



VENUE GUIDE

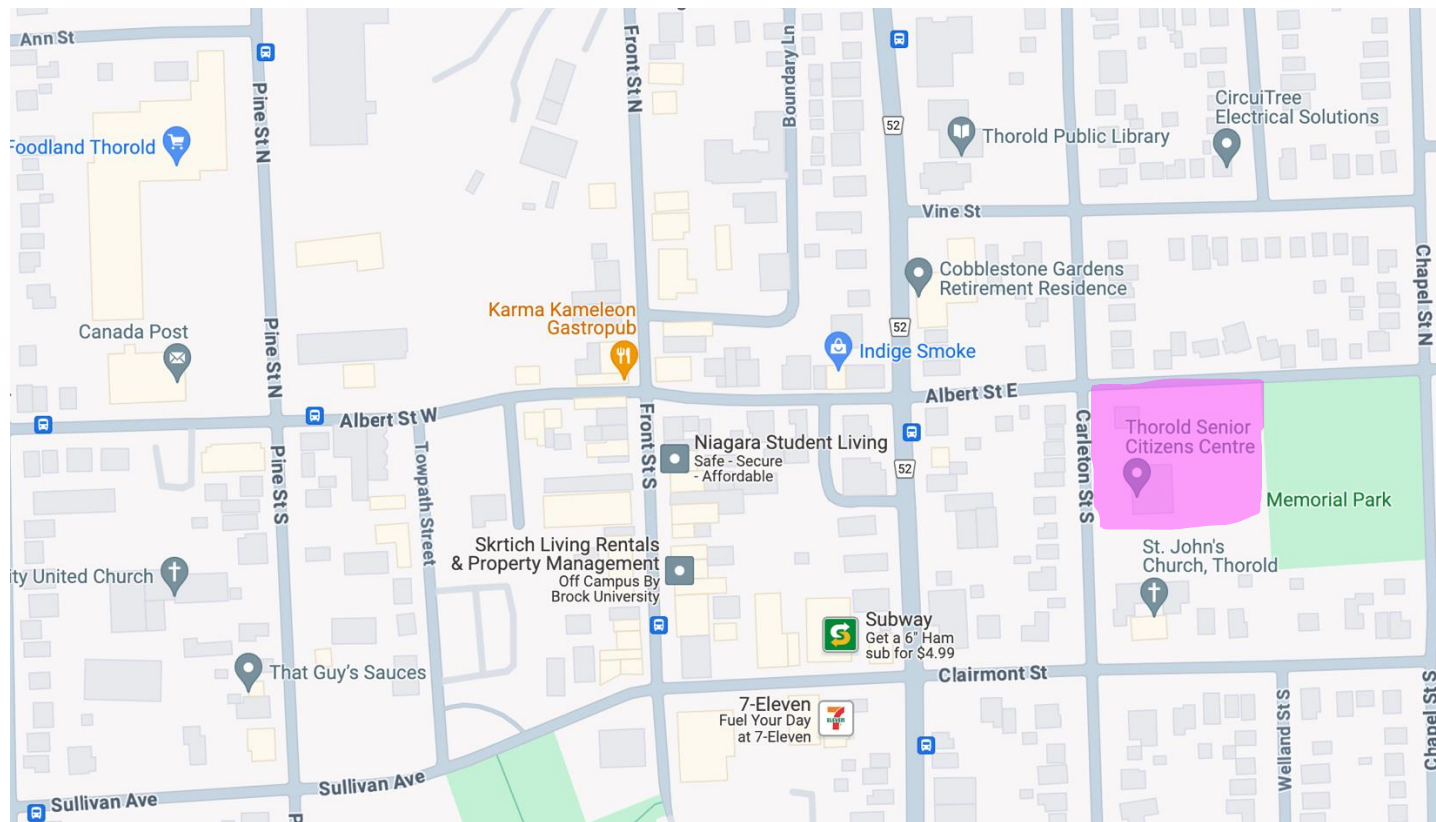
For an Adaptive Performance at

The Ontario Paper Thorold Seniors Centre
8 Carleton Street South, Thorold Ontario

Welcome to your Gallery Players Concert!

Getting There

My concert will happen at the Ontario Paper Thorold Seniors Centre, 8 Carleton Street South, Thorold. This is a map of Thorold showing the **centre**.



I can **drive** there, or **walk** to the corner of Albert and Carleton Streets. A **bus** can let me off at the corner of Albert and Ormond streets and I would walk from there.

The Thorold Seniors Centre is in a building that looks like an old school – because it was an old school! I can enter the driveway on the right side of the building from Carleton Street. There I will see a large parking lot and an accessible entrance ramp.



A **taxi** can also take me to the concert when I tell them my own address and what time to pick me up. I will also tell them the address of the Thorold Seniors Centre is 8 Carleton Street South in Thorold.



There are accessible parking spaces on the left as I drive in, and lots of other parking spaces on the right and around behind the building. The entrance is up an accessible ramp. There is room for **cars** or **taxis** or **rideshare** or **WheelTrans** to make drop offs at the side of the building, right next to the ramp.

Going Inside Thorold Seniors Centre

When I come to the Gallery Players concert, I will see a person at the top of the ramp who will welcome me and all the other people coming to the concert. Then I will go in through two sets of glass doors into the Thorold Seniors Centre.



Inside the Thorold Seniors Centre

When I come through the doors, I will be in a long hallway with a wooden floor. That hallway leads straight to the room where the concert will be.



There will be a table there with fidgets or headphones or a comfort stuffie I can borrow, and a concert programme I can keep.

Seating

At the end of that hallway is the big room where I will listen to the concert. These are the people who will be performing at the concert.



Margaret, Julia, Pat and Patricia

I can sit anywhere I like and there is room to have space between me and other people. There is also room at the front for sitting on the floor and spaces for mobility devices.

Taking Breaks

During the performance I can move around to the music or change seats. If the music is too loud for me, I can move further away to the reserved seats at the back. And if I need to, I can go back out into the hallway and still hear the music!



If I need to take a break, I can go down the hall to the Quiet Room in the Library.



The Quiet Room has comfy sofas and I can bring my fidget and headphones with me if I want. When I am ready, I can go back to the lobby or right back into the hall to hear the rest of the concert.

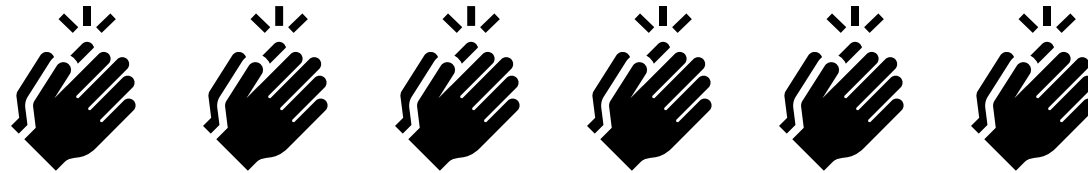
If I need to use the Washroom

I can leave the concert whenever I want and go the washroom. There are gender-specific accessible washrooms down the hall.



The centre also has a gender-neutral accessible washroom in the same hallway. Any of the volunteers or staff will be happy to show me the way.

The accessible washroom has safety bars and a good sink. None of the washrooms have a loud electric hand dryer, so I will dry my hands on a paper towel. I know I can come back and enjoy the rest of the concert whenever I want.



When the music ends, people may clap to say thank you to the musicians. This could get a little loud, but it won't be for long.

At the end of the concert, everyone will be leaving at the same time. If it's too crowded, I can wait in my seat until there is more room.

If I borrowed a fidget or headphones, I will give them back to a volunteer at the table before I leave.

I KNOW THE MUSICIANS HOPE I ENJOY THE CONCERT!

If I have any questions about getting to and from the Thorold Seniors Centre, or about the building or the concert, I can send an email to Margaret. She is with Gallery Players and can answer my questions.

I will send the email to:

info@galleryplayers.ca



This venue guide* was prepared to support those attending the Gallery Players of Niagara's free Adaptive Performance, featuring the Eybler Quartet, presented at the Ontario Paper Thorold Seniors Centre, Saturday April 6, 2024.

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