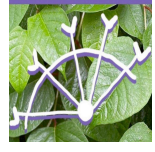


Venue Guide for *Infinity Gardens*



This document is a guide for audiences attending GutPunch Theatre's production of *Infinity Gardens* during the Victoria Fringe Festival. The performance takes place in the grounds of Finnerty Gardens at the University of Victoria. This document is meant to clarify certain elements of the performance, such as the audience participation—as well as, documenting the accessibility measures being taken by GutPunch Theatre in their utilization of the space.



A picture of the garden entrance from the interior.

Land Acknowledgement

Finnerty Gardens is located within the University of Victoria campus grounds. GutPunch Theatre respectfully acknowledges that this production takes place on the unceded and traditional territories of the lək'wəŋən peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



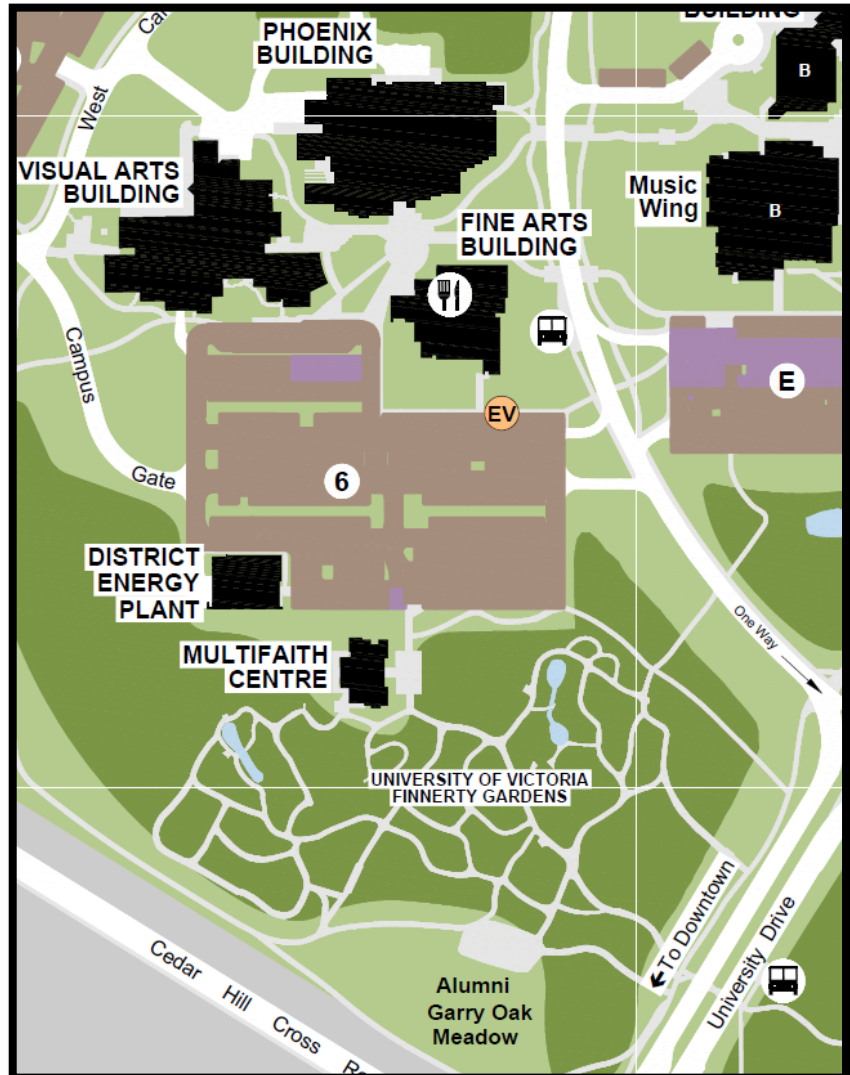
Location & Transportation

Finnerty Gardens is located on University Drive in the southwest quadrant of the Ring Road, across from the Multifaith Centre.

For audience members driving to the show, the nearest parking lot is in [Parking Lot 6](#) this is a [paid parking lot](#), and it is patrolled by the university security team.

Audience members taking public transportation may note that the following bus lines have routes that run near Finnerty Gardens: 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 26, 39, 51.

The closest bus stop to Finnerty Gardens is [University Drive at Ring Road](#). From here, audience members can walk approx. 200m West to Finnerty Gardens.

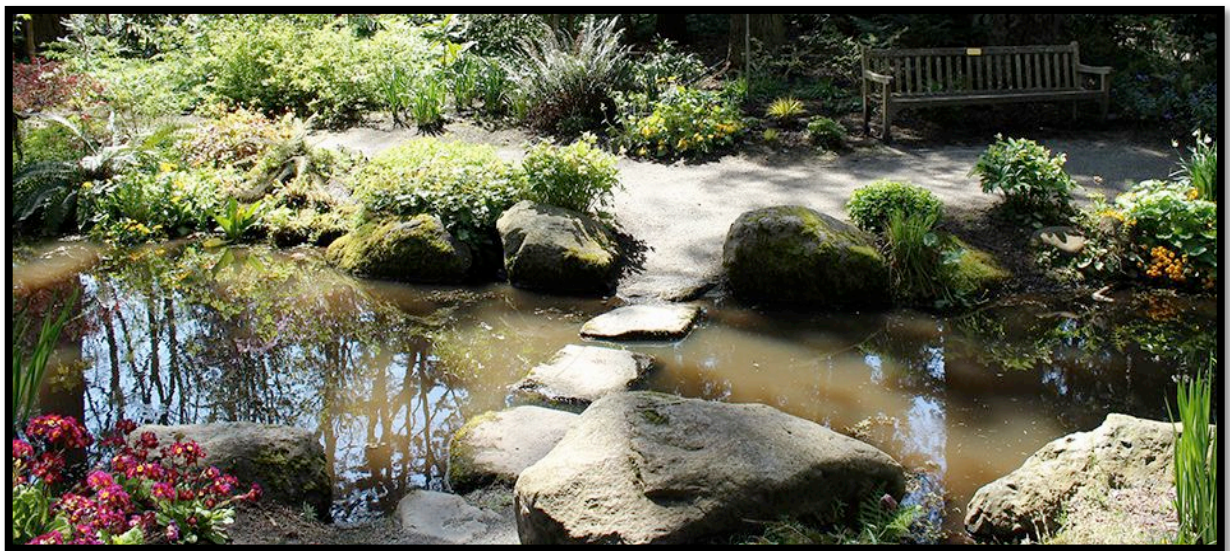


Audience members interested in cycling to the performance may note that the nearest bicycle racks are situated north of Parking Lot 6 in the courtyard of the [Fine Arts Building](#).

What to Expect

Finnerty Gardens is an outdoor venue. As such, the audience is advised to keep the following in mind:

- ❖ Finnerty Gardens is a public space with its own rules and guidelines. Please be mindful of those for the duration of the performance. Avoid stepping in the garden beds, do not litter, and please close all gates behind you.
- ❖ Wild animals, such as ducks, may be present in the garden. Please allow them to continue existing peacefully while you are present in the space.
- ❖ We cannot always control the sounds heard inside the garden. Aside from the sounds of nature, there may be other noises from outside the show, such as traffic.
- ❖ While it is acceptable to move and react during the performance, audience members are advised that flash photography and phone calls are prohibited during the performance.



Upon Arrival

When you arrive to the performance, please make your way to the courtyard outside of the Multifaith Centre (south of Parking Lot 6). Those who arrive early are welcome to wait in the area and socialize. A member of the front-of-house staff will announce when the performance starts, read out the Land Acknowledgement, and inform the audience if the show has any strobing lights, loud noises, or anything else that might trigger a negative sensory reaction. Once the opening scene has taken place, an usher will direct the audience members to enter the garden.



During the Performance

Infinity Gardens is a show that encourages audience interaction. Audience members who are willing to interact with the performance will be allowed a key item—such as a glowstick or a ribbon—which will allow the performers to know who to call on. Those without the key item will not be called upon to interact with the performance. Audience members who do not wish to be called up during the show may refuse the key item prior to the beginning of the performance.

As *Infinity Gardens* is a travelling play in an outdoor venue, audience members are advised to wear suitable clothing and shoes. Additionally, the play is a travelling performance that takes place throughout various locations within the garden. Audience members should note that there is no provided seating, and they will be expected to walk or stand for the duration of the performance—approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Content Warnings

Infinity Gardens is a play that deals with loss, grief, death, and unhealthy coping mechanisms in the face of trauma. Audience members attending are encouraged to be mindful about how these themes might impact them throughout the course of the performance.

Mobility Restrictions

Please keep in mind that audience members will be standing and walking for the duration of the performance. While the paths laid out in the garden are wide enough to accommodate wheelchair users, please be aware that the paths are unpaved, and that weather conditions may make it difficult to navigate the garden with a wheelchair. Those who require other mobility aids are advised to bring them, and those who require a slower pace are advised to book tickets for one of our Relaxed Performances.

Relaxed Performances

Relaxed performances are designed for audience members who might benefit from performances that are more accommodating toward individuals prone toward sensory overstimulation, or those with mobility issues. Changes to these performances can include a slower walking pace, minimizing or removing any flashing or strobing lights, and keeping any loud noises within the scope of the performance to a lower volume.

Relaxed performances are scheduled for August 27th, 2023, and September 1st 2023.

Rain Check Policy

Throughout all performance dates, GutPunch staff members will be monitoring weather conditions through Environment Canada. In case of show cancellations due to inclement weather, audience members will be informed through the most expedient method available, and a notice will be posted on the GutPunch Theatre website. If cancellations occur prior to show start time, audience members will be refunded any paid fees. If a cancellation occurs during the performance, there will be no refunds offered, though our communications team will be happy to rebook audience members to a different performance.