

North Carolina Museum of Art

2024 Policies and FAQ

Outdoor Performing Arts at the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park

*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: The Museum provides concessions inside the venue. **For safety and security reasons and entry expediency, no outside food or beverage** is permitted. Only factory-sealed water bottles or empty water bottles are allowed.

Policies

- The only authorized sales agents for the North Carolina Museum of Art are the Tickets and Information Desk in East Building (open during business hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm) 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.
- Ticket holders must enter through the Gipson Plaza gates at the top of the Amphitheater.
- The Museum inspects all bags brought onto the premises. Bags of any kind are discouraged.
- The Amphitheater is a nonsmoking venue. Smoking and vaping are restricted to areas outside of venue gates; see the venue map for location.

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 adverse weather cancellation, tickets will be refunded if the headliner does not come on stage.
- If inclement weather is in the forecast, the Museum will post weather-related updates on its website and Facebook and X (Twitter) accounts (@ncartmuseum.org).
- 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 X accounts. Security will be on hand with updates as well.
- Should lightning strike within a 10-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 lightning or thunder.
- Standard-size umbrellas are allowed but are not to be used during the performance.

Parking

- Concertgoers are encouraged to ride share. 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.
- Free parking is available on campus in lots along Blue Ridge Road and close to the main Museum buildings. Accessible parking is available in Gipson Plaza between East and West buildings and behind West Building.
- 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.
- 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.

Food and beverage

- Concessions are available in the gravel area at the top of the Park Theater, offering a limited menu along with snacks and drinks. Additional concessions, including hot food and beverages, are available at East Café, located near the bottom of the Amphitheater. 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 Amphitheater. 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).

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.

Accessibility

- Visitors with wheelchairs or limited mobility may be dropped off in Gipson Plaza near the entry gates or park in an accessible parking space. Please refer to the venue map. Seating is available until the rest of their party reaches the gates through the line.
- Wheelchair-accessible seating and restrooms are available.
- Please note that due to limited capacity in our wheelchair-accessible section, 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](mailto:Molly.Hull@ncartmuseum.org), accessibility and inclusion coordinator, or the visitor experience team at help@ncartmuseum.org with questions or to arrange assistance in advance.

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

- Dogs or other pets
- Outside food or beverage, including unsealed water bottles
- Glass containers and 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 #NCMAconcerts.

Questions you don't see answered here? We're always happy to help on social media via @ncartmuseum on X (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.