

# UMS Accessibility Guide 2023

## Accessibility Commitment

UMS believes that experiencing live music as a community increases inclusion, joy, and belonging. Yet for many music lovers and musicians with disabilities, the full experience is often out of reach.

**That's why we're committed to making the UMS experience -both in person and online - accessible.**

We know that it will take time and ongoing engagement to meet the ever-changing needs of a dynamic, diverse community of music lovers. So, over the next several years, UMS will hire artists with disabilities to lead this vision, and we'll make the small and large improvements they recommend in pursuit of broader accessibility.

## Accessibility Coordination

Please contact us by emailing [accessibility@theums.com](mailto:accessibility@theums.com) with any questions or requests prior to festival weekend.

A full weekend of live music.

- 6 city blocks up and down Broadway
- Crowded Sidewalks with closeby bike lanes on broadway to cross and curb cuts on all sidewalks
- 3 outdoor stages (4 city blocks apart) Food vendors, free drinking water
- 10-12 non traditional venues (bars, restaurants, stores etc)
- Small intimate performances, packed.

## Transportation:

The UMS supports Denver's Vision Zero plan. We all want everyone to make it home safely. Please be courteous & obey traffic laws. We have outlined our suggested transportation options, and we encourage you to use alternate options to driving. Please use the cross lights and cross walks, as there are many lanes of traffic on Broadway.

- Public transit is encouraged and fares are free all month!
- Alameda light rail station is .8 miles from central festival
- Bus route 0 along lincoln, one block away
- Visit <https://www.rtd-denver.com> for schedule
- Limited Accessible parking - not easy to find.

More information on Vision Zero can be found here: <https://www.denvergov.org/Neighborhood/Vision->

## Zero/About

### Best Places To Be Dropped Off:

- 21 South Broadway (Central location, we expect the street to be very crowded)
- 65 Broadway (2 blocks north, smaller main stage expected to be less crowded)

### Neighborhood Parking Info:

- 214 metered parking spots on Broadway
- 67 permitted bike racks (137 bike capacity)
- Surrounding neighborhoods have parking restrictions for non-residents.

### Entrance:

- Wristbands needed first, can scan at any stage, venue to get
- Purchase tickets on site avail at box office located central
- The line moves fairly quickly

### How To Find The Accessibility Team:

The Accessibility Team will be at The Youth on Record tent near the Showcase Stage and roaming the festival footprint. We will have t-shirts that say Accessibility Team. Please ask us if you have any access needs!

### At our table we will have:

- *Disposable Ear plugs to hand out*
- *Masks*
- *Water for dog*

### Printed items:

- *Printed copies of the UMS Accessibility Guide*
- *UMS Access Guide and schedule in braille and large format*
- *Access map*

### Priority Seating:

Each main stage will have a priority seating section close to the stages. Find folding chairs at the Youth on Record tent @ Showcase Stage & First Aid tent @ Underground Stage.

Some venues will have a priority seating sign. This area is reserved for people who need to sit and/or be up close. Stay mindful, party on!

## Venues:

We conducted a user experience tour of the venues to check for usability. This tour was

- Informed by ADA accessibility guidelines, but does not certify compliance.
- Completed by a power wheelchair user and a mobility scooter user.

Venues we found accessible have a sticker that has the accessibility symbol artfully rendered with the words UNDERGROUND MUSIC SHOWCASE. By accessible, we mean we could get in and out of the front door, wheel around the space and use the bathroom. (detailed below)



Every venue is ground level and rollable except for shows at the Bobcat Club at the Skylark and the second floor of the UMS House.

[See our detailed notes on venues at the bottom of this document.](#)

Performers playing at the Bobcat Club were asked to play a second show at other venues. This is the list of performers that could do the second show:

**Bryce Menchaca**

Friday, 8:00 pm, Denver Distilling

**Bison Bone**

Saturday, 7:00 pm, Denver Distilling

**Deva Yoder**

Saturday, 8:00 pm, Denver Distilling

**Kenny Cornbread**

Sunday, 2:15 pm Showcase Stage

## **Morning Bear**

Sunday, 6:00 pm, Baere Brewing

## **Lillian**

Sunday, 7:00 pm, Denver Distilling

## **Covid-19:**

As we continue to adapt to the ongoing pandemic, we want you to know where you can enjoy live music with less risk. Knowing how packed the small indoor venues can be, we encourage masking but will not mandate or enforce harm reduction efforts. All 3 main stages are outdoor with room to distance and a handful of the smaller venues on Broadway have open doors, patio seating, garage doors and extra ventilation. Such as banded oak, Baere brewery, the I, stoney's We collected notes about each venue and stage you can find above.

## **Sensory Spaces:**

In general, the back areas of the outdoor stages will be the quietest spaces. Each outdoor stage offers a lounge or two which will be some of the most chill locations of UMS.

## **Water + Shade:**

Each outdoor stage has a water station and shade structure providing the ability to cool off. Water stations are labeled with banners.

**Service animals are welcome, and a water station for service animals is available at the Accessibility Table in the Youth on Record Tent**

## Sidewalk Conditions:

Gravel surfaces on the west side at Broadway and E. 1st Street and W. Ellsworth Street.

The Curb cut at 100 South Broadway on the south west side going to the south east side is not usable.

## Survey

**Your experience is valuable to use. Please complete this [accessibility survey](#) and/or email us at [accessibility@theums.org](mailto:accessibility@theums.org) to let us know your experience.**

## Ums Stages + Venues - Accessibility Information

### VENUE: Banded Oak

#### **470 Broadway**

##### **Bathrooms:**

- Gendered bathrooms.
- Accessible stall in each.
- Sinks are a little low with a push down faucet.

##### **Floor:**

- Concrete throughout.

##### **Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Good fans for ventilation.
- Garage doors and outdoor seating options.

##### **Other Notes:**

- Tall ceilings with sound treatment
- Fans throughout
- Could be good indoor space for low sensory with garage doors cracked for covid safety.
- Sponsor parties during the day and limited evening programming.

**VENUE: Bar 404**  
**404 Broadway**

**Bathrooms:**

- Being renovated as of our tour.
- Will be gendered mens with 1 urinal and 1 ADA stall.
- Womens 2 stalls, 1 ADA.

**Floor**

- Wood, wood threshold between stage side, bigger bar side.

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Fans, outdoor patio being remodeled

**VENUE: Baere Brewing**

**320 Broadway Unit**

**Bathrooms:**

- 2 individual all-gendered bathrooms.
- Bathrooms accessible.
- Automated hand sanitizer, paper towels high up out of reach
- Push button flusher. Grab bars.
- Baby changer in each bathroom, urinal & toilet in 1 bathroom.

**Floor:**

- Concrete throughout.

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Hand sanitizer in bathrooms.
- Open space, good ventilation when garage door is opened.

**STAGE: Oasis Stage at Import Mechanics**  
**235 Broadway**

**Bathrooms**

- Port-o-potties - ADA friendly.

**Floor**

- In a well paved parking lot.

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Outdoor after entering through open garage door mechanics shop
- Big open air stage.

**STAGE: Underground Stage at Punch Bowl****1st Ave Entrance****Bathrooms**

- Port-o-potties - ADA friendly.

**Floor**

- Not so well paved parking lot.
- Some potholes.

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Completely outdoor.

**Other Notes:**

- Medic and harm reduction tent

**VENUE: Hornet****76 Broadway****Bathrooms:**

- Gendered. Wood threshold and narrow 29" doorway to pass through.
- Women: 2 stalls, 1 small, one big. big enough to get in, but not to shut the door or turn around, grab bars.
- Men: 1 bigger stall. 2 urinals. automatic sink

**Floor:**

- Wood between sections of linoleum vinyl.
- Good grip.

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Restaurant side pretty open, big fans.
- Stage side will be more packaged with tall tops and low tops.

**VENUE: The L****46 Broadway**

**Bathrooms:**

- 2 genderless singles.
- Small decline to bathrooms
- ADA toilet + urinal flusher high - good roll under sink no grab bars.
- ADA toilet single with grab bars roll under sink

**Floor:**

- Wood tiny threshold

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- At least one big open garage door, close to stage
- Outdoor patio benches, open to opening 2nd garage door where band will play

**VENUE: Hi Dive****7 S. Broadway****Bathrooms:**

- 2 genderless stalls.
- 38" wide stall with curtain for door grab bar
- Easy to maneuver + urinal. 2 stall, small no bars, grab bars.
- Single biggest stall kind of accessible: grab bars, low toilet, door opens inward making navigating difficult, but can be done from power chair. door latch up high.

**Floor:**

- Wood

**STAGE: Showcase Stage at Goodwill****Ellsworth entrance****21 S Broadway****Bathrooms:**

- Port-o-potties - ADA friendly.

**Floor:**

- Concrete parking lot, newly paved

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Outdoor completely

**Other Notes:**

- Main entrance with box office
- Youth on Record + Access Tent
- Sober bar



**VENUE: Stoney's Cantina**  
**30 S Broadway**

**Bathrooms**

- 2 individual all gendered bathrooms.
- Accessible. low toilet.
- Standard sink with high faucet. grab bars. baby changers

**Floor:**

- Small tile entrance, wood floors throughout

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

Indoor eating, but big garage door open at front of venue

**VENUE: HQ Denver**  
**60 S Broadway**

**Bathrooms**

- Gendered
- Women's 4 wide stalls, no ADA nor grab bar, widest is 37.5" can get in, but not shut door or turn around.
- Mens 3 urinals, 1 short, 2 stalls one is big 36" door

**Floor**

- Wood floors, tiny threshold to dance floor, barely elevated.

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Gets packed and not much open air.

**VENUE: Skylark (Bobcat Club)**  
**140 S Broadway**

The Bobcat Club is on the second floor and is not wheelchair accessible.

**Bathrooms:**

- Downstairs bathroom: Gendered
- Small ramps with grip tape to each gendered bathroom.
- Womens ramp has handrail on right and mens ramp no handrails.
- Each bathroom with "accessible" stall. Tight, but doable.
- Women's flusher on wrong side of wheelchair.
- Grab bars. Upstairs bathrooms gendered small stalls not accessible, grab bars.

**Floor:**

- Tile both up and downstairs

**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- Indoor, tall ceilings, but typically packed with people at UMS.
- Outdoor patio seating available, but will be crowded.

**Other Notes**

- Traditionally very loud and crowded venue

**VENUE: Denver Distilling Co.  
244 S Broadway**

**Bathrooms:**

- 2 single big bathrooms. genderless.
- Grab bars. accessible, 1 with bigger layout. bathroom doors, light, open out, would need help closing behind

Floor:

- Wood

**Covid:**

- Tall ceilings fans, but small narrow place.

**Other Notes:**

- Back emergency exit up ADA ramp rails through back of house with distilling tanks.=  
(Sponsor Parties During Day, limited evening programming)