



GUTHRIE
THEATER

Tip Sheet

Getting to the Guthrie

ADDRESS

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

NEARBY LANDMARKS

The Guthrie Theater is located in the heart of downtown Minneapolis along the Mississippi River. We're nestled between Mill City Museum and Gold Medal Park and just a few blocks away from Izzy's Ice Cream, 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 Theater 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 www.metrotransit.org.

PARKING

We recommend parking in the Riverfront Ramp on South 2nd Street directly across from the Guthrie. Take the elevator or stairs to Level 1 to access the pedestrian walkway that will lead you across South 2nd Street to the main entrance.

If you prefer to pay for parking on the day of the performance, the event parking rate is \$9. You may pay at the exit with a debit/credit card. If you would like to pay with cash or pre-pay before you leave, take your parking ticket with you, use the pay stations in the ramp lobby after the show and insert your paid parking ticket at the exit.

Other parking options include nearby ramps (Mill Quarter Municipal Parking Ramp, Mills Fleet Farm Ramp) 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.

PRE-PAID PARKING VOUCHERS

You have the option to purchase pre-paid parking vouchers for \$9 through the Box Office. Vouchers are only valid for the Riverfront Ramp located directly across from the Guthrie on South 2nd Street. When you enter the ramp, you will take a ticket from the kiosk. When you exit, simply insert your voucher into the kiosk as payment. Please note that pre-paid parking vouchers are not sold at a reduced rate; they are offered as a convenience to save time when leaving the theater.

To purchase a parking voucher:

- Call the Box Office at 612.377.2224 and tell the representative which performance you are attending.
- Request one parking voucher per vehicle. Each voucher is \$9.
- The Box Office representative will let you know if your parking voucher(s) will be mailed to you or held at the Box Office on Level One. If they are held at the Box Office, you may pick up your voucher(s) anytime, including the day of the performance.

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)
- Side entrance; near Sea Change restaurant (low-traffic entrance)

West River Parkway Entrances

- Back entrance; faces the Mississippi River (low-traffic entrance)
- Side entrance; near Sea Change restaurant (low-traffic entrance)

Inside the Guthrie

SENSORY BUILDING MAPS

Please refer to our sensory building maps to help you 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).

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).

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.

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 on Levels Four and Five and the restrooms inside Sea Change restaurant have automatic flushers.

Changing tables for children and adults are available in the private restroom on Level Four next to the men's restroom.

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, dine at our restaurants or take in the downtown views from multiple levels.

- Guthrie Store (Level One)
- Sea Change Restaurant (Level One)
- Endless Bridge (Level Five)
- Level Five Café and Level Five Express (Level Five)
- Amber Box (Level Nine)

QUIET AREAS

We will have quiet areas on Levels Four and Five 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 sensory building maps for exact locations).

ACTIVITY AREAS

There will 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-friendly fidgets

Good to Know

DOORS OPEN

The doors to the theater will open 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.

CONCIERGE SERVICE

While maps and signage are helpful, having an expert by your side to help you navigate the building may be a welcome option for some. If you would like a Guthrie staff member to personally assist you during your visit, please contact the Box Office and ask about our concierge service. There is no extra charge for this service, but reservations are appreciated.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

You are welcome to bring food and beverages inside the theater and enjoy them during the performance (but please leave extra-messy snacks at home). 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.

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.

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. However, we suggest the following ages for each show based on content and thematic elements: *Steel Magnolias* (12 and up); *A Christmas Carol* (8 and up); *Twelfth Night* (12 and up); *Emma* (8 and up).

GENDER CONSIDERATIONS

Steel Magnolias will feature an all-female cast. In *A Christmas Carol*, the role of Tiny Tim will be played by a female actor. In *Twelfth Night*, the female character Viola disguises herself as a man (named Cesario) to help her survive in an unknown land, which creates much humor throughout the play. In addition, the roles of Sir Andrew and Sir Toby traditionally played by men will be played by female actors.

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 the Accessibility Office at accessibility@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.

2019-2020 PERFORMANCES

Steel Magnolias

Sunday, November 24 at 4 p.m.
McGuire Proscenium Stage

A Christmas Carol

Saturday, December 28 at 1 p.m.
Wurtele Thrust Stage

Twelfth Night (student matinee)

Thursday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Wurtele Thrust Stage

Emma

Saturday, May 23 at 1 p.m.
Wurtele Thrust Stage

Questions?

Call the Box Office at 612.377.2224 or
1.877.44.STAGE (toll-free), email the Accessibility Office
at accessibility@guthrietheater.org
or visit www.guthrietheater.org/relaxed.



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