

**Freedom Sounds Festival
September 23–25, 2016
Accessibility Information**

The *Freedom Sounds* festival strives to be accessible and inclusive and welcomes all visitors to join us as we share this American story.

Accessing the festival site

17th and Constitution Avenue (recommended drop-off location)

17th and Homefront Drive

15th and Jefferson Drive (Sunday, September 25 only)

Access to all festival venues is available via concrete sidewalks and/or walkways.

The festival site is spread out, and we recommend that you consider bringing your own mobility device if you traditionally have need due to stamina or disability. A **limited number of wheelchairs** are available at the volunteer tent each day for visitors to borrow (users must leave a photo ID before borrowing a wheelchair).

Service animal stations are located throughout the site and are marked with signage.



Bench seating is available in the following venues:

Drum Circle

Fannie Lou Hamer Stage

The Stoop

Story Circle

Ground seating is available in the following venues:

Freedom Stage

Gil Scott-Heron Stage at Sylvan Theater

Designated **accessible seating** areas are available at all stages and in the festival dining area. Additionally, a limited number of companion seating chairs may be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



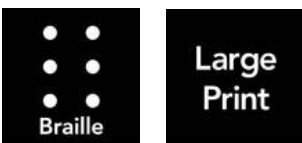
American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will be available for selected performances throughout the day and for evening concerts. Interpreter viewing areas will be marked with signage. ASL interpreters are also on call for additional services. A **tactile/close-vision interpreter** is also available upon request. Please visit the volunteer tent or an information kiosk to request additional services.



Real-time captioning (CART) will be available for selected performances throughout the day and for evening concerts. Captioning viewing areas will be marked with signage.



Audio description will be available for selected events throughout the day and for evening concerts. Please obtain a receiver at the venue location prior to the start of the event. **Sighted guides/describers** are also on call to provide terrain assistance or one-to-one description (limited availability). Please visit the volunteer tent or an information kiosk to request additional services.



Festival brochures are available in **Braille** and **large print** from the information kiosks. **Concession menus** are available in **Braille** and **large print** from the information kiosks and at each concession stand. A **tactile map** of the festival site is available at the information kiosk.



Assistive Listening Systems are used throughout the festival site. Most venues are equipped with an **induction loop system** which can be accessed by switching hearing devices to the “T” setting. Receivers are also available in these spaces to access amplification for those without a “T” setting device. **Radio frequency** systems are used at **Freedom Stage** and **Gil Scott-Heron Stage at the Sylvan Theater** (neckloops are available). Receivers are available from a festival staff member or volunteer. Please be sure to return your receiver at the end of each program.

Daily schedules that include **ASL-interpreted, open-captioned, and audio-described** events are available at the information kiosks. Additionally, the schedule board outside each tent/performance space will indicate which accessible events are happening each day.

Please contact the Festival Accessibility Coordinator if you require additional information at (202) 633-6499.