

TARRAGON THEATRE

Venue and Studio Guide



[image of the corner of Tarragon Theatre, a two story large brick building with greenery and pavement surrounding it]

Photo Credit: building exterior by Peter Harte

Venue Guides are a tool of Universal Design and help make going to the theatre an easy and enjoyable experience for the greatest number of people. The information in this guide can help you get ready for your visit to Tarragon Theatre and understand what your experience might be like.

This guide is specifically designed to help you familiarize yourself with the building and way-find to our various studio spaces.

Tarragon has 3 studios:

- Rehearsal Hall
- Near Studio
- Far Studio

These studios are mainly used for rehearsals, workshops, and educational activities.

If you would like more information or want to visit the theatre beforehand, please contact Heather Caplap, Tarragon's Education and Community Access Manager.

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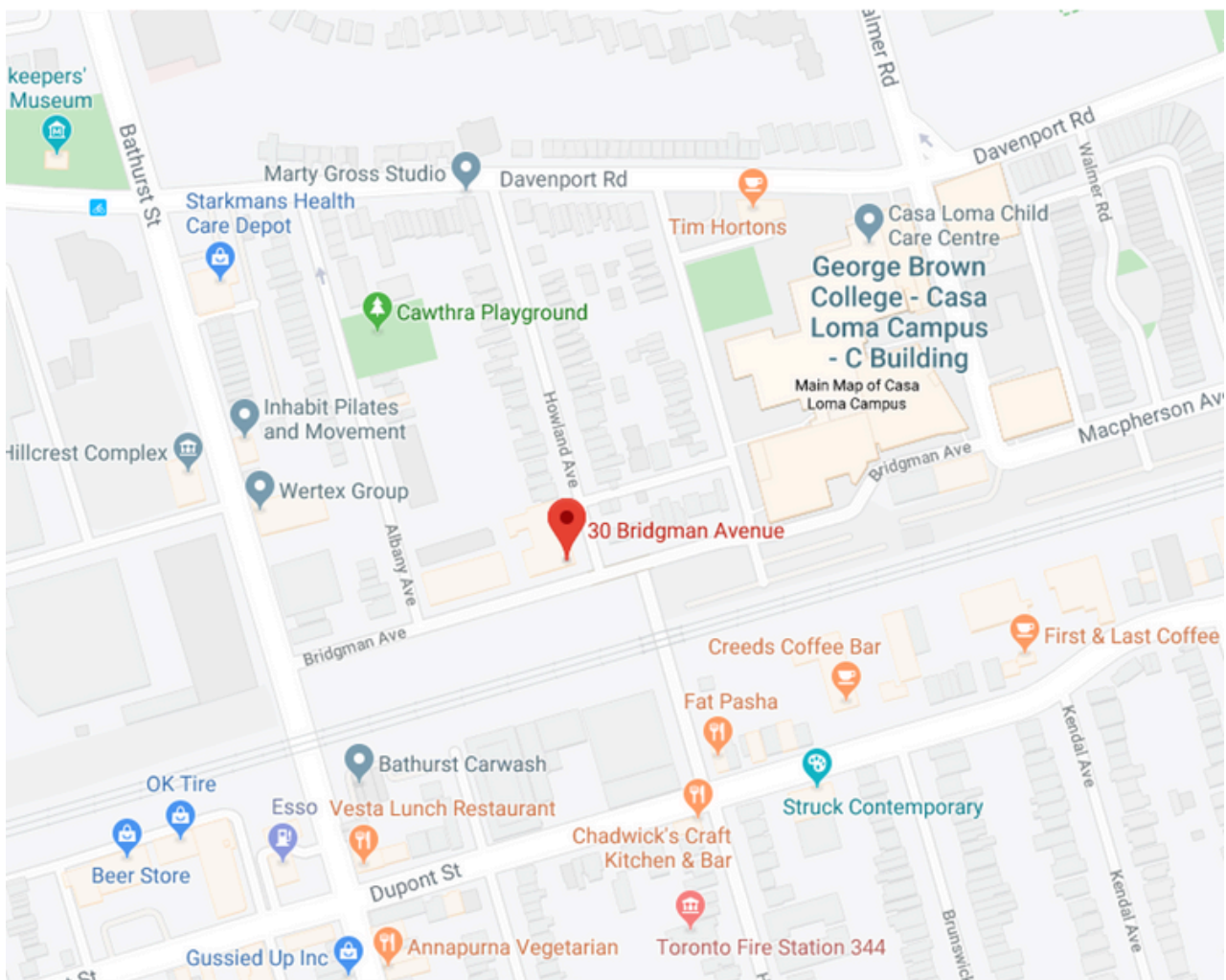
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How to Get Here

Tarragon Theatre is located at 30 Bridgman Avenue in Toronto. The building is at the corner of Bridgman Avenue and Howland Avenue. The Main Entrance is double doors on Howland Avenue. The door on Bridgman Avenue only used by the theatre staff. There is a wooden bench with a back you can sit on beside the main entrance.

The Studio Entrance (page 18) is also on Howland Avenue just north of the Main Entrance.

We are one block north of Dupont Street, one block south of Davenport Avenue, and two blocks east of Bathurst Street.



[image shows Tarragon Theatre's location with a red pin on a map of the nearby area]

By Car - Parking Information

Tarragon Theatre is at the corner of Howland Avenue and Bridgman Avenue. One block north of Dupont Street, one block south of Davenport Avenue, and two blocks east of Bathurst Street.

If you are driving to the theatre we recommend parking in the UnitPark parking lot on the southwest side of Bridgman across from the theatre. There are three machines, one in the middle and one at each end, in the lot. The machines accept Visa and Mastercard. You can [purchase parking in advance by clicking here.](#) The parking will be a flat rate of \$5. Once at the page, select the event you are attending at Tarragon Theatre on the Calendar. Fill in the booking form and continue to the payment page. Once payment is confirmed your parking is now paid for.

There is a second parking lot at the southeast corner of Howland and Bridgman. You can [find more information about that parking lot by clicking here.](#)

By TTC

Dupont Station: Take the southern exit out of Dupont Station. Cross the intersection to the north side of Dupont Street (towards the underpass). Turn left and cross to the west side of Spadina Avenue. Keep going west along Dupont Street. If you pass a Shoppers Drug Mart, you are going the correct way. When you reach Howland Avenue turn right and go one block north under the train overpass. The theatre will be on your left.

Bathurst Station: From Bathurst Station, take the 7 Bathurst bus north to the first stop after Dupont Street. The stop is announced as “Bridgman Avenue”. From there, go right and travel two blocks east on Bridgman Avenue to the corner of Howland Avenue.

You can use this link to the TTC website to plan your trip to the theatre. There is a check box below the “start” and “end” fields to plan a mobility device accessible trip:

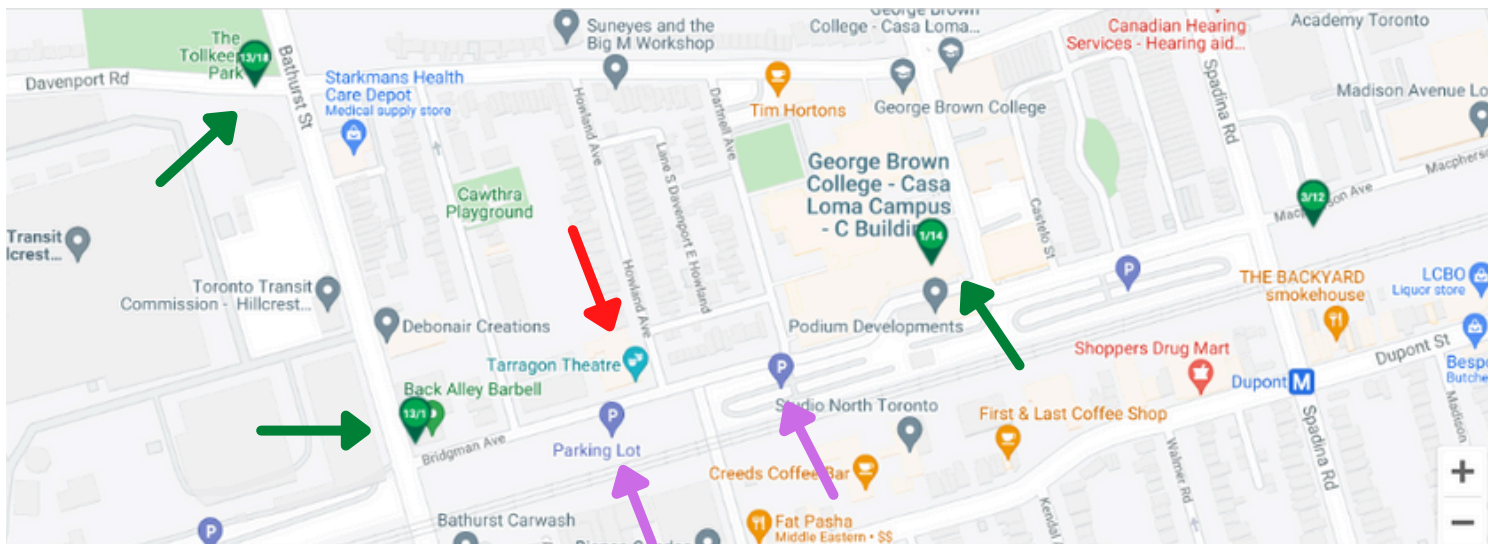
<https://www.ttc.ca/trip-planner>

By Bike

There is a bike lane on Davenport Avenue. You can turn south on Howland from Davenport to reach the main entrance of the theatre. There are six ring posts outside the theatre you can use to lock your bike. There are two to the right of the Main Entrance, two to the left, and two around the corner on the Bridgman Avenue side.

There are two Toronto Bike Share stations close to the theatre. One just west of the theatre on the corner of Bridgman and Bathurst and one just east of the theatre on the corner of Bridgman and Walmer Rd.

The image below uses arrows to show where the closest parking lots and Toronto Bike Share stations are. The red arrow shows where the theatre is, the purple arrows show where the parking lots are, and the green arrows show where the Toronto Bike Share stations are.



[image shows Tarragon Theatre's location on a map with nearby parking lots and Toronto Bike Share stations]

The Main and Accessible Entrance to the Studios

The Main Entrance to the building is on Howland Avenue near the corner of Bridgman Avenue. This is also the accessible entrance to the theatre. The sidewalk is level leading up to the glass double doors. On your left, there is a button you can press to open the door. This button sometimes gets stuck in the cold weather and you may need to press it more than once. Our staff are happy to help if needed. Their hours at 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily, and until the last patron leaves after a show.



[image of the entrance to Tarragon Theatre with an arrow pointing at a button, situated on the left side of the front doors. The arrow says "Door Button"]

The Lobby

When you come in from the main entrance, you will enter the lobby. Below is a picture of what the lobby looks like when you enter from the main doors. The lobby may be busy with many people talking and moving around. The lobby is brightly lit and there may be music playing. The art on the walls changes depending on the show.



[image of the lobby with art on the walls]

The lobby is where audience members can wait before going into a theatre to experience a show. In the lobby you can sit on a bench, use the washrooms, and buy a snack or drink from the bar.

You are also welcome to wait outside if you prefer.

The Water Fountains and Concessions

To the right in the lobby when you enter from the main entrance are water fountains and a water bottle refill station. This is where you can fill up your water bottle or take a drink. This is the only water fountain in the building



[image of the water fountain]

To the left of the water fountains is concessions. Concessions is where you may be able to buy snacks or drinks if it is open. Concessions sells alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, and small snacks. People may be drinking alcohol in the lobby. Concessions is open one hour before a show starts. During Wednesday matinees Concessions is not open.



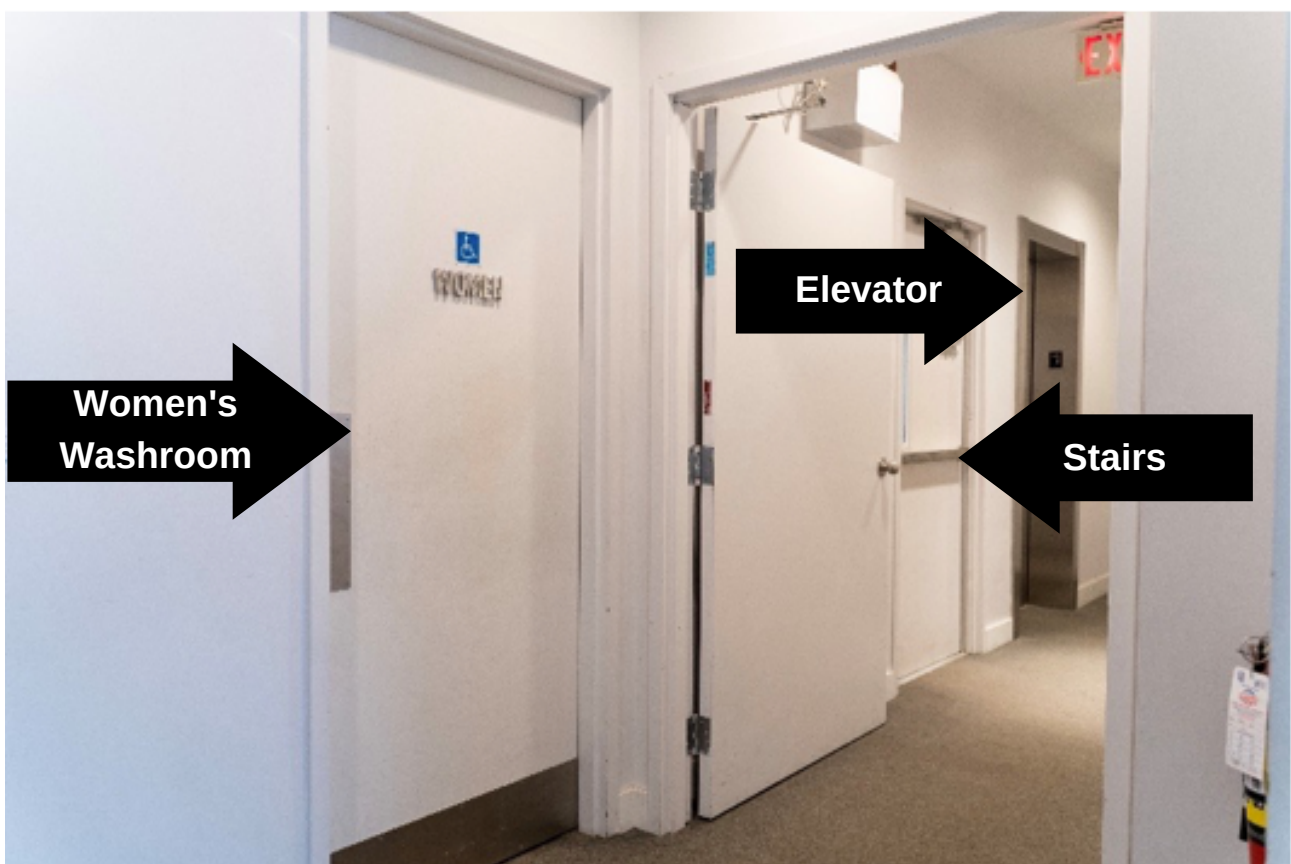
[image of concessions]

The Women's Washrooms, Stairs, and Elevator

Past the bar you will find the women's washroom, the staircase, and the elevator. The women's washroom has 4 stalls.

You can use stairs or the elevator to get to the second floor to access the Rehearsal Hall, Near Studio, Far Studio, Men's Washroom, Studio Lobby, Single Stall Accessible Washroom and All Genders Washroom. The stairs and elevator are to the right of the women's washroom.

This is what the doors to the women's washroom, stairs, and elevator look like on the first floor.



[image of the hallway with arrows pointing to the "Women's Washroom", "Stairs", and "Elevator"]

The Second Floor - Men's Washrooms and Rehearsal Hall Entrance

At the top of the stairs and elevator you can access the Men's Washroom and Rehearsal Hall to your right.

The Men's Washroom has 2 stalls and 2 urinals. This is what hallway to the Men's Washroom and Rehearsal Hall entrance looks like on the second floor.



[image of the hallway with arrows to the "Men's washroom" and "Rehearsal Hall"]

The Second Floor - Studio Lobby

At the top of the stairs and elevator you can access the Studio Lobby, Near Studio and Far Studio to your left.

The Studio Lobby is where the single stall accessible / family washroom and the all genders washrooms are. You can also enter the Rehearsal Hall and Near Studio through the Studio Lobby.

To get to the Studio Lobby, go left once you have reached the second floor. You will pass through an open doorway on your way down the hallway. This, and the following doorways, are the narrowest doorways in Tarragon. They are 33 inches wide.

At the end of the hallway, turn right to enter the Studio Lobby or left to go to the Far Studio. There is a push button to the right of the door to the Studio Lobby to open it.

Below is what the entrance to the Studio Lobby looks like when you come from the hallway.



[image of the Studio Lobby door with arrows pointing towards the "Studio Lobby" and "Far Studio"]

The Studio Lobby - Single Stall Accessible / Family Washroom and All Genders Washroom

When you enter the Studio Lobby, directly to your left you will find an entrance to the Near Studio.

To the right of that, you will find the Single Stall Accessible / Family Washroom. There is a push button to open to the right of the door to open it. There is a change table in this washroom. The Single Stall Accessible / Family Washroom is large enough for a power chair to turn around in.

To the right of that washroom, there are a set of stairs that lead down to the Studio Entrance (page 18). To the right of the stairs is the All Genders Washroom. This washroom has 2 stalls and can be used by anyone.

Across from the All Genders Washroom is another entrance to the Rehearsal Hall. Below is an image of the Studio Lobby.



[image of the Studio Lobby, with white walls, grey carpet, a red couch, and labelled arrows pointing to the washrooms and studio entrances.]

The Rehearsal Hall

The Rehearsal Hall is a multifunctional studio space. It has two entrances, one from the Studio Lobby and one from the hallway. It usually comes equipped with chairs, tables, and a coat rack.



[image of the Rehearsal Hall, with white walls, black flooring, chairs, and tables.]

The Near Studio

The Near Studio is black box studio space. It has two entrances, one from the Studio Lobby and one from the hallway. It usually comes equipped with chairs and tables. Additionally, it has a large window that can be opened. Please be mindful that the window does not have a protective screen.

The Near Studio may also be used as a performance space.



[image of the Near Studio, with black walls, black flooring, chairs, tables, and curtains]

The Far Studio

To reach the Far Studio, go left once you reach the second floor and left again. The entrance to the Far Studio is down the hall from the entrance to the Studio Lobby. At the end of the hallway, there is a single door. That is the entrance to the Far Studio.

The Far Studio is another multifunctional studio space. It only has one entrance off of the hallway. It usually comes equipped with chairs and tables. Below are images of the entrance and the Far Studio.



[image of a hallway with arrow's pointing towards the studio doors]



[image of the Far Studio, with white walls, black flooring, chairs, and tables]

The Studio Entrance

The Studio Entrance to our building is on Howland Avenue. This entrance may be used when the Main Entrance is closed if there are no shows happening. The sidewalk is level leading up to the glass door. This door does not have an automatic button and leads to two flights of stairs. This door has a keypad. The code will be provided as needed. This entrance leads up to the Studio Lobby, which is on the second floor of Tarragon Theatre.



[image of the studio entrance to Tarragon Theatre. It is a photo of a large brick building with one back door on the left, surrounded with windows and a black door on the right. There is a key pad on the door's handle with an arrow pointed towards it that says "The Studio Entrance Door"]

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about this guide, the theatre, our studio spaces, or planning a visit to Tarragon Theatre please reach out.

We love feedback on our accessible programming. If there is anything you would like to share, please send us an email.

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We Hope You Enjoy Your Visit to Tarragon Theatre!