

Market Square Visual Guide

This venue guide is to help you prepare for your visit to Market Square.

It includes information about the location, a visual guide to the space, and what you can expect when you come to see Fringe preview.

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TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Market Square is located in Downtown Victoria, BC, on the territories of the ləkʷəŋən people, now known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

For further information, please visit

<https://intrepidtheatre.com/land-acknowledgement-resources/>



ABOUT

Market Square is a town square and shopping centre located in the downtown core next to Chinatown in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. There are more than 35 shops, restaurants, and clubs in the square. Due to the large space, the lower section of Market Square is often converted into a performance venue, as it is for Fringe Preview.

LOCATION

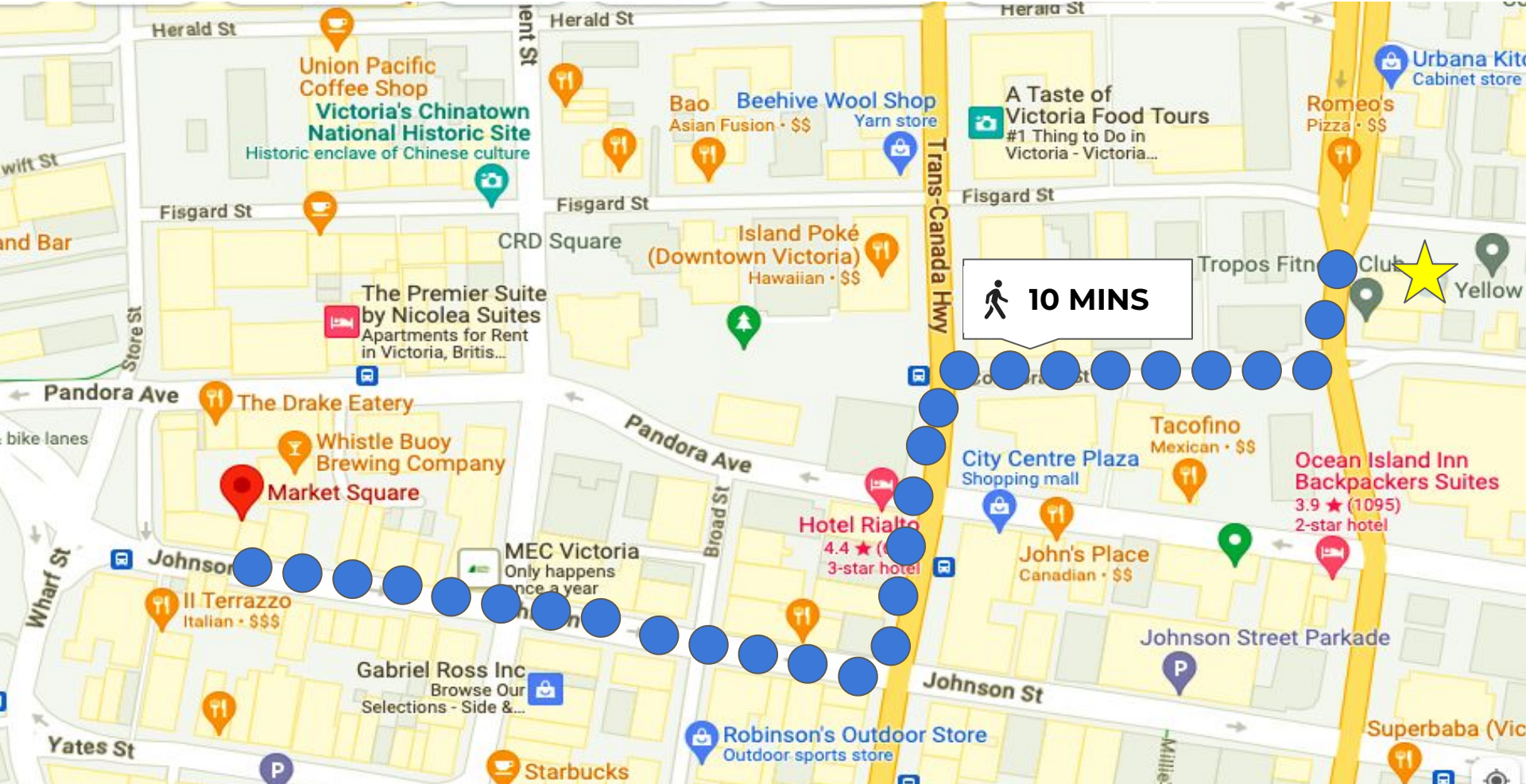
Market Square is located at **560 Johnson St, Victoria, BC V8W 3C6, ləkʷəŋən territory.**

Information on bus routes on page 6.

SITE MAP

[Click on this link to view on Google Maps.](#)

★ = INTREPID THEATRE BOX OFFICE
(2-1609 Blanshard St)

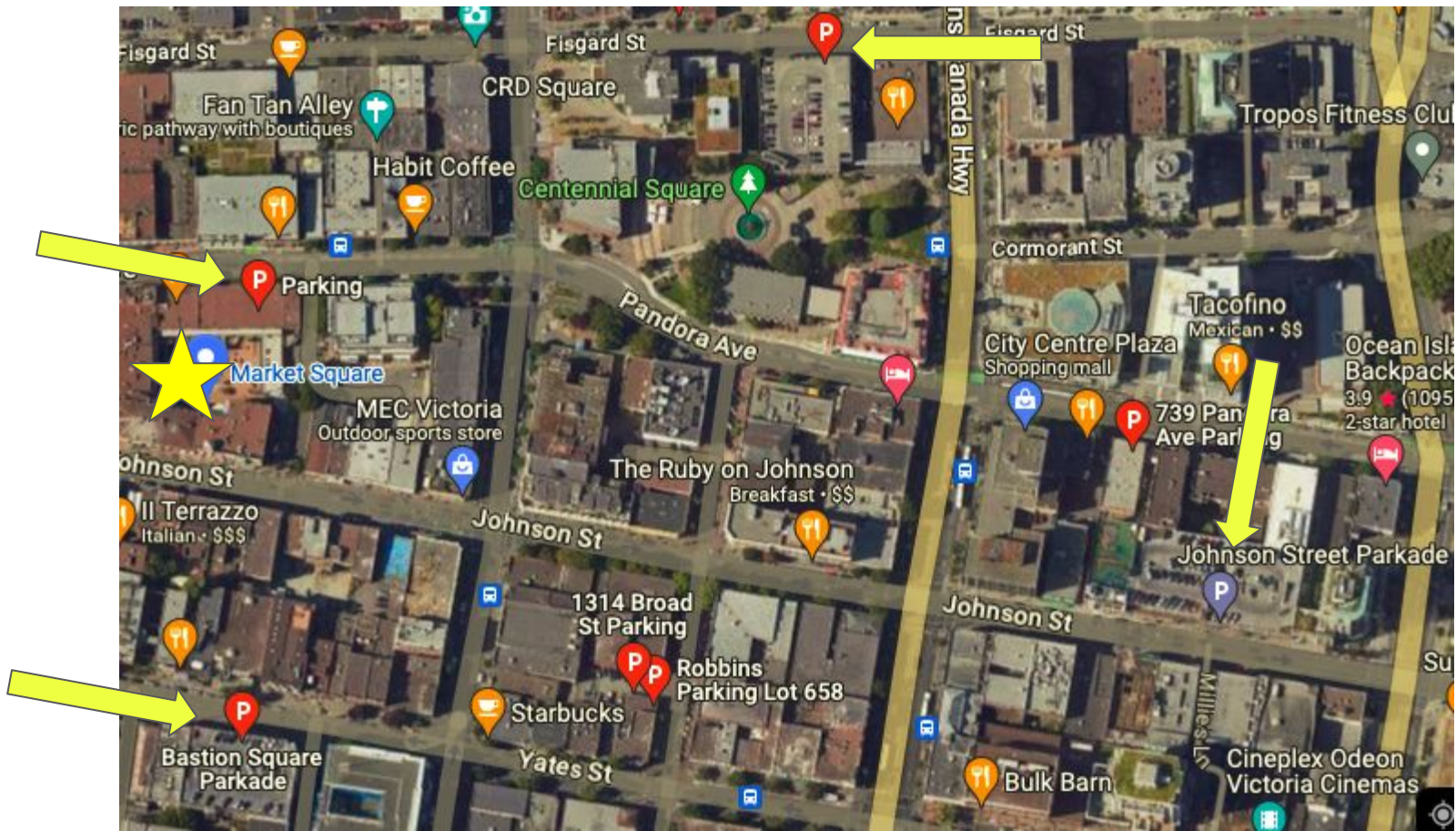


PARKING



Market Square has its own paid parking lot. The entrance is on Pandora St, and leads down into the lower level. There are several nearby parkades, including Pandora St, Fisgard St, Johnson St, and Yates St, (all pictured).

As well, there is **street parking** along Johnson Street



TRANSIT



The BC transit bus routes that run near Market Square:

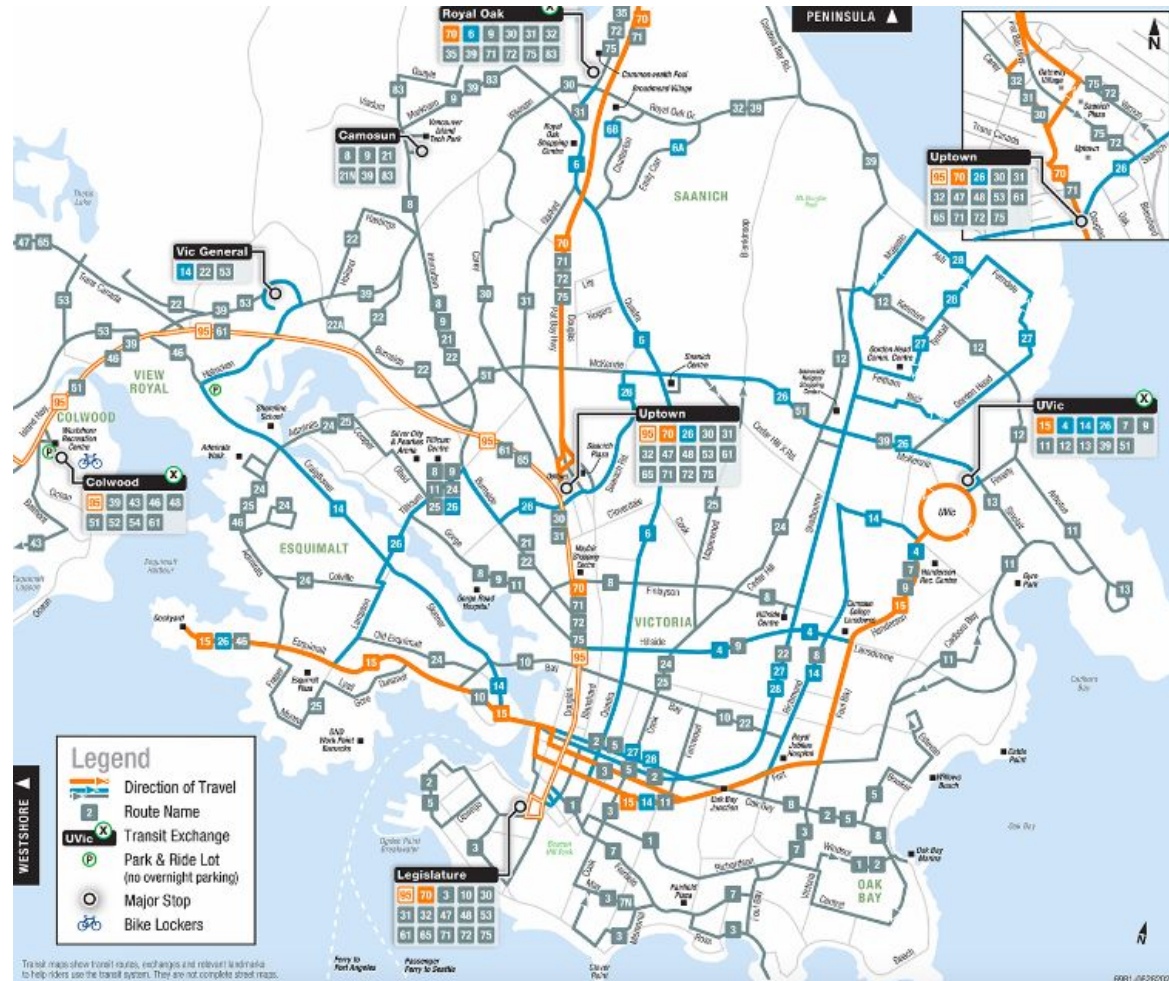
#10, 24, 25 along Johnson St. Since it is a one-way, these routes would return down Pandora or Yates St.

#14, 15, along Pandora Street.

#30, 7, 11, 21, 22 and several more on Douglas St.

[Click this link](#) to see nearby bus stops and their accompanying routes.

[Click this link](#) for the BC Transit website, complete with schedules, routes, and image descriptions including the one to the right.



CYCLING



There are protected bike lanes along Johnson St and Pandora St, as well as bike bars along both streets.

In Market Square, there are bike bars on the ground level, however bikes can also be locked on the upper level to the railing.

[Click this link](#) to find your safest cycling route to Market Square Centre from your location.



WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Market square is a public venue, and there are multiple entrances.

One is on Johnson St on the upper level, and the other is a ground floor entrance on Pandora St **through the parkade**, leading to the main level.

Both entrances have box offices where you can check-in.



Johnson St Entrance

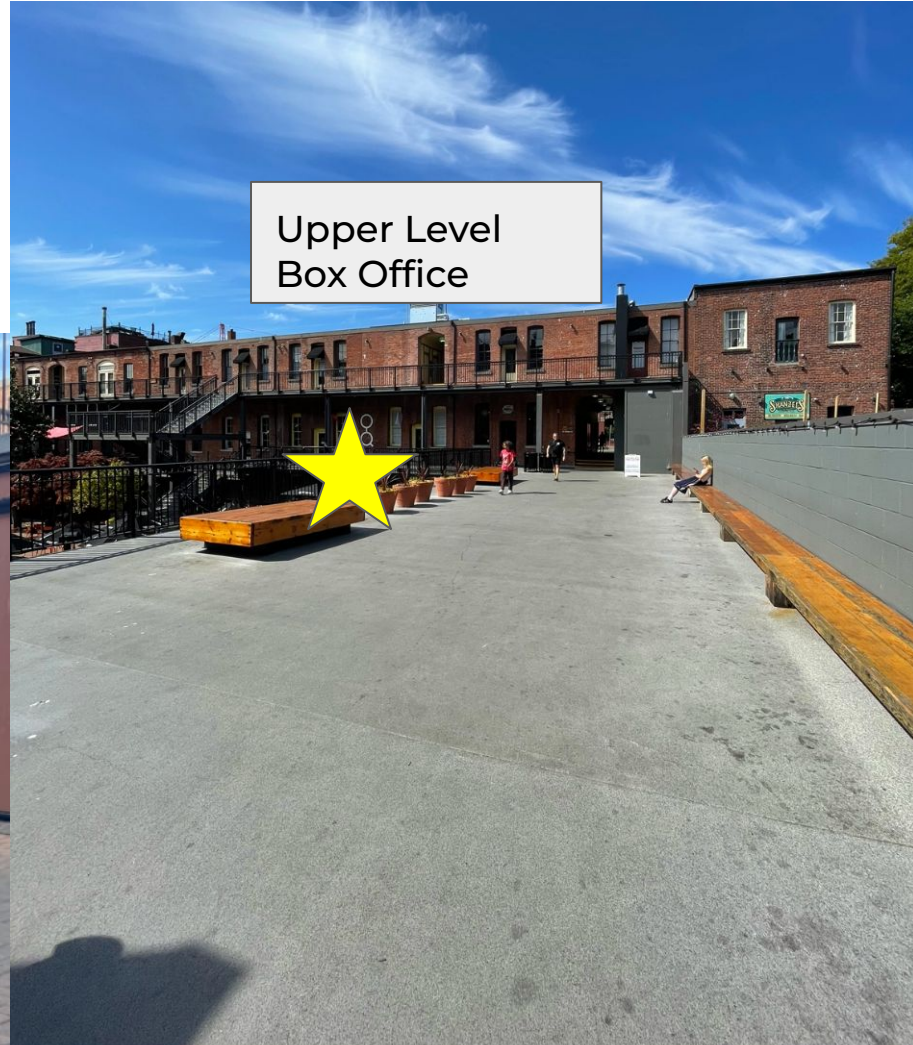
Pandora St Entrance



BOX OFFICE

On ground level, the box office will be near the performance area at the bottom of the stairs. A large 10x10' tent will indicate, and volunteers will be there to welcome you.

Another box office is on the upper level, among another row of tents.



ENTERING THE SPACE

When you enter the space, the stage will be in the northwest corner, on the lowest level of the courtyard. Seating will be set up around, and regular courtyard tables will also be available.

Musicians will likely be playing before the show, so you have time to get seated and explore the event.

The stage is not pictured in this photo, but an arrow indicates it's space.



ACCESSIBLE SEATING

There is no ramp to reach the lowest point of the courtyard, however wheelchair users and those with other mobility devices are welcome to sit as close to the stage as possible on the ground level.

The stage is quite large and will be clearly visible from this area.



YOUR HOSTS



EMILY WOODS
LOCAL COMEDIAN



HONEY DEWME
LOCAL DRAG ARTIST

THE BEVERAGE BOOTH

Phillips Brewery is a Fringe Sponsor, and graciously sponsors the beverage supply at Fringe preview. This year, we have **ONLY** non-alcoholic options available.

You may bring your drink anywhere in the square, as this is not a closed off area.



FIRST AID

St. John's ambulance will have a pop-up tent on the ground level near the stage, just outside Green Cuisine.

This will be the first aid area to report to if you or anyone else is in need of any first aid or assistance.



THE CHILL ZONE

The Embrace Arts Foundation will have a tent set up on the upper level of Market Square as a 'Chill Zone'.

This area is meant for anyone needed a space to decompress, take a break from the event, or spend some alone time.



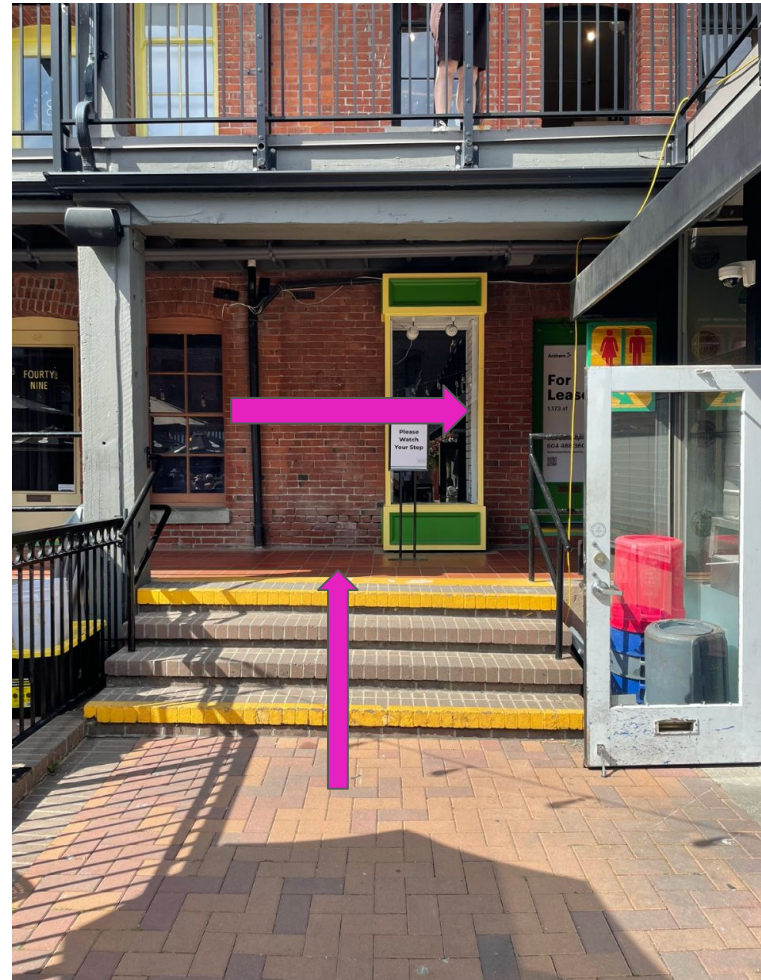
EMERGENCY EXITS

Every entrance/exit to Market Square can be used in an emergency except those that lead in or out of a shop. The accessible emergency exit is back through the parking lot ramp and onto Pandora St.



WASHROOMS

Unfortunately, Market Square's washrooms are not mobility aid accessible, as they are up a series of four steps.



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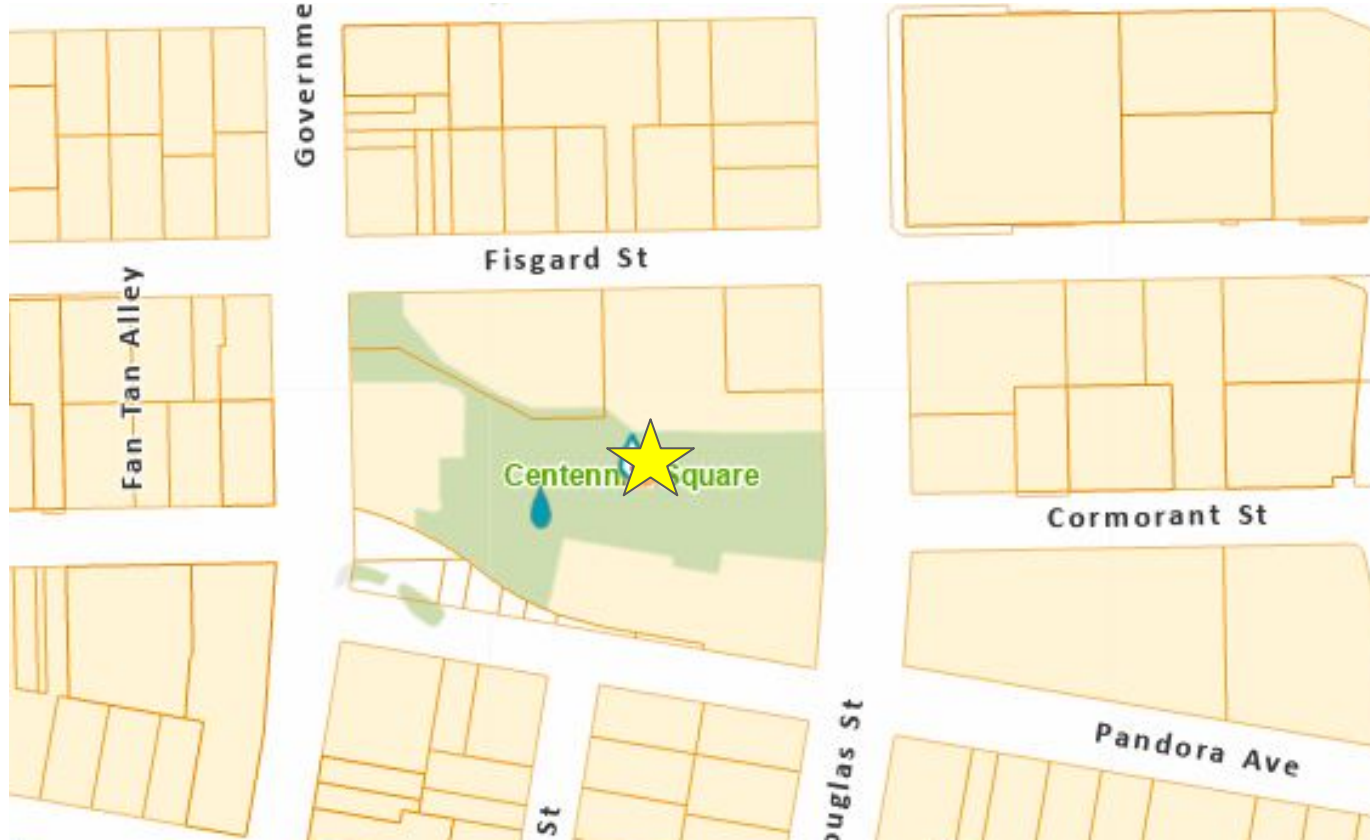
Washrooms at Market Square are gendered, with one having two urinals and two stalls, and the other having three stalls.



MISTING STATIONS

In case of extreme heat, Victoria has 13 misting stations for public use. The nearest station is at Centennial Square.

All misting stations can be found [here on this list](#).



DURING THE SHOW

This venue is being used for 'Fringe preview', our opening event for the festival each year where artists are invited to promote and offer snippets of their shows.

Music Begins : 4:30pm

Show: 5:15pm

Intermission: 6:45pm

Performances Resume: 7:05pm

End: 8:05pm

Visit victoriafringe.com for more information.

During the show, the performers will usually be on the stage, but may be in the audience area too. Any interaction with audience members will be prefaced in the front of house speech, and performers will seek consent before any interaction takes place.

Throughout the show, the audience claps. Some patrons choose to wave their hands in the air should they not want to clap due to noise, and some choose to cover their ears if needed.



COVID SAFETY

Masks are strongly recommended for audiences, volunteers, Fringe staff and artists.

Artists are not required to wear masks during their performance.

Should you have any questions regarding this COVID-19 Safety & Communicable Disease Prevention Plan, please contact: Emmett MacMillen, Producer, Intrepid Theatre
(emmett@intrepidtheatre.com / 250-383-2663)

FRINGE ACCESSIBILITY PAGE

For information about accessibility measures at Victoria Fringe, such as relaxed performances, American Sign Language interpretation, and visual stories, visit our website <https://bit.ly/fringeaccess>.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT!

If you have attended a show at this venue and have further suggestions to include or correct in this guide, please take a moment to fill out our brief [feedback form](#).

You can also share your thoughts with us through email at pa@intrepidtheatre.com or by phone at 250-383-2633.

We are committed to continuously improving our accessibility resources and appreciate your help.