



Assembly Festival

Venue accessibility guide for artists

This guide details the accessibility for the venues we operate as part of our Assembly Festival programme at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. To give a quick at a glance guide to the accessibility of our different spaces we have rated each venue on a traffic light scale:

GREEN – good accessibility for performers with limited mobility

AMBER – most parts of the venue are accessible, but some elements may not be ideal or certain adaptations may need to be made in advance

RED – poor accessibility for performers with limited mobility

We strive to make our performance spaces as accessible as possible within the constraints of our temporary venues. If you have any additional requirements, questions or suggestions about the accessibility of our venues get in touch with us at programming@assemblyfestival.com.

George Square

SUB-VENUE	LEVEL ACCESS	ACCESSIBLE TOILET	ACCESSIBLE TOILET INFORMATION	NEAREST PARKING/ DROP OFF	Step Free Access to Dressing Room	Step Free - Stage to Dressing Room	Step Free - Access to Control Position
Palais Du Variete	Yes	Yes	In George Square gardens	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	No via BoH, can enter step free through main door and to BoH	Yes	No - located up one step
Piccolo	Yes	Yes	In George Square gardens	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	Yes	Yes via customer entry on the stage left	No - raised and in the vestibule of the tent, ladder access
The Crate	Yes	Yes	In GAT - requires stair lift (225kg max) to be used to access lower ground toilets for WC users. 2ry toilets in Studios via Windmill Lane entry point - FoH advised to escort	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Buccleuch Place	Yes	Yes	No - located up 3 shallow steps
The Box	Yes	No	WC accessible toilet in Studios via WC lift	Parking - Buccleuch Place - step free via Studios/Windmill Lane or around University Library Drop Off - Crichton St	Yes	Yes	No - located up 3 shallow steps
Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre	No	Yes	Lower ground floors, access from theatre via passenger lift	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	No - More than 20 Steps	Yes to stage only from outside only (with advance notice) - the stage is up 3 small steps but ramp can be added.	No - at top of seating bank

Studios

SUB-VENUE	LEVEL ACCESS	ACCESSIBLE TOILET	ACCESSIBLE TOILET INFORMATION	NEAREST PARKING/ DROP OFF	Step Free Access to Dressing Room	Step Free - Stage to Dressing Room	Step Free - Access to Control Position
Studio One	No	No	Studio bar accessible toilet	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	No - 13 Steps	No - 13 steps in and out of dressing room.	No - at top of seating bank
Studio Two	No	No	Studio bar accessible toilet	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	No - 13 Steps	No - 13 steps in and out of dressing room.	No - at top of seating bank
Studio Three	Yes - Via Studio bar	Yes	Next to access lift opposite venue in 50 GS building	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	Yes - Via Studio bar	No - Lift up to venue but at least ten steps down to stage from entrance.	Yes - George Square entry - enter via glass box access lift, through studio bar, 2nd access lift up to Studio 3.
Studio Four	Yes	Yes	Studio bar accessible toilet	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	Yes	Yes	No - Up one step
Studio Five	Yes	Yes	Studio bar accessible toilet	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	Yes	Yes	No - Up one step
Underground	Yes	Yes	Studio bar accessible toilet	Parking - Buccleuch Place Drop Off - Crichton St	Yes	Yes (with advance notice) - the stage is up 3 small steps but ramp can be	Yes

Roxy & Checkpoint

SUB-VENUE	LEVEL ACCESS	ACCESSIBLE TOILET	ACCESSIBLE TOILET INFORMATION	NEAREST PARKING/ DROP OFF	Step Free Access to Dressing Room	Step Free - Stage to Dressing Room	Step Free - Access to Control Position
Central	Yes	Yes	Next to stage access or in Roxy garden	Roxburgh Place	Yes	Yes	No - in seating bank
Upstairs	No	Yes - Roxy Garden closest	In Central or in Roxy garden	Roxburgh Place	No - 20 steps	No - 20 steps (10 down then ten up to stage)	No - in seating bank
Downstairs	No		In Central or in Roxy garden	Roxburgh Place	No - 20 steps	No - 1 step	No - in seating bank
Roxyboxy	Yes	Yes	Roxy Garden accesible toilet	Roxburgh Place	Yes	Yes - audience entrance ramped, BoH access via 2-3 steps. 1 small step into the dressing room cabin	No - up a couple small steps
Snug Bar	No	Yes	In Central or in Roxy garden	Roxburgh Place	No - 20 steps	Yes - Dressing room inside the venue	No - Steps down to access the venue. Level inside the venue though.
Checkpoint	No	Yes	Ground floor next to the bar	Bristo Place/Teviot Place	No	No - dressing rooms on 2nd floor	No - on balcony on 2nd Floor

Assembly Rooms

SUB-VENUE	LEVEL ACCESS	ACCESSIBLE TOILET	ACCESSIBLE TOILET INFORMATION	NEAREST PARKING/ DROP OFF	Step Free Access to Dressing Room	Step Free - Stage to Dressing Room	Step Free - Access to Control Position
Music Hall	Yes to building	Yes	Ground floor opposite passenger lift	George Street - Drop Off/Parking	Yes	No - 4 steps	No - in seating bank
Ballroom	Yes to building	Yes	Ground floor opposite passenger lift	George Street - Drop Off/Parking	Yes	No - 4 steps	No - in seating bank
Drawing Room	Yes to building	Yes	Ground floor opposite passenger lift	George Street - Drop Off/Parking	Yes	No - 1 step	No - in seating bank
The Bijou	Yes	Yes	Through Assembly Rooms foyer	George Street - Drop Off/Parking	Yes - can add ramp to cabin	No - Ramp from DR to back stage, 2 steps to stage.	No - one step, raised control
Front Room	Yes	Yes	Through Assembly Rooms foyer	George Street - Drop Off/Parking	Yes	Yes - via shallow ramp	No - 3 shallow steps

Assembly Hall

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Main Hall	Yes to building	Yes	West Stalls and East Balcony	Level access available through the Lawnmarket entrance located next to the Ensign Ewart Pub. There is a doorbell to gain access.	No - BoH route to stage from B/W corridor 15 steps, tight walk way. Alternative to enter from audience - 3 steps on to stage/back stage space. Would need to be in turnaround.	No - approx 6 Steps to Stage via BoH/Black & White Corridor	No - South Balcony for Sound. Lighting can be accessed via corridor

Assembly @ Dance Base

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Dancebase 1	Yes lift to all levels	Yes	On the First floor	Grassmarket - Drop off/Parking	Yes	Yes	No
Dancebase 3	Yes lift to all levels	Yes	On the First floor	Grassmarket - Drop off/Parking	Yes	Yes	No