

# TORONTO **FRINGE** **FESTIVAL**

## Native Earth's Aki Studio Venue Guide



### Welcome!

We are looking forward to having you join us at Native Earth's Aki Studio. Below is some helpful information that will tell you what to expect when you come to the show.

# Table of Contents

Getting Here ..... 3

Arriving ..... 6

Before the Show ..... 8

Entering the Building ..... 11

Lobby ..... 12

Performance Space ..... 13

During a Relaxed Performance ..... 15

Quiet Zone ..... 15

Washrooms ..... 16

Thank You ..... 18

## Getting Here

Native Earth's Aki Studio is located inside Daniels Spectrum at the corner of Sackville St and Dundas St East. The address is 585 Dundas St E, Toronto, ON M5A 2B7 which is about two blocks east from Parliament St on Dundas St East.





## **Bicycle**

There are numerous bike racks outside of the venue including one to the right of the north entrance that holds multiple bikes. Please make sure you bring a lock to secure your bike. If you are using Bike Share, you can dock your bike at the nearest dock which is northwest at Sackville and Oak.



## **Bus**

The closest accessible bus route is 65 Parliament to Queens Quay and Sherbourne which departs heading south from Castle Frank Station. Get off at Parliament Street at Oak Street and walk south to Dundas St E. Turn left onto Dundas St E and your destination will be on your right. The theatre is approximately 500 meters from the bus stop or a 6-minute walk.



## **Streetcar**

The closest accessible streetcar route is Streetcar 505, Dundas to Victoria Park which departs heading east from Dundas Station. You can currently also alternatively catch the 501 from Dundas Station. Get off directly in front of the theatre at Dundas St at Regent Park Blvd.



## **Subway**

Dundas Station is the closest subway station. To get to the theatre from here, walk east on Dundas for about 20-minutes or 1.6 km. The theatre is on the south side of Dundas St E.



## **Taxi**

There will be enough room for taxis to make pickups and drop-offs right in front of the main entrance on Dundas St E. Please let staff or a volunteer know if you need assistance calling a taxi.



### **Wheel-Trans**

There will be enough room for Wheel-Trans for make pickups and drop-offs right in front of the main entrance on Dundas St E.

### **Parking**

The nearest paid accessible parking is located at Precise ParkLink at 563 Dundas St E, Toronto, ON M5A 2B7 and is part of the theatre's building.

## Arriving

This is what the building looks like from the main entrance, which is on Dundas St East. There is a push to open button at this entrance.



This is what the building looks like if you are coming east from Sackville St.



This is what the building looks like if you are coming west from Regent Park Blvd.



## Before the Show

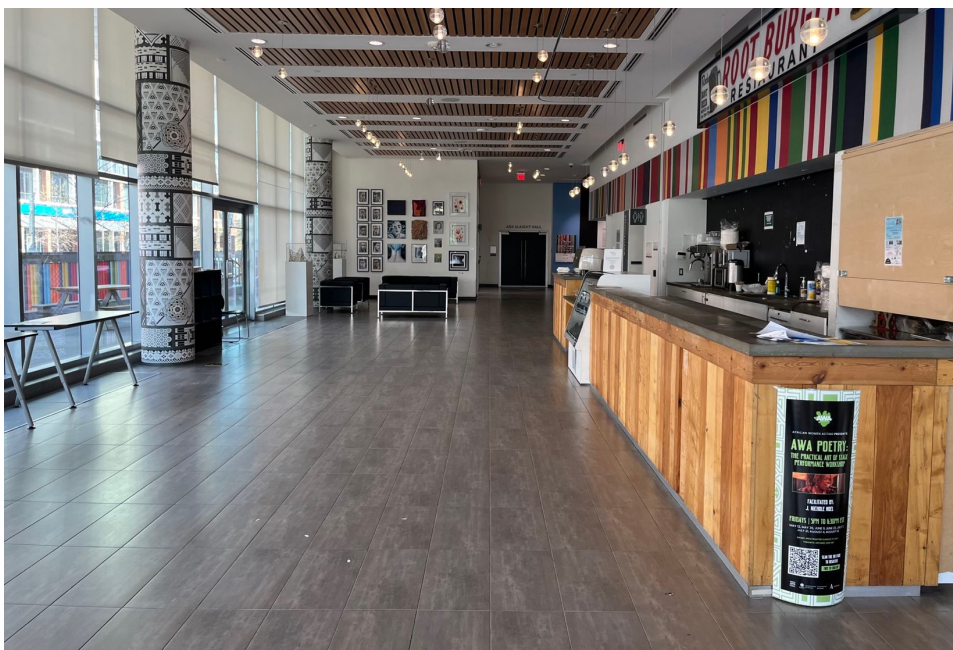
During the Fringe, you wait outside the theatre in the main lobby until your show is announced. This is also where our Front of House is located. Please note that Daniels Spectrum has multiple theatres.

You may need to visit our Front of House if you want to:

- Indicate that you require priority seating
- Indicate that you require alternative seating
- Indicate that you require accessible seatings
- Pick up an assisted listening device
- Pick up a headset and receiver for audio described performances
- Pick up earplugs or fidget toys
- Review the venue guide
- Review the access guide for select performances

Our Front of House will be located on southeast side of the lobby. When you enter from Dundas St E you will head straight into the building and the Front of House table will be on your left.

Here is what it looks like when you enter from Dundas St E.





You will wait in the ticket holders' line as indicated by front of house and there is ample seating available should you need. The lobby is also home to a small café on its northwest side.

This is what the lobby will look like from the front of house table.





Fringe staff wear black or white t-shirts and volunteers wear purple t-shirts and would be happy to help you!



## **Entering the Building**

A Front of House person will audibly announce, as well as hold up a sign, for priority seating for anyone requiring extra time. This includes patrons using accessible or alternative seating. If that's you, then you will enter.

A Front of House person will then make a general entrance announcement and hold up a sign for everyone to enter the theatre a few minutes later. If you haven't already gone in, then it's time.

## Lobby

The theatre is located past the front of house table and around the corner to the right. There is more seating in this area of the lobby and the entrance to the theatre will be on your right.



## Performance Space

These are the doors to the Aki Studio Theatre. Aki Studio Theatre is located around the corner at the back or the southwest side of the lobby,



This is where you will sit and watch the show. You can sit in whichever seat you like! Accessible seating is located in the front row, and chairs can be removed or rearranged to accommodate mobility devices as needed. The entrance to the theatre will bring you to the back of the audience and the chairs in the theatre are raked or sloping upwards. There are two aisles of stairs that allow you to access the rows of seats.



This is what the stage may look like from the audience. The set will of course change based on each show.





## During a Relaxed Performance

If you are coming for a relaxed performance, there will be a short introduction before the show starts. Someone from the company will let you know a little about the show, characters, and if there is anything that may be surprising during the performance. You can also expect reduced sound and lighting effects. The house lights will be on at a low level so that you can enter and exit safely at any time. Audience members are free to sit or stand, make noise as they need to, or use fidgets as needed. We want you to be comfortable.

## Quiet Zone

If you need to leave the theatre during the show for any reason, you are welcome to sit in the quiet zone, which will be the benches on the right when you exit the theatre. You may still hear some of the sounds from the show as well as noise from the lobby while you are in the quiet zone, but it will be quieter than inside the theatre space and staff and volunteers will do their best to keep things quiet. There will also be fidget toys and earplugs available prior to the show and in the quiet zone.



## Washrooms

Upon entering the lobby, the washrooms will be in the alcove on the right just past the café. Upon exiting the theatre turn left back into the main lobby and the washrooms will be in the alcove on the left.



There are two washrooms that have been gendered male and female. Both washrooms have push-to-open buttons on the doors, large accessible stalls, and grab bars.



## **Thank you**

We hope you have a good time at the Toronto Fringe Festival.

If you want to tell us about your time or have feedback that you would like to share, you can call us, write to us, or send us an email.

### **Our address is**

100 Broadview Avenue, Suite 322  
Toronto, ON M4M 3H3  
Canada

### **Our email address is**

[general@fringetoronto.com](mailto:general@fringetoronto.com)

### **Our phone number is**

416-966-1062

Thank you for coming.