

ACCESSIBILITIES OVERVIEW OF Gallery Gachet

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Website link: www.gachet.org

Google Map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/XSL1qh5imWP2>

Link to Full Access Audit:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jR1eSHGNplh1XF1ybNn1gaHoifAISRoGVew8ruRjUWo/edit#gid=0>

OVERALL ACCESSIBILITY RATINGS:					
ACCESS CATEGORY:	FULL	SEMI	NON	N/A	COMMENTS
Blind and Low Vision					
Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Other Audio Barriers					
EMS (Electro Magnetic Sensitivity)					
Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Scent Reduction/Free					Scent-reduction policy, but gallery often has scents from art. Per event.
Wheelchair/ Scooter User /Mobility Limited					
_____ Bathroom Access					
Other Access Categories					

Access Rating Key: **FULL:** e.g. can freely access all publicly available spaces; scent policy in place & enforced; ASL, Braille, & other accommodations at no charge; sliding scale available; etc. | **SEMI:** e.g. can access most/main activity spaces but not all public areas, some arrangements/changes required, some accommodations provided for deaf/HoH and blind/vision limited folks; adequate lighting for signing; limited scent policy; etc. | **NON:** e.g. can't access main public areas; no scent policy in place; no ASL or Braille; inadequate lighting for signing; no sliding scale; etc.

 Gallery Gachet is a unique artist-run centre located in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. It is a collectively-run exhibition and studio space built to empower participants as artists, administrators and curators. Located at 9 West Hastings, near Pigeon Park between Carrall & Columbia Streets.

The location is accessible by Bus, Skytrain and Seabus within 1 bus connection. bus routes #14, 16, 20, 95, 4, 7 stop within 1-2 city blocks. There is limited street parking for vehicles. Bikes can be locked at a number of locations nearby at City provided bike posts .

The Main space is a single level space with no stairs. The layout varies depending on the event and art installation(s) in progress.

There is one gender-neutral, accessible washroom in the venue with access to tap water for drinking available from a sink in the kitchen.

Possible access issues included reaching the doorbell at the entrance and paper-towel holder in the washroom if seated in a mobility device. In addition, though the space has a scent-reduced policy in place, chemicals may be used in the art in the space.

The venue promotes harm reduction and safety for all patrons. No substances are served, and the space is not intended to be a site where folks are using substances actively. Patrons/members who are intoxicated or using substances are welcome to access the space. Conversations will occur on a case by case basis. A naloxone kit is available on site in the event of an overdose.

Gachet is intended to provide accessible, meaningful opportunities and support for artists experiencing mental health challenges and/or social marginalization. The majority of staff have experience assisting people with various disabilities and/or needs.

Please note that there is currently a scent-reduced policy in place at Gallery Gachet. Gallery Gachet is a scent reduced space. Utilize low VOC paints. However, many strong chemicals are used in numerous art pieces and scent reduction depends on on the event. It is possible to plan events in between exhibitions/ installations & use air purifiers to minimize impact.

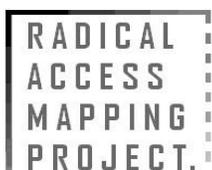
Specific events will have their own policies. Refer to these resources if you'd like to learn more about how you can help create a safer environment for folks with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities:

Fragrance Free Femme Of Colour Realness, by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha:
<http://www.brownstargirl.org/1/post/2012/03/fragrance-free-femme-of-colour-realness-draft-15.html>

A FAQ on MCS and being scent-free:
<http://www.peggymunson.com/mcs/fragrancefree.html>

On making your event scent-free or scent-reduced:
<http://dualpowerproductions.com/2011/03/26/organizing-a-fragrance-free-event/>

On products you can use to reduce your use of scents:
<http://eastbaymeditation.org/accessibility/scentfree.html>



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<https://radicalaccessiblecommunities.wordpress.com/>