

Festival Accessibility Guide

Introduction

We welcome everyone to join us for the 26th annual imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, which takes place June 2-7, 2026 (Toronto) and June 8-14, 2026 (online)! The Festival celebrates Indigenous storytelling in film and video, audio, and digital and interactive art through screenings, exhibitions, special events, and more. [Subscribe to our newsletter](#) and [follow us on social media](#) to stay up to date on news about the 2026 Festival.

The imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival is committed to removing barriers and encouraging a space where our whole community feels at home. If you require accommodations, please complete our Accessibility Accommodation Form on the link included in your ticket confirmation email or access it directly below:

Accessibility Accommodation Form: <https://forms.gle/2MnEr6fNh2DBFV32A>

This guide has been designed to help visitors navigate the Festival across our venues according to individual needs and preferences. For the most up-to-date accessibility information or to arrange accommodations, please contact our Accessibility Coordinator directly at accessibility@imagineNATIVE.org.

Contact Us

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We encourage guests to reach out in advance so we can best support your visit.

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General Festival Information

Festival Ticketing

We encourage attendees to purchase tickets online in advance at imagineNATIVE.org/festival/schedule. If you require assistance securing tickets or wish to discuss accessibility accommodations, please contact our Accessibility Coordinator at accessibility@imagineNATIVE.org.

- Accessible and companion seating requests should be made in advance by contacting our team directly.
- If you are unable to stand in a lineup due to an accessibility need, please speak to a Festival volunteer or staff member upon arrival for assistance.
- No supporting documentation is required to request accessibility accommodations.

ASL Interpretation

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation is available at select imagineNATIVE events. Please see below for details:

- ASL interpretation is provided at the Welcoming Gathering, Awards Presentation, and the Sensory Friendly Screening of *Short Film Program: Families by the Fire*.
- For all other Festival events, ASL interpretation can be arranged on request. If you require ASL interpretation, please contact our Accessibility Coordinator at accessibility@imagineNATIVE.org as early as possible.

Note: Photography and videography will be taking place at several Festival events.

Health + Wellness Support Workers

imagineNATIVE provides Health + Wellness Support Workers during the in-person Festival to provide emotional support to guests. These services are for anyone, including non-Indigenous people and are intended to support healing and cultural safety as some Festival content may be upsetting and triggering for both direct and intergenerational survivors of trauma.

Support workers will be on-site at the TIFF Lightbox Green Room (350 King St W, 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON) on select dates and times during the in-person Festival. Their full schedule is as follows:

[Support Worker Schedule](#)

TIFF Lightbox, Green Room
350 King St W, 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM, 4:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Thursday, June 4, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, June 5, 2026 | 3:30 PM - 7:15 PM, 7:45 PM - 10:15 PM

Saturday, June 6, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Quiet Spaces

We recognize that festival environments can at times be overwhelming. If you require a quiet space at any venue, please speak to a Festival volunteer or staff member, who will do their best to assist you.

A dedicated quiet space is available at:

TIFF Lightbox Green Room 350 King St W, 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON

Please speak to a Festival volunteer or staff member on-site for access and directions to this space.

Childcare

We offer childcare for Indigenous artists and guests attending the Festival with children 5 to 12 years of age. This service ensures that industry professionals and other guests can fully participate in Festival programming throughout the day, knowing their children are being cared for in a safe and welcoming environment. Children will be provided with snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Location: Outside The Commons, 4th Floor - 401 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON (*A convenient 5-minute walk to TIFF Lightbox*)

Dates: June 3- 7, 2026 (9:30 AM – 5:00 PM daily)

Capacity is limited. Registration is required on-site. For assistance or questions, please contact andrea@imagineNative.org.

Service Animals

Service animals are welcome at all Festival venues. Please note that individual venue service animal policies may also apply. Venue-specific policies are noted in the venue section of this guide.

- If your service animal requires water or assistance, please let an imagineNATIVE team member know.

Getting to the Festival

Our Festival spans several venues across downtown Toronto. Most venues are accessible by public transit.

- TTC: Real-time accessibility information is available at ttc.ca.
- Wheel-Trans: Door-to-door accessible transit is available through Toronto's Wheel-Trans service. For bookings and information, visit ttc.ca/wheel-trans or call [416-393-4111](tel:416-393-4111) (TTY: [416-481-2523](tel:416-481-2523)).
- Accessible taxis and rideshare: Uber WAV (Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles) and GTA Accessible Transportation ([1-800-936-3040](tel:1-800-936-3040)) are available in Toronto.
- Parking: On-street accessible parking is available near most venues. Venue-specific parking details are noted in the venue section of this guide.

Navigating the Festival: Venues

TIFF Lightbox

350 King St W, Toronto, ON M5V 3X5 (corner of King St W and John St)

Getting There

- Nearest subway: St. Andrew Station (Line 1) - approximately 450 m/6-minute walk west from the station.
- Streetcar: King streetcar (Route 504), closest stop at John St.

- Parking: Underground parking accessible via Widmer St. Green P and street parking are also available nearby.

Accessibility Features

- The entire TIFF Lightbox building is fully wheelchair accessible, including all cinemas.
- Escalators to each level with publicly accessible cinemas, plus lobby elevators to all levels.
- All-gender barrier-free washroom facilities on each level.
- Accessible and companion seating available in cinemas; please request in advance by contacting our Accessibility Coordinator at accessibility@imagineNATIVE.org.
- Assisted listening devices, descriptive sound, and closed captioning available for select screenings; check individual event listings at imagineNATIVE.org/festival/schedule for details.
- Service animals are welcome in all public spaces, including cinemas.

The Well

410 Front St W, Toronto, ON M5V 0V2 (corner of Front St W and Spadina Ave)

Event Venue Location: Wellington Event Venue is located on the Lower Ground level.

Important note: The Wellington Event Venue is located on the Lower Ground level of The Well, attendees should use the elevator from the main Front Street or Wellington Street entrances. Please note that this venue does not appear on Google Maps by name and can be challenging to find. Festival staff will be stationed at key points to assist with wayfinding.

imagineNATIVE has created a wayfinding video to help attendees navigate to this space, please click on the link below to watch it.

[The Wellington Event Venue](#)

Getting There

- Nearest subway: Spadina Station or Union Station, with TTC connections.
- Street parking and paid parking available.
- Streetcar: Spadina streetcar (Route 510) and King streetcar (Route 504) stop nearby.

Accessibility Features

- Fully accessible venue with wheelchair ramps throughout.
- Accessible, fully automatic entrance doors with wide openings.
- Accessible entrance to restaurants off Wellington St.
- Braille wayfinding and signage throughout the building.
- Elevators reaching all floors.
- Accessible parking garage with designated stalls.
- Accessibility mode available on all touch-screen digital information hubs.
- Guide dogs and service animals are welcome.

Spadina Museum

285 Spadina Rd, Toronto, ON M5R 2V5

Getting There

- Nearest subway: Dupont Station on Line 1 (an 8-minute walk from the station).
- No parking directly on-site. The nearest accessible parking is at Casa Loma (1 Austin Terrace); please contact the Accessibility Coordinator at accessibility@imagineNATIVE.org in advance for specific accessible parking guidance.
- TTC bus routes service the area. Please check ttc.ca for current routes.

Accessibility Features

- imagineNATIVE events at Spadina Museum take place in the outdoor garden.
- The route from the main metal gates to the garden is all flat but it involves a number of surfaces including gravel and grass. While there are no steep slopes, the gravel and grass surfaces might be a little uneven.
- A golf cart is available to transport anyone who would like assistance from the main gate to the different parts of the grounds.
- Portable accessible washrooms will be provided on-site.
- Please note that the indoor areas of the historic mansion have limited accessibility due to stairs and narrow doorways.

Note: If you have specific mobility or access needs for the Welcoming Gathering, we encourage you to contact our Accessibility Coordinator at accessibility@imagineNATIVE.org in advance so we can best support your visit.

Abrielle at The Sutton Place Hotel

355 King St W, Toronto, ON M5V 1J6 (corner of King St W and Blue Jays Wy)

Getting There

- Nearest subway: St. Andrew Station (Line 1); approximately 450 m/6-minute walk west from the station.
- The Sutton Place Hotel offers on-site parking for guests.
- Street parking and nearby paid lots available on King St W.

Accessibility Features

- Wheelchair accessible venue.
- Accessible entrance on King Street W.
- All-gender washroom available on-site.
- Service animals are welcome.

El Mocambo

464 Spadina Ave, Toronto, ON M5T 2G8 (corner of College St and Spadina Ave)

Getting There

- Nearest parking: Green P #68 on St. Andrew Street, a short walk away. No on-site parking available.
- TTC: Spadina streetcar (Route 510) stops nearby (College St).

Accessibility Features

- Every floor of the El Mocambo is fully wheelchair accessible
- Accessible washroom available on each floor.
- Multi-level venue with accessible routes between floors.
- Service animals are welcome.

CineCycle

129 Spadina Ave, Toronto, ON M5V 2L7

Getting There

- Located in the old coach house at the rear of 129 Spadina Ave, on the east side between Richmond St W and Adelaide St W.
- No on-site parking. The public parking lot behind 401 Richmond (a short distance from the rear entrance of CineCycle) is the most convenient accessible parking option nearby. Additionally, street parking and nearby paid lots available on Spadina Ave.
- TTC: Spadina streetcar (Route 510) and Queen streetcar (Route 501) stop nearby.

Accessibility Features

Important note: This is a historic venue and has some accessibility considerations guests should be aware of. We want to ensure everyone can make an informed decision about attending and arrive prepared.

- Rear entrance (recommended): Wide enough for mobility devices, no steps, and accessible from the laneway. Please note the path to this entrance is uneven.
- Front entrance (laneway beside 129 Spadina Ave): No automatic doors, but a portable ramp can be deployed on request; please provide at least 24 hours advance notice.
- Inside the venue: No steps or inclines. Please note the floor can be uneven in places, as it is a historic space.
- Seating: All seating is the same style. imagineNATIVE can reserve aisle-adjacent space for mobility device users; please contact us in advance if you require this.
- Lighting: Overhead string lights are on during events. Lights will be dimmed or turned off during any screening portions. Accent lamps are available around the space.
- Accessible washroom available inside the venue.
- Both service animals and non-service animals are welcome.
- A staff member will always be on-site to assist with any additional accessibility needs.

Note: If you require accessibility support at CineCycle, please contact our Accessibility Coordinator at accessibility@imagineNATIVE.org at least 48 hours in advance so we can arrange assistance with entry.

401 Richmond

401 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON M5V 3A8 (east of Spadina Ave)

Getting There

- No visitor or free parking on-site. Paid parking lots available in the immediate area. The south side of the building has parking available from 6:00 PM for a flat fee.
- TTC: Spadina streetcar (Route 510) from Spadina Station or Union Station; or Queen streetcar (Route 501).
- Bike racks available at both front and back entrances.

Accessibility Features

- The building is fully wheelchair accessible with an elevator reaching each level.
- Two wheelchair-accessible entrances: the front entrance near Dark Horse Espresso Bar (east of Spadina Ave), and a second accessible entrance on-site.
- The recommended accessible entrance is the northeast entrance nearest to the corner of Richmond St W and Peter St, which is at street level with an automatic door.
- One passenger elevator located in the middle of the building.
- Fully accessible washroom on the fourth floor near the commons.
- All-gender washroom on the first floor.
- Service animals and support persons are welcome.

Other Accessibility Needs or Questions

imagineNATIVE is committed to making our Festival as inclusive as possible. If you have accessibility needs not addressed in this guide, or if you require any accommodations, please reach out to our Accessibility Coordinator:

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We look forward to welcoming you at the imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival!