

2.0 Event Policies and Access Information

2.1 Audits and Accessibility Information (SUM)

SUM gallery completed an accessibility audit project from the Radical Access Mapping Project (RAMP) in 2020.

RAMP Audit (SUM gallery)

ACCESSIBILITIES OVERVIEW OF: SUM gallery

Location, Contact Info : Suite 425 - 268 Keefer Street, Vancouver BC V6A 1X5

T: 604 200 6661

When was the audit performed? March 6th, 2020, March 13th 2020

Website link: www.sumgallery.ca

Google Map link: [SUM gallery on Google Maps](#)

Link to The Full Access Audit: forthcoming

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OVERALL ACCESSIBILITY RATINGS:					
ACCESS CATEGORY:	HIGH	SEMI	NOT	N/A	COMMENTS
Blind and Low Vision					non-specific accommodations, some obstacles but well-lit
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Other Audio Barriers	Y				several specific accommodations: amplification system, frequent ASL coordinated events, attention to sightlines
EMS (Electro Magnetic Sensitivity)			N		non-specific accommodations
Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Scent Reduction/Free					scent reduction policy in place, building is shared and does not extend to all other tenants.
Wheelchair/ Scooter User /Mobility Limited	Y				specific accommodations in place: automatic



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					doors, elevators, ramps, event seating, and spatial consideration.
Bathroom Access					not always public
Other Access Categories				N/A	

Access Rating Key: [leave this key in place when you're finished, so people have an idea how you are deciding on ratings]

HIGH: e.g. can freely access all publicly available spaces; scent policy in place and enforced; ASL, Braille, & other accommodations available at no charge to the individual; sliding scale available; etc.

SEMI: e.g. can access most/main activity spaces but not all public areas, some arrangements/changes required, some accommodations provided for deaf/HoH and blind/vision limited folks; adequate lighting for signing; limited scent policy; etc.

NOT: e.g. can't access main public areas; no scent policy in place; no asl, Braille or other accommodations; inadequate lighting for signing; no sliding scale; etc.

Please note that I conducted this audit while riding my Mobility Scooter, which measures 47"long X 25"at the widest X about 48"high with me in it.

SUM gallery is a visual art and performance venue, and office for gallery and Queer Arts Festival staff.

SUM gallery is located at Suite 425 - 268 Keefer Street, Vancouver BC V6A 1X5

Transit: the closest bus lines are the 22, 19, 8, and 3, approximately one block away from the entrance. Main Street/Science World station is the closest train station to the gallery, approximately 5 blocks away.

Bikes: lock ups on street, though not advised. A bike locker is located within the building but does not open access, guests with bikes can be accommodated by gallery staff.

SUM gallery is 678 sq. ft.

All-gender and Accessible washrooms are available on the 4th floor close to the gallery, and code/card access is available during an event. Gallery staff can accommodate visitors in need of the washrooms.

Standing signage is used and floor maps are being updated/improved.

Gallery staff is helpful and able to assist with all accessibility concerns and needs.

Scent policy: "Our events are scent-reduced. Please refrain from wearing cologne, perfume, scented personal care products or essential oils."

Refer to these resources if you'd like to learn more about how you can help create a safer environment for folks with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities:



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Fragrance Free Femme Of Colour Realness, by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha:
<http://www.brownstargirl.org/1/post/2012/03/fragrance-free-femme-of-colour-realness-draft-15.html>

A FAQ on MCS and Being Scent-Free:
<http://www.peggymunson.com/mcs/fragrancefree.html>

On Making Your Event Scent-free or Scent-reduced:
<http://dualpowerproductions.com/2011/03/26/organizing-a-fragrance-free-event/>

Products You Can Use to Reduce Your Use of Scents:
<http://eastbaymeditation.org/accessibility/scentfree.html>



Questions, concerns, additions, corrections, or kudos regarding this accessibility audit? Please email: rampvancouver@gmail.com
 Learn more about auditing, captioning, and the Radical Access Mapping Project here:
<https://radicalaccessiblecommunities.wordpress.com/>

2.2 Audits and Accessibility Information (Roundhouse Centre)

Background

The Queer Arts Festival holds most of its events and festival programming (in non-pandemic years) at The Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre. The Roundhouse has had an accessibility audit and is rated very high for accessibility.

RAMP Audit (Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre)

Location: Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre

Website: <http://www.roundhouse.ca/>

Address & Phone Number: 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver, (604) 713-1800, 604) 713-1811

Google Map of The Roundhouse

Please Be Sure To See the Full Access Audit Here: **Link To The Full Access Audit**

Accessibility Ratings: **FULL**/**SEMI**/**NON**

Wheelchair/ Scooter User /Mobility Limited Accessibility: main space **FULL**, bathrooms: **SEMI**

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Accessibility: **SEMI**

Blind and Vision Limited Accessibility: **SEMI**



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Scent Reduction/ Scent Free Accessibility: **SEMI**

Accessibilities Rating Key:

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NON: e.g. can't access main public areas; no scent policy in place; no asl, Braille or other accommodations; inadequate lighting for signing; no sliding scale; etc.

Please note that I conducted this audit while riding my Ranger Scooter, which measures 44"long X 25"at the widest X about 48"high with me in it. That may give you a better sense of space.

The Roundhouse is more than a community centre; it is an arts, dance, sports, educational community space which hosts a huge range of events, some one-offs, others ongoing. Located in the heart of Vancouver's Yaletown, The Roundhouse is also on accessible transit routes, and many accessible restaurants, parks, shops and other amenities, as well as being a bus ride from English Bay.

The entire space is almost entirely wheelchair accessible, from the theatre, gymnasium, gallery, cafe, meeting rooms and more. There are ample outside spaces to sit in the sun with a book in between classes, often art hanging in the gallery space, and always something fun going on. It is an open-concept space, offering barrier free access to all areas of the centre. There are three wheelchair accessible washrooms. The main floor washroom is single-stall, gender neutral, and spacious, though it does not have an auto door opener; and there are two gendered stalls within the changerooms near the front desk. The two upstairs are contained in gendered washrooms are smaller, but still can accommodate someone using a large motorized scooter.

Staff are friendly and knowledgeable, and have experience assisting folks with a variety of needs.

Please note that there is not currently a scent-reduced policy in place at The Roundhouse, though specific events will have their own policies. Refer to these resources if you'd like to learn more about how you can help create a safer environment for folks with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities:

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