

Wayfinding & Access Guide



Studebaker Theater

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Location

Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605

The Studebaker is located in the Loop, between Congress Pkwy & Van Buren St.

Parking

Save on parking by purchasing your parking in advance online. For the most convenient parking the [Grant Park South Garage](#), just steps away, is recommended.

Public Transportation

CTA Train: The Fine Arts Building is easily accessible by the CTA Red/Blue line **Jackson stop**, and the Orange/Brown/Purple/Pink line **Harold Washington Library stop**.

CTA Bus: The Metra Van Buren stop is on Michigan Ave, right across from the Fine Arts Building. Bus lines North – South along Michigan Avenue are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 20, 56, 60, 147, 151. 126 Bus runs East – West along Jackson to Michigan. 29, 62, 146 and 148 Busses drop off two blocks West on State Street.

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

Biking

The theater is accessible by bicycle. The traffic-free path from the Chicago Lakefront Trail, which travels along the lake and allows a scenic route into downtown. For downtown access, Michigan Ave and the nearby South Loop streets are well-connected; look for marked bike lanes such as on Harrison St. There are sidewalk bike racks along Michigan Ave or nearby side streets (14th Street/Wabash/State).

Visual Guide and Access Information

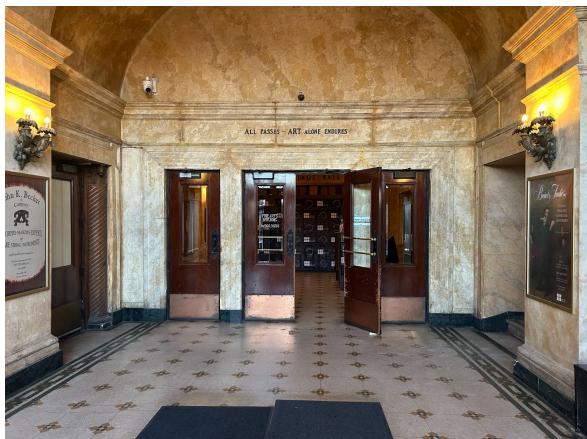
Welcome! To make your visit as comfortable as possible, here's what to expect when you arrive.

Exterior / Entrance



Enter via the west side of Michigan Avenue. Note that these external doors are manual. –

Image: The historic Fine Arts Building façade on Michigan Ave, featuring a large stone arch decorated with carved patterns and lit marquee bulbs. Below the arch are wooden entry doors with green framing. Posters flank the doorway, and tall windows above display signage like "BOOKSHOP" and "Studebaker Theater." The stone exterior is richly textured and monumental.



There is a large vestibule upon entrance. The doors are usually propped open. –

Image: A wide marble-clad vestibule inside the Fine Arts Building. The walls are warm beige stone with dark trim, ornate sconces, framed posters, and wooden doors.

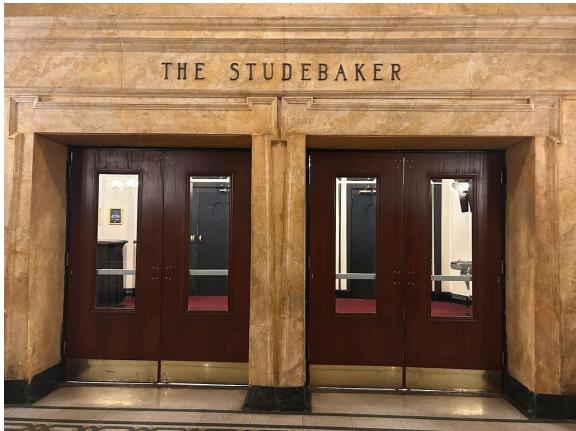
Main Hallway



The main hallway is on one level with no seating. The hallway leads to the doors to the Studebaker Theater, a bank of elevators, and a grand staircase. –

Image: A wide marble-clad lobby hallway inside the Fine Arts Building. The walls are warm beige stone with dark trim, ornate sconces, framed posters, and doorways. To the right is the Studebaker Theatre. To the left is the bank of elevators. The patterned tile floor reflects the building's historic architecture.

Theater Entrance



The Studebaker Theater entrance is a series of wooden doors, opposite the bank of elevators in the main hallway. –

Image: A symmetrical entrance to the Studebaker Theater inside the Fine Arts Building. Four dark wooden double doors with tall vertical windows sit beneath a carved stone header reading "THE STUDEBAKER." The surrounding walls are textured beige marble with decorative trim. Through the door windows, glimpses of red carpet and interior lighting are visible.

Theater Vestibule / Lobby



Once inside the theater vestibule/lobby, there is a **coat check** on the left side. –

Image: A wide view of the lobby shows an elegant historic space with a deep red carpet that reads "THE STUDEBAKER THEATER." A row of tall black metal doors stands partially open, leading into the seating area. To the left is a counter against a dark textured wall. The overall atmosphere is warm, polished, and theatrical.

Theater



Accessible seating is available on the orchestra level / main floor. The pathways here are sloped carpeting without steps. –

Image: A row of ornate theater seats, each with black backs, red cushions, and decorative gold side panels featuring carved design. The seats face a large stage covered by an opulent red curtain gathered in deep, luxurious folds. The carpeted floor slopes gently upward.



The balcony is also wheelchair accessible. Theater guests can take the elevator to the 2nd Floor, and wheelchair seating is at the rear of the balcony.

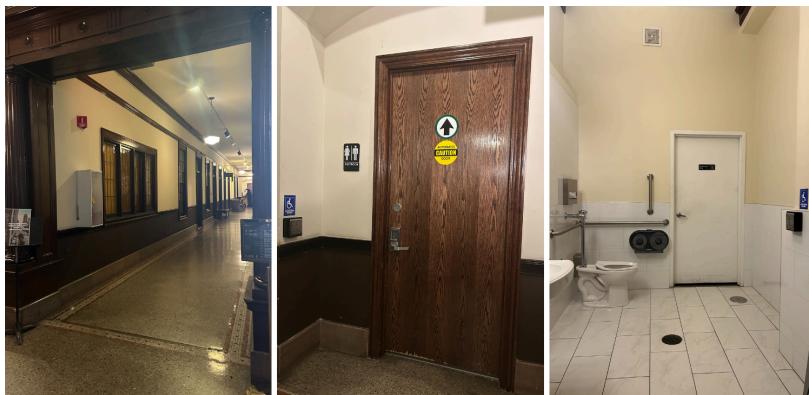
Image: A wide, elevated view of the Studebaker Theater showcases its ornate historic architecture. Center is a draped stage curtain in front of a curved proscenium. Rows of red-upholstered seats fill the orchestra level below. Along both sides are box seating areas. The upper balconies curve around the space, accented by light fixtures and intricate molding. Above the stage hangs a lighting truss with spotlights and technical equipment. The overall scene is warm, grand, and richly textured.

Food and Drink at the Studebaker

The Studebaker Theater offers a full selection of premium and house wines, beer, canned cocktails, bottled water, soft drinks, snacks, and more. There are concessions stands located on all levels of the theater. Currently, the Studebaker Theater does not sell cooked food. **Please note that outside food and beverages are not allowed into the theater.**

Restrooms

The Studebaker Theater has accessible restrooms off the lobby.



An additional single stall, gender-neutral, accessible restroom is on the 4th Floor, accessed by the elevators or staircase off the main hallway.

Image: This grid details the restroom on the 4th floor. The first image displays the long hallway. The second shows the restroom entrance with automatic door. The third shows the interior with tile floor, grab bars, and sink with clearance.

Access Services & Accommodations

The Studebaker 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 or program, please reach out directly to the event's producer.

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