



Assembly Festival

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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.

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Assembly Hall

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
MAIN HALL	The Lawnmarket entrance is our accessible entrance for the Main Hall. It is situated near the Ensign Ewart Pub and is a large wooden door with a doorbell which staff will be happy to attend to.	There is level access to the Main Hall via an accessible entry door at the rear of the building. Check out the dedicated venue guide.	Level access available through the Lawnmarket entrance located next to the Ensign Ewart Pub. There is a doorbell to gain access.	No – a few steps	No – a few steps	No	Yes – in the Main Hall Area	N/A

Assembly Rooms

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
MUSIC HALL	George Street	Level access to the venue via a lift in the front reception	Step free via a lift in the front reception. Box Office, bar and toilet accessible. Hearing loop available.	Yes	No – four steps	No	Yes	N/A



Assembly Rooms (continued)

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
BALLROOM	George Street	Level access to the venue via a lift in the front reception	Level access via a lift in the reception. Box Office, bar and toilet accessible.	Yes	No – four steps	No	Yes	N/A
DRAWING ROOM	George Street	Level access to the venue via a lift in the front reception.	Level access to the venue via a lift in the front reception.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
FRONT ROOM	George Street	Level access to the venue and backstage areas via a shallow ramp.	Level access from the street.	Yes	Yes – via a shallow ramp	No – three shallow steps	Yes – in the street area	N/A
POWDER ROOM	George Street	Level access to the venue and backstage areas via a shallow ramp.	Level access from the street.	Yes	Yes – via a shallow ramp	No – three shallow steps	Yes – in the street area	N/A
BIJOU	George Street	Level access to the venue and backstage areas via a shallow ramp.	Level access from the street.	Yes	Yes	No – one step	Yes – in the street area	N/A

Assembly Checkpoint

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
CHECKPOINT	Bristo Place / Teviot Place	There are 26 steps to the venue.	Level access currently unavailable. Seating located up 26 steps.	No	No – a few small steps	No	Yes – on ground level	Performance space is located on the first floor.

Assembly Roxy

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
CENTRAL	Roxburgh Place	Level access from street level.	Level access from street level. Box Office, bar and toilet accessible.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	N/A

Assembly Roxy (continued)

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
DOWNSTAIRS	Roxburgh Place	Level access to the venue and backstage areas via a shallow ramp.	Level access currently unavailable. Performance space located down 18 steps.	Yes	No	No – the control position is at the top of a rake	Yes – in central area	N/A
UPSTAIRS	Roxburgh Place	There are 25 steps up to the venue.	Level access currently unavailable. Performance spaces located up 25 steps.	Yes	No	No – the control position is at the top of a steep rake	Yes – in central area	N/A

Assembly George Square Gardens

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
GORDON AIKMAN THEATRE	Buccleuch Place	Yes	Level access from the pavement to the performance space via a lift on the ground floor.	No	No	No	Yes	There is a mix of cobbled streets and flat pavements surrounding the venue.

Assembly George Square Gardens (continued)

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
PALAIS DU VARIÉTÉ	Buccleuch Place	Level access from street level.	Level access from the Gardens via a shallow ramp.	Yes	Yes (with advance notice) – the stage is up three small steps but a ramp can be added.	No – located up one step	Yes – in the Gardens	The Gardens are built on artificial grass which, although level, may vary in height across the site. The surrounding area contains a mix of cobbled streets and flat pavements.
PICCOLO	Buccleuch Place	Level access from street level.	Level access from the Gardens via a shallow ramp.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes – in the Gardens	
THE BOX	Buccleuch Place	Level access to venue and backstage areas via a shallow ramp.	Level access from the street.	Yes	Yes	No – located up three shallow steps	Yes – in the Gordon Aitman Theatre	
THE BLUE ROOM	Buccleuch Place	Level access from street level.	Level access from the street.	Yes	Yes	No – located above the rake up a flight of steps.	Yes – in the Gordon Aitman Theatre	

Assembly George Square Studios

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
STUDIO ONE	Buccleuch Place	No – the venue is only accessible up several steps.	Level access currently unavailable. Venue access up several steps.	No	No	No	Yes – in main Studio area	N/A
STUDIO TWO	Buccleuch Place	No – the venue is only accessible up several steps.	Level access currently unavailable. Venue access up several steps.	No	No	No	Yes – in main Studio area	N/A
STUDIO THREE	Buccleuch Place	Yes – via a lift from into the main Studio area.	Level access available via a lift down to the main Studio area.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	N/A
STUDIO FOUR	Buccleuch Place	Yes – via a lift down into the main Studio area.	Level access available via a lift down to the main Studio area.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
STUDIO FIVE	Buccleuch Place	Yes – via a lift down into the main Studio area.	Level access available via a lift down to the main Studio area.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	N/A

Assembly George Square Studios (continued)

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Audience access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
UNDERGROUND	Buccleuch Place	Yes – via a lift down into the main Studio area.	Level access available via a lift down to the main Studio area.	Yes	Yes (with advance notice) – the stage is up one shallow step but a ramp can be added.	Yes	Yes	N/A

Artist Bars and Spaces

Space	Nearest parking / drop off	Venue access	Step free access to dressing room	Step free access to stage from dressing room	Accessible control position	Accessible toilet	Additional information
CLUB BAR	Buccleuch Place	Yes – via a lift down into the main Studio area.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes – in main Studio area.	N/A



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