

Wayfinding & Access Guide

Victory Gardens' Biograph — Začek-McVay Theater



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Location

2433 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL 60614

Victory Gardens' Biograph Theater is located in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, near DePaul University and the Fullerton transit hub.

Parking

Paid street parking is available along Lincoln Avenue and nearby streets.

Public Transportation

CTA Train: The closest station is **Fullerton Station (Red, Brown & Purple Lines)**. Exit the station and walk east/southeast toward Lincoln Avenue. The theater is about a 5-minute walk/roll from the station.

CTA Bus: #8 Halsted, #74 Fullerton, and #37 Sedgwick/Ogden stop within a few blocks of the venue.

Visit the CTA website for real-time service updates and trip planning.

Biking

Lincoln Avenue is a bike-friendly corridor with marked bike lanes for much of its length, making it easy to ride from nearby neighborhoods or connect from other parts of the city.

Visual Guide and Access Information

Welcome! To make your visit as comfortable as possible, here's what to expect when you arrive.

Exterior / Entrance



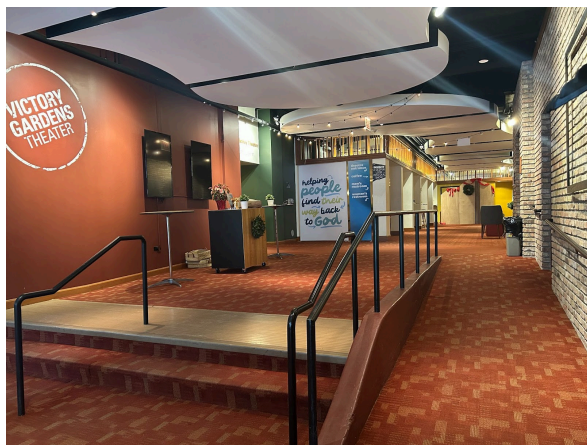
The main entrance is off Lincoln Ave. The double glass doors are manual. –

Image: A black marquee with rows of white lights extends over the sidewalk. Centered beneath it are glass double doors marked “2433,” with a small vintage-style ticket booth positioned in front. Framed posters flank the entrance on both sides, and paid street parking is visible along the street.



The entrance has a vestibule with a second set of doors. Note that the glass doors are manual. –

Image: A set of tall, wood-framed glass doors inside the theater's entryway. Through the glass, the lobby is visible with warm lighting and a directional sign indicating theater entrance, coffee, and restrooms. The space feels welcoming and modern, with carpeted floors and clear wayfinding signage.



Upon entry, there is a self-service coat rack on the right along an accessible ramp. On the left, there is a set of two steps and the theater access. Straight ahead on the right towards the rear of the lobby is a bar service counter. –

Image: A wide view of the Victory Gardens Theater lobby featuring a ramp with handrails alongside a short set of stairs. The space has patterned red carpeting, curved ceiling panels, and warm-toned walls. The hallway to a theater entrance is on the left, while wayfinding signage and seating are visible further down, creating an open and accessible gathering area.

Theater



Inside the theater, there are accessible seating areas on both the right and left sides. –

Image: An empty theater auditorium with red upholstered seats arranged in tiered rows. In the foreground, several removable seats are marked with wheelchair-accessibility symbols, indicating a designated accessible seating area. Railings divide the aisles. It is an intimate but spacious environment.



The view of the stage from the accessible seating areas is clear. –

Image: A view from the accessible seating area looking toward a theater stage set up for a live performance. The stage is painted entirely in black and has a proscenium with a rounded apron.



There is a hallway and doorway to enter and exit the theater which leads directly to the accessible seating areas, on the same level. –

Image: A red-carpeted interior corridor from the lobby to the theater, showing an open door leading into a dimly lit space.

Restrooms



One all-gender single-stall and two gendered multi-stall restrooms are available from the lobby; all are accessible but with manual doors.

Image: A three-panel collage shows different parts of the restrooms. The first panel shows a bank of urinals. The middle panel shows a black counter with sinks and accessories. The third panel shows the door to a spacious accessible stall.



The all-gender single-stall and the Women's multi-stall restrooms are to the left upon main entry to the venue.

Image: Two manual wooden doorways: one open and one closed. Restroom signage is next to each with Women's and All-Gender symbols. There is a fire extinguisher on the wall to the right.



The Men's multi-stall restroom is to the back of the lobby, past the bar service counter.

Image: The right, rear portion of the lobby with a seating area with two grey chairs and a couch. To the left is a bar service counter. Beyond that is the door to the Men's restroom. There are brick walls and red patterned carpeting throughout.

Access Services & Accommodations

Victory Gardens welcomes people with disabilities. ASL interpretation, C.A.R.T., and audio description can often be made available. 🙌 For details about accessibility at a specific performance, please reach out directly to the Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival staff at boxoffice@chicagopuppetfest.org.

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