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Visual and Accessibility Guide

34th Season of Theatre Under the Stars

For *The Bonds of Interest* at Strathcona Park
Corner of Laurier Ave E and Range Road
Ottawa, ON
Canada

Welcome to the Odyssey Theatre!

This visual guide was created to help you prepare for the play you are about to see.

This guide will be especially useful if this is your first time attending one of our productions or if you are a new attendee to theatre in general. We want to ensure your experience is as fantastic as possible!



Our Venue

Our Theatre Under the Stars season takes place at Strathcona Park in the Sandy Hill neighbourhood of Ottawa. Our theatre is accessible and wheelchair-friendly!

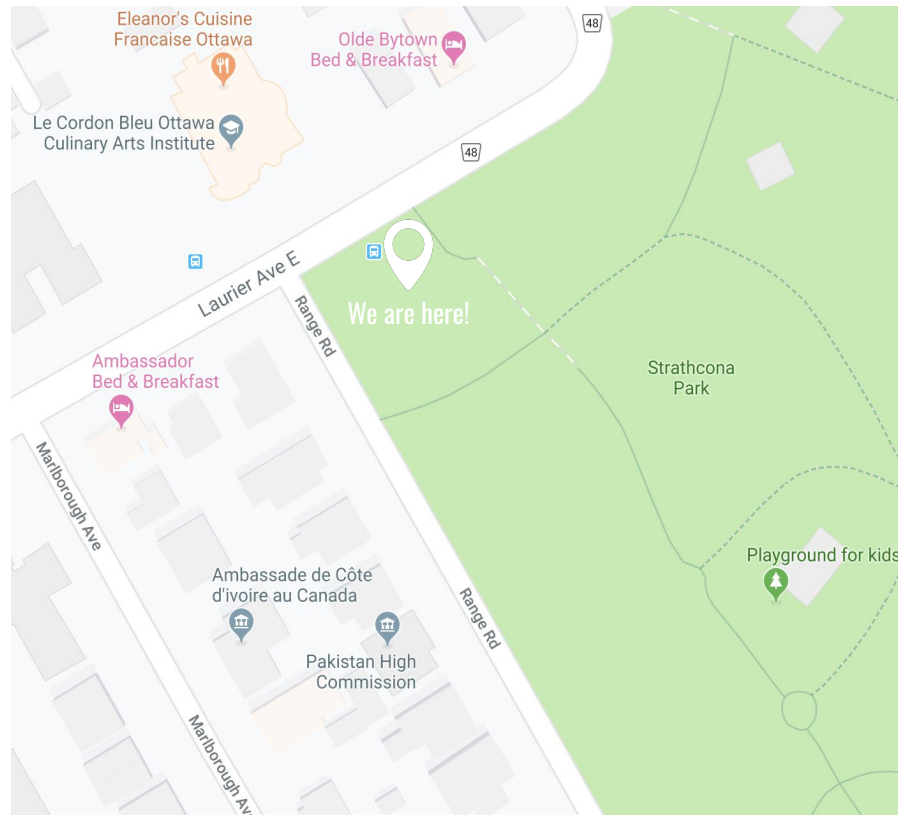
The stage is located in the northeast corner of the park.



Getting Here & Parking

I can walk, take public transit (OC Transpo #16 and #19 bus), bike, or drive to Strathcona Park to see the show.

Parking is available in the parking lot at Somerset and Range Road, as well as street parking along Range Road and throughout Sandy Hill.



The Theatre

Once we have arrived, I can proceed to the Box Office in Strathcona Park.

To get there, I have a few options. If I am coming from Laurier Ave E or Range Road I will need to walk down the steps by the fountain. If I am coming from Vanier, I will take the Adawe footbridge in the park toward the theatre.

If walking is hard for me, I can walk down the hill instead and ask an usher for assistance.



The Box Office

The box office is where I can pick up my ticket for the play. There are two lines at the box office: one if I have my ticket already and one if I do not. If I'm not sure which line is which, I can always ask a volunteer or the person in front of me.

If I already have my ticket, I will wait in line to present it and be let in. If I have a Community Neighbours ticket, I will present it at the box office.

If I am buying my ticket at the door, I can pay with cash, debit, or Visa/Mastercard. If I am here as a member of Community Neighbours but I do not yet have my ticket, I will give the name of the organization to the person at the box office and receive my ticket from them.



Before The Show

If I arrive before 7:30pm, I will have to wait for an usher to open the gates before I can take my seat.

Since we are outside, there will be a sound instead of lights dimming to indicate that the show is about to start. A volunteer will come to introduce the play and then the show will begin!



Seating

Everyone needs a ticket to enter the theatre. Seating is unassigned, so once I am inside I can sit wherever I would like. If I require a companion (either human or furry), they can sit with me free of charge.

There are wooden bleachers to sit on or I can bring my own chair to sit on the grass. I may choose either of these options, but I must always be respectful that I am sharing this space with others.

If I am sitting on the bleachers, I can rent a senate seat for \$2 to make myself more comfortable for the play.



Ushers

The Usher is a friendly helper who will be available to assist me with anything I need during the play, including finding the washrooms. They will give me my program, provide complimentary bug spray if I need it, and sell concessions during the intermission!



The Program

The actors are all playing parts, or roles, today. Their real names are listed in the program. The usher will provide me with a program before the show starts.

The program contains information about the play, the actors, the crew, the theatre, and the sponsors who all helped to make the show possible.



Washrooms

If I need to use the washroom during the play, I can leave the theatre at any time. At the Comfort Station there is a men's and women's washroom.

All of the washrooms at Strathcona Park are accessible and an usher can tell me where they are located if I need to use them.



Intermission

An intermission is a break for the actors, crew, and audience. I can leave my seat, use the washroom, visit the concession table, or remain in my seat while I wait for the second half to begin.

If I would like a snack or drink, I can purchase them from the concession table. Odyssey also sells ice cream, but I won't find it on the concession table. It is available for purchase at the front of the stage.



The End of the Play

I will know the play is over because the actors will bow and everyone will clap.

I can clap during the bows to show them how much I enjoyed the play. I can also stand up if I choose and give the actors a standing ovation.



Thank you!

We hope you enjoy your experience at Odyssey Theatre's show this summer!

If you have any questions, please email info@odysseytheatre.ca or call 613-232-8407

