

wexner center for the arts

Access Information



The Wexner Center strives to make our events and facilities accessible to all our patrons.

If you have questions about access or wish to request ASL interpreter or visual guide accommodations, please contact the **Wexner Center's patron services staff**.

- **Call (614) 688-3890**
- **E-mail to houseweb@wexarts.org**

Please request ASL interpreters or visual guides at least three weeks in advance of the event for which you have tickets or plan to attend, so we can ensure a positive experience.

Please give us as much notice as possible for any other request, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. Please be prepared to discuss your needs with us, to let us know if you will have a companion attending the event with you, and provide us with your name and contact information so that we can follow up with you.

Drop-off Points and Parking

The small metered parking area on the High Street side of Mershon Auditorium may be used as a drop-off and pick-up point for patrons visiting the Wexner Center or attending events. A very limited number of designated accessible parking spaces are located in the same lot.

Accessible parking spaces are designated in the Ohio Union Garages, just south of the Wexner Center, and in the Arps Garage, about one block north of the center. These are your closest parking options. At least one of the two Ohio Union Garages is open for visitor parking on weekdays, evenings, and weekends. The Arps Garage is generally open for visitor parking in the evening and on weekends.

For more parking tips, visit wexarts.org, e-mail houseweb@wexarts.org, or call **(614) 688-3890**.

Quick Guide to Accessibility by Venue

The Wexner Center does programming in our own spaces and other venues on campus and in the community. Before heading to an event, please check your ticket to verify the location and consult these notes for details about each venue.

Service animals are welcome in all venues.

WEXNER CENTER BUILDING: GALLERIES, FILM/VIDEO THEATER, PERFORMANCE SPACE, STORE & CAFÉ

- The west entrance to the Wexner Center (the College Road side) is wheelchair accessible.
- An elevator near that entrance is available to reach the lower level, where the entrance to the galleries, the entrance to the Film/Video Theater, and the walkway to the Performance Space are located, along with the Wexner Center Store and the Café.
- The galleries are located along a long ramp. The entrance to the Performance Space is located near the top of the same ramp. The ramp is wheelchair accessible, but there is an incline and the surface is by design slightly uneven.

- Accessible restrooms are located next to the café on the gallery level and near the Performance Space, further up the ramp.
 - Wheelchairs are available on request.
 - Accessible seating in the Film/Video Theater is available in the first and last rows. Although ADA compliant, the gradient within the theater is a bit steep, so feel free to request assistance if you would like to sit in the front accessible section.
 - An elevator near the Performance Space is available to reach that space's main (lower) floor. Balcony seating is located down a short set of stairs.
 - With advance notice, accessible seating is available for theater, dance, and jazz or world music events in the Performance Space, with the location and number of accessible seats determined by stage set-up.
 - With advance notice, limited seating is available in the balcony, down a short set of stairs, for Next@Wex music events.
 - A limited number of assistive listening devices are available on request for use during films and during performances that use amplified sound.
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MERSHON AUDITORIUM

- There is no elevator in Mershon: please request main floor seating if stairs pose difficulties.
 - An accessible seating area is located at the rear of the main floor of the auditorium.
 - Accessible restrooms are located off the main floor lobby.
 - A limited number of assistive listening devices are available on request for shows that use amplified sound.
 - Wheelchairs are available on request.
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MERSHON STAGE

- With advance notice, accessible seating is available for theater and dance events, with location and number of accessible seats determined by stage set-up.
- For standing-only Next@Wex music shows, seating is available in the auditorium, down a short set of stairs; sightlines may be partially obscured by the stage curtain.
- Patrons with wheelchairs will be guided to an accessible entrance.

Off-Site Venues

WEIGEL CONCERT HALL

- An elevator is available to reach the upper area of the concert hall.
- Accessible seating is available in the back of the hall.
- Accessible restrooms are located off the lower lobby.
- Accessible parking is available in Arps Garage (after 4 PM and on weekends, September to June).

THURBER THEATRE (DRAKE PERFORMANCE AND EVENT CENTER)

- Elevators are available in the building.
- Accessible seating is available in the back of the theater.
- Accessible restrooms are located off a hallway a short distance from the theater space.
- Although all of the main entrances to the Drake are wheelchair accessible, the easiest access is through the ground floor north entrance (closest to the stadium). A sidewalk ramp and door openers are available at this entrance.
- A small lot in front of the building may be used as a pick-up and drop-off point. Accessible parking spaces are designated in area surface lots.

Group Tours

If you wish to organize a tour for your school, campus, or community group, please contact the Wexner Center's education staff at (614) 292-6493 or by e-mail to edweb@wexarts.org at least three weeks in advance of your requested date. We'll be glad to discuss any questions you have about access or accommodations.

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