

2023 Policies and FAQ

Outdoor Performing Arts at the North Carolina Museum of Art

Where do I park? Can I bring my dog? How about picnics? What happens if it rains? For answers to these questions and others, check out the information below.

Please Note

- To better serve Museum members, fans, and performing artists, we have now added a ticketed pit to our venue.
- The Museum provides concessions inside the venue. **No outside food or beverage** is permitted. Only factory-sealed water bottles or empty water bottles are allowed.

Weather

- Tickets are nonrefundable with the exception of adverse weather cancellation. The concert will go on rain or shine unless weather endangers the performers or the audience.
- In the event of cancellation, tickets will be refunded if the headliner has played for less than 20 minutes.
- If inclement weather is in the forecast, the Museum will post weather-related updates on its website and Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- In the event of inclement weather during the concert, an announcement will be made from the stage to take shelter inside your car. Updates about the performers' return to stage or the show's cancellation will be sent to the concert's text group and posted to the Museum's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Security will be on hand with updates as well.
- Should lightning strike within an eight-mile radius or thunder occur, the concert will be paused for 30 minutes, and patrons will be asked to remain in their cars and await updates on when or if the concert will resume. The 30-minute wait period resets with each occurrence of thunder or lightning.
- Standard-size umbrellas are allowed but are not to be used during the performance.

Policies

- The only authorized sales agents for the North Carolina Museum of Art are the venue box office and ncartmuseum.org. Tickets purchased from unauthorized sources may be stolen, counterfeit, or invalid and may not be honored. The North Carolina Museum of Art is not responsible for tickets purchased from other sources.
- The Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park is a nonsmoking venue. Smoking and vaping are restricted to areas outside of venue gates; see the venue map for location.
- The North Carolina Museum of Art does not require proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for entry. Updates to this policy may be sent in our preshow Know Before You Go email.
- The Museum inspects all bags brought onto the premises. Bags of any kind are discouraged.

Food and Beverage

- Concessions are available in the gravel area at the top of the Park Theater, offering a limited hot menu along with snacks and drinks. Beverages will also be served from the concession stand near the stage and restrooms.
- The NCMA offers a variety of beverages for purchase, including beer, wine, hard seltzer, and nonalcoholic drinks. You must be at least 21 years of age to buy and consume alcohol; IDs are checked at the point of sale.

- No outside food or drink is permitted, with the exception of factory-sealed water bottles.
- Refillable water bottles are allowed, but they must be empty when you enter the Park Theater. Water fountains are available near the restrooms to fill your bottles once inside the gates.
- Coolers, ice chests, picnic baskets, and plastic storage containers for transporting food and ice are not allowed. Knives, wagons, and tables are also prohibited.
- Food and beverage service will end 30 minutes before show end (some exceptions for earlier end time may occur).

Parking

- Free parking is available on campus in lots along Blue Ridge Road and close to the main Museum buildings.
- Campus parking may not accommodate everyone on sold-out concert nights. Once all parking spaces on the NCMA campus are filled, security staff will only allow cars with accessible parking permits and taxi/ride-share app drop-offs through the main entrance.
- If the entrance is closed when you arrive, please use concert parking on Reedy Creek Road across from the NCMA.
- Taxi and ride-share app drivers should make an immediate left after entering the Museum drive and follow signage for drop-off, so riders can find the end of the line. (Please note: taxi and ride-share app drop-off is no longer located in the circular Plaza near the entry gates.) At the end of the show, please use the Plaza outside the entry gate for all taxi and ride-share app pickups.
- After the show the lots can be congested. Please allow time to exit the grounds and be mindful of pedestrians. Note that there are three exits.

Accessibility

- Visitors with wheelchairs or limited mobility may be dropped off in the circular Plaza near the entry gates or park in an accessible parking space. Seating is available until the rest of their party reaches the gates through the line.
- Wheelchair seating and wheelchair-accessible restrooms are available.
- Please note that due to limited capacity in our accessible seating area, a ticket purchaser is permitted to sit with one additional companion in this section. This companion must also have a ticket. Seats are not provided; camp chairs are recommended.
- Please contact Molly Hull (mhull@ncartmuseum.org), accessibility coordinator, with questions or to arrange assistance in advance. You may also contact the visitor experience team at help@ncartmuseum.org with questions or to arrange in advance for assistance.

Tickets

- The Tickets and Information desk is located inside East Building and open during business hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. Many shows sell out, so we encourage you to buy tickets in advance by visiting the Museum or ordering online.

Text Group

- We can text you with updates on the show. If there's bad weather or any other issue, we'll let you know via a text to your cell phone. (We promise not to send annoying frequent texts, just useful updates. Standard text and data rates apply, and you can stop at any time.)

- Look for instructions on how to join each concert's text group on the concert web page, in an email to ticket buyers, and posted in the concert's Facebook event the week of the concert.

Photography and Video Recording

- Each concert has its own photography and video recording guidelines. Check the specific concert web page and watch for an email that will be sent to ticket buyers the week of the concert.

What to Bring

- Blankets and folding chairs for lawn seating
- Money for concessions

What Not to Bring

- Pets
- Alcohol
- Food or beverage, including unsealed water bottles
- Glass, other breakable objects, as well as knives, wagons, and tables

Other Good Things to Know

- If you bought general admission tickets, seating on the lawn is first come, first served. Get to the Museum early to stake out your spot!
- Tell your friends—and tag us! Let your friends know you're excited about the show and share on social media by tagging @ncartmuseum and using #NCMAsummer.

Questions you don't see answered here? We're always happy to help on social media via @ncartmuseum on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, or via email at help@ncartmuseum.org.

If you need assistance while you're at the concert, look for our volunteers in the bright green T-shirts.