



Market Square Venue 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.

One action that Intrepid Theatre is taking is that 50% of all donations at the concession at our events are donated to Victoria Orange Shirt Day. The other 50% go to supporting our BIPOC residency programs.

For further information, please visit

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

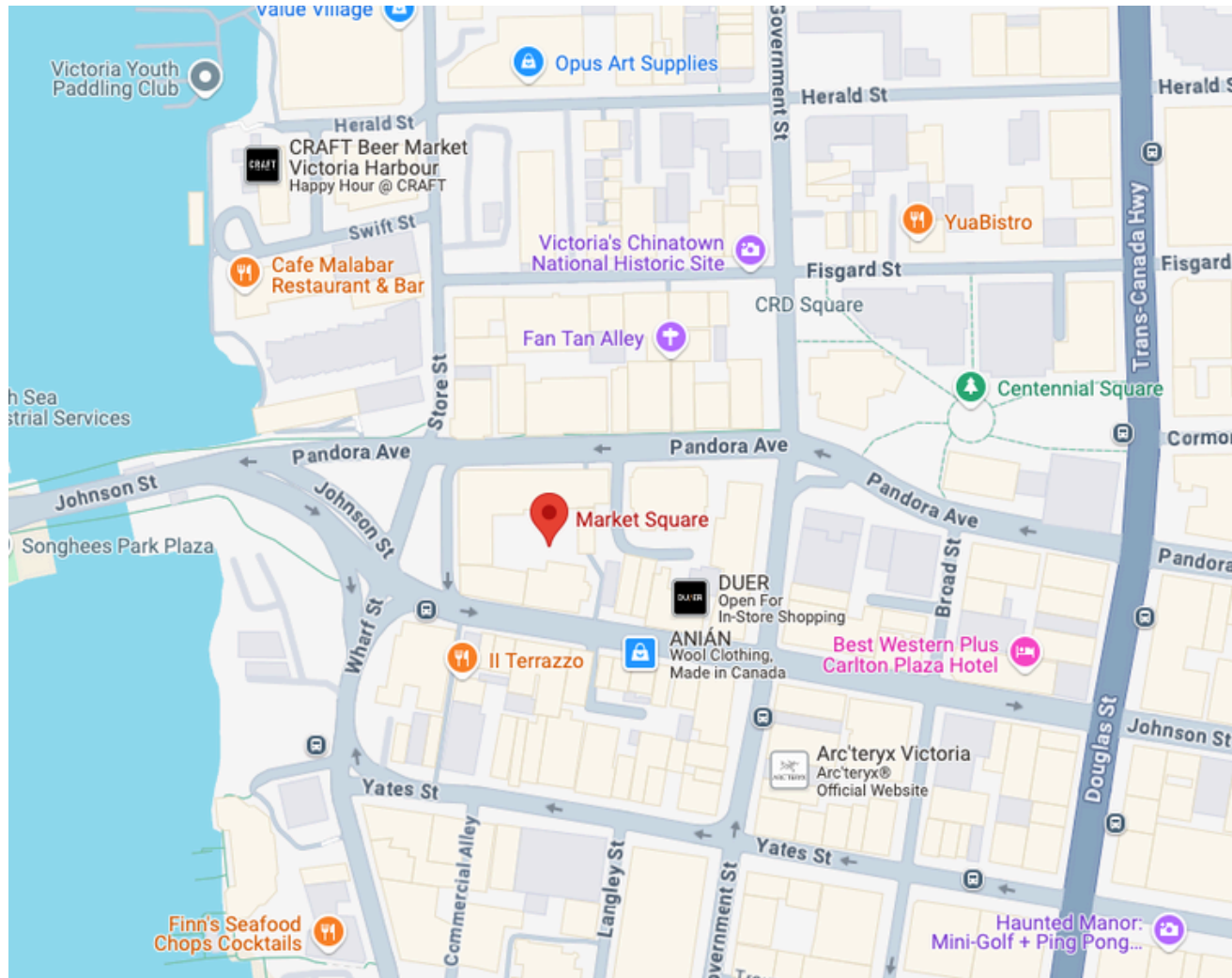
About

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.

Map



[Click here to view Market Square on Google Maps](#)

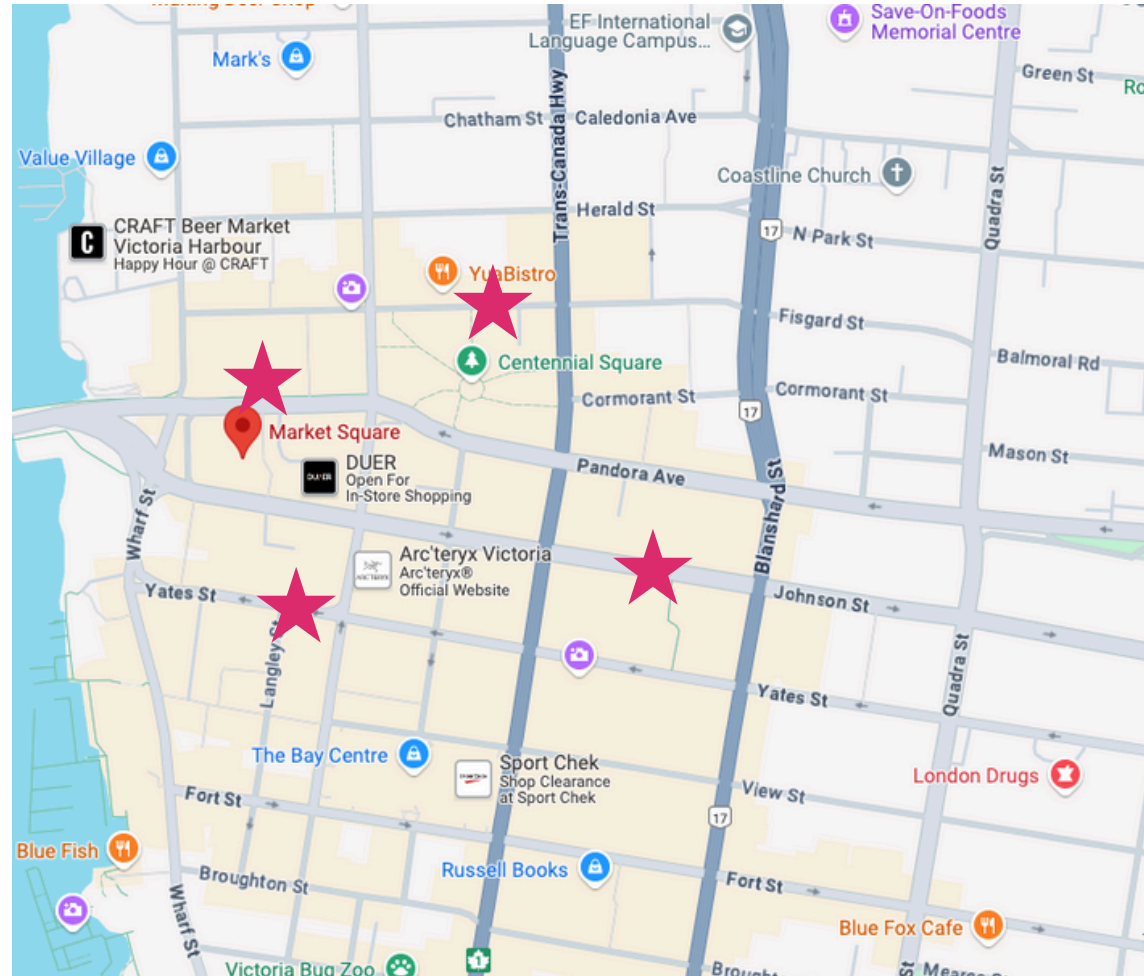
Parking



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.

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.

The box office is nearby the ground floor entrance.

Johnson St Entrance



Pandora St Entrance



Entering the Square

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.

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



Box Office

On ground level, the box office will be near the performance area at the bottom of the stairs.

A large tent will indicate, and volunteers will be there to welcome you.



Tickets and Fringe Buttons

All tickets are online and in advance at www.VictoriaFringe.com. You will receive an email with a QR code that has ALL your purchased tickets for the Fringe (this QR code will update if you purchase more tickets later).

If you purchased your Fringe button online, you can show proof of purchase and the volunteer will give you a button. If you would like to purchase a button or any tickets, you will be able to do so at the event.



Fringe Button

The “Fringe On The House” Program

Free tickets are available to all companions to patrons who identify as a part of the d/Disability community. Just call our box office at 250-383-2663 and ask for a companion ticket when booking.

We also offer our ‘Fringe on the House’ program. If for any reason the cost of a ticket is beyond your means, we have a select number of tickets per show available for free, no questions asked. Just call our box office at 250-383-2663 to book.

Fringe on the House tickets are limited to one ticket per person, per show, up to a maximum of 5 shows.

All tickets need to be booked in advance. To guarantee a Fringe on the House or companion ticket, tickets must be booked before 3pm for weekday shows, and 12pm for weekend shows.

There are two ways to book these tickets:

1. In person. The in person box office is located at 2-1609 Blanshard Street.
 - a. Box Office is open 12pm-5:30pm, Monday to Friday starting August 1st, and then everyday from Monday, August 18th to Sunday, August 31st from 12-5pm. Parker and other festival staff members will be there to offer support.
2. By phone. If you prefer, you can call the box office at 250-383-2663 during the above Box Office hours.

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.



First Aid

St. John's ambulance will have a pop-up tent on the ground level near the stage.

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



Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

Intrepid Theatre has a Communicable Disease Prevention Plan in place, and can be read in full at intrepidtheatre.com/about/policies

Masks are not required, however, we support the wearing of masks by audiences, artists, and volunteers while indoors if they wish to do so. Masks and hand sanitizer are available with Front of House.

Arriving at the theatre will be considered a declaration of good health. If you are feeling unwell, we recommend you stay home and contact tickets@intrepidtheatre.com in advance of the performance. We cannot issue refunds following a performance.

Staff & Volunteers

There will be Victoria Fringe Staff and Volunteers in Market Square to provide help and answer any questions you have.

All staff and volunteers will have lanyards and name tags.

Volunteers can also be spotted by looking for purple t-shirts and friendly faces!



Your Hosts

J McLaughlin

Performer



Amanda Lisman

Performer



Welcome & Featured Performance



Welcome performed by:

Brianna Bear
Local Indigenous
Leader



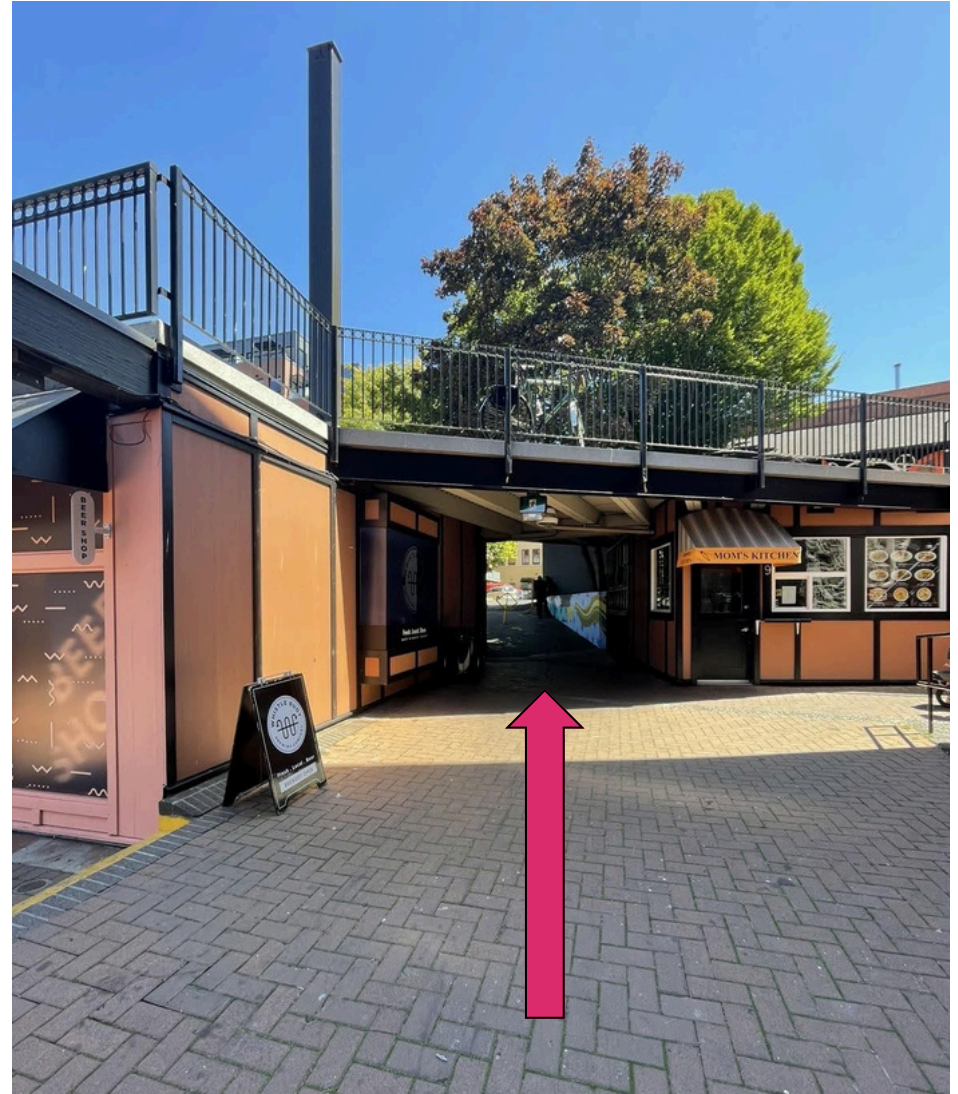
Featured performance by:

The Lekwungen
Dancers

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

Intrepid provides an accessible porta potty from SuperSave, installed on the bottom floor of Market Square, next to the box office tent.



Washrooms

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



Washrooms

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



During the Event

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.

Show begins: 5:00pm

Intermission: 6:30pm

Performances Resume: 6:50pm

End: 8:00pm

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. Performers will seek consent before any audience 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.

After the Event

When the event ends, people will leave Market Square. There are many exits, so people may be moving in many different directions. It may be busy as people are leaving their seats.

Volunteers and Staff will still be available at the Box Office and Information tents for some time after the event. You will have time to ask any questions you may have or make any purchases.

Market Square will be closed when the event ends, so we recommend that you exit unless you are going to the Information or Box Office tents.

Staff and Volunteers will start to pack up some of the equipment after the show ends at 8:00pm. They may direct you to move away from areas where they are packing up for safety reasons.

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 contact Emmett at

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