.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

For the light rail, take the [Green](#) or [Blue](#) lines to the U.S. Bank Stadium stop and walk north (toward the Mississippi River) on Chicago Avenue until South 2nd Street. The Guthrie will be across the street and to the right. There are several bus routes with stops near the Guthrie, and you can plan your trip [online](#) with Metro Transit. You can also schedule a ride with [Metro Mobility](#). For more information about planning your trip or to check for [Rider Alerts](#) along your route, visit [metrotransit.org](#).

PARKING

We recommend parking in the Riverfront Ramp on South 2nd Street directly across from the Guthrie. The Guthrie event parking rate is \$15 and is pre-pay only by debit/credit card. There will be signs posted outside the ramp entrances on South 2nd Street and 9th Avenue South when the Guthrie event rate is in effect.

When you enter the ramp, follow the instructions on the kiosk to pre-pay and receive a parking ticket. Take this parking ticket with you into the theater and keep it in a safe place. You will use it to reenter the ramp by scanning it at one of the pedestrian entrances on South 2nd Street or 9th Avenue South.

To get to the Guthrie on foot from the Riverfront ramp, exit on Level One (street level) to access the pedestrian walkway that will lead you across South 2nd Street to the main entrance. There is no public skyway access between the Riverfront Ramp and the Guthrie.

Other parking options include nearby ramps or [metered street parking](#). Most meters near the Guthrie have a two-hour maximum. If you have disability plates or a parking certificate, you may park for up to four hours at a metered space free of charge.

ENTRANCES

You may enter the Guthrie through four sets of doors — two facing South 2nd Street and two facing West River Parkway.

South 2nd Street Entrances

- Main entrance; faces the Riverfront Ramp (high-traffic entrance); curb cut access from street; automatic door opener
- Front side entrance; near the Guthrie Store (low-traffic entrance); curb cut access from street; automatic door opener

West River Parkway Entrances

- Back entrance; faces the Mississippi River (low-traffic entrance); stairs (no ramp or curb cut access) from street; no automatic door opener
- Back side entrance; near the playwright panels (low-traffic entrance); stairs (no ramp or curb cut access) from street; no automatic door opener

Inside the Guthrie

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Masks are not required for guests visiting the Guthrie's public spaces nor for patrons attending performances. However, we encourage folks to wear masks as needed for themselves and/or as an act of community care for others.

While we eliminate stage-level fog/smoke effects for relaxed performances, there may still be haze or other respiratory irritants present inside the theater. Please consider bringing a mask and/or other protective sensory equipment if such irritants pose a risk to your comfort or well-being.

You may request a disposable mask at one of the Guest Services Desks on Levels One, Four or Five. However, we cannot guarantee that masks will be available.

BUILDING MAPS

Please refer to our relaxed performance building maps for each stage to help find your way around the building and determine the spaces and routes that will work best for you.

FINDING THE McGUIRE PROSCENIUM STAGE

If you are attending a performance on the McGuire Proscenium Stage, you will enter the theater on Level Four. There are several ways to get to Level Four:

- **Escalators:** In the Level One lobby, you'll find (and hear) two escalators that will take you straight to Level Four.
- **Elevators:** Elevators are located across from the Guthrie Store on Level One and will take you to Level Four.
- **Stairs:** Stairs are in the middle of the Level One lobby on the right (if you are facing the river) or on your left (if you are facing South 2nd Street).
- **Mobility Device Users:** Accessibility ushers can help bring you safely to your seat via elevator and store your devices if needed. You can request assistance when you purchase your tickets or at any time during your visit.

FINDING THE WURTELE THRUST STAGE

If you are attending a performance on the Wurtele Thrust Stage, you will enter the theater on Level Four or Five depending on the location of your seats. If you are seated in the orchestra section, you will enter the theater on Level Four. If you are seated in the slope or balcony, you will enter the theater on Level Five. There are several ways to get to Levels Four and Five:

- **Escalators:** In the Level One lobby, you'll find (and hear) two escalators that will take you straight to Level Four.
- **Elevators:** Elevators are located across from the Guthrie Store on Level One and will take you to Levels Four and Five.
- **Stairs:** Stairs are in the middle of the Level One lobby on the right (if you are facing the river) or on your left (if you are facing South 2nd Street).
- **Mobility Device Users:** Accessibility ushers can help bring you safely to your seat via elevator and store your devices if needed. You can request assistance when you purchase your tickets or at any time during your visit.

RESTROOMS

Public restrooms are located in the lobbies on Levels Four and Five.

Four universal, ADA-accessible restrooms that lock and provide privacy are available to persons of any gender identity and expression on Levels Three and Four. All public restrooms have child changing tables.

Level Three

One all-gender restroom is accessible from the McGuire Proscenium Stage. Where Aisle 2 ends at the stage, pass through the door on the right.

Level Four

One private, all-gender restroom is located in the main lobby next to the men's restroom, and two private, all-gender restrooms are located at the end of the Von Blon Lobby, which is past the main entrance to the Wurtele Thrust Stage.

These public and private restrooms have manual flushers and paper towels to dry hands (no hand dryers). Please note that some urinals in the men's restrooms have automatic flushers.

An adult changing table is available upon request at the Level Four Guest Services Desk. Guest Services staff can assist with table setup and takedown.

SIGNAGE

To help you find your way around the Guthrie, we will have increased directional and informational signage in the lobbies, elevators, restrooms and more.

PUBLIC SPACES

Although the performance is the main event, we invite you to come early or stay after the show to explore our public spaces or take in the downtown views from multiple levels.

- Guthrie Store (Level One)
- Endless Bridge (Level Five)
- Adam Turman Mural and Little Free Library (Level Eight)
- Amber Box (Level Nine)

QUIET AREAS

We will have quiet areas in close proximity to both theaters. Each area will be curtained off and equipped with multiple seating options, warm lighting and a variety of comfort items, including fidgets and headphones. When you exit the theaters, simply follow the signs to the nearest quiet area (see our building maps for exact locations).

ACTIVITY AREAS

There may be activity areas in the lobbies on Levels Four and Five during your visit. Activities will end approximately 15 minutes before the performance to allow you enough time to take your seats. Each activity area may include:

- Hands-on art and movement activities
- Costume and prop displays
- Photo station
- Set and building models
- Tables with sensory tools and fidgets

Good To Know

DOORS OPEN

The doors to the theater will open approximately one hour before the show begins to allow ample time for you to find your seats and acclimate to the space. You may enter the theater any time before the show begins, but we recommend you start making your way to the theater 15 minutes before curtain.

USHERS AND STAFF

We will have extra ushers and staff on hand to welcome you to the theater, direct you to your seats, help you get settled and answer any questions before, during and after the performance. All staff will be trained and equipped to help make your experience the best it can be — and we can't wait to see you.

COMFORT ITEMS

Feel free to bring your own headphones, fidgets, electronic devices or other comfort items into the theater. When the performance begins, we ask that you put electronic devices away so you may fully engage in the beauty and magic of the show. Feel free to visit our lobbies, designated quiet areas or activity areas to use electronic devices.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

A variety of food and beverage options may be available for purchase in the Guthrie Store on Level One or in the lobbies on Levels Four and Five. Beverages are allowed inside the theater, but food must be enjoyed in the lobbies. You can email guestservices@guthrietheater.org or contact the Box Office before your visit to find out what dining options are available in the building or near the Guthrie.

You are welcome to bring a water bottle and refill it at a drinking fountain. Please be considerate of the space and those around you, and take a moment to restore your area and dispose of any trash when you leave.

DRESS CODE

Come as you are and be yourself.

PERFUME AND COLOGNE

Please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, lotions or any self-care products with strong aromas.

AGE RECOMMENDATIONS

All ages are welcome at relaxed performances, but some shows may not be suitable for young children. Contact the Box Office for details about a specific production.

REFUND POLICY

If you need to leave and miss the performance for any reason, please contact the Box Office no later than the day after the show to receive a refund.

MEET YOUR SEAT

If you would like to visit the theater in advance and see your seats, please contact Guest Services at guestservices@guthrietheater.org to schedule a time.

POST-SHOW SURVEY

We will be sending out a post-show survey to find out what we did well and what we can do better in the future. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for our survey, and thank you in advance for your valuable feedback.

RELAXED PERFORMANCE DATES

Visit guthrietheater.org/relaxed to view upcoming relaxed performances and purchase tickets.

Questions?

Call the Box Office at 612.377.2224 or 1.877.447.8243 (toll-free),
email Guest Services at guestservices@guthrietheater.org
or visit guthrietheater.org/relaxed.