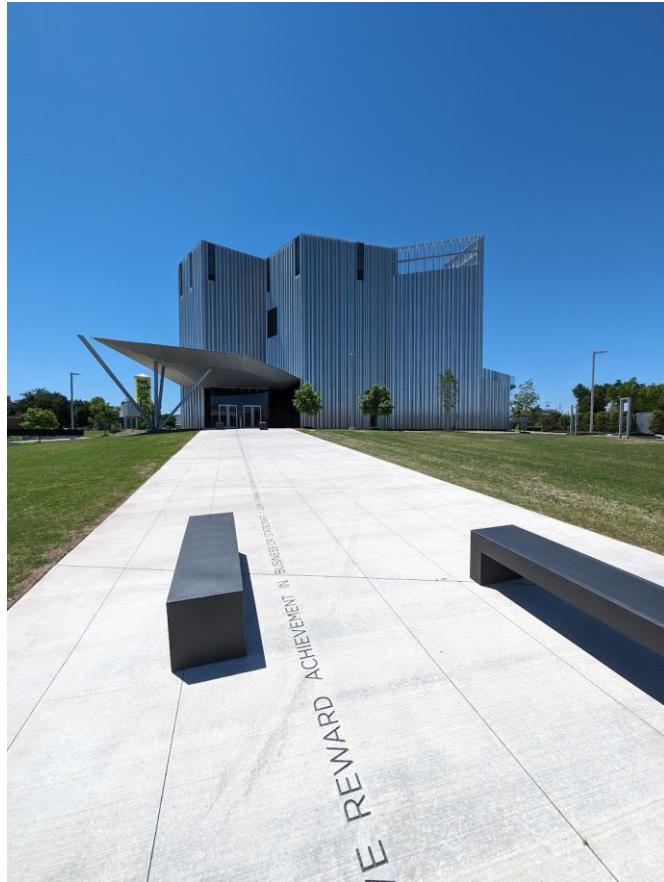


## Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center

### Sensory Friendly Hour Access Guide



Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center is a place where everyone is welcome. We are committed to making sure our space is accessible and our programs are inclusive for our entire community. This guide introduces Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center, how to get around and what you can expect when you visit. We hope this will prepare you for an enjoyable day of exploring the arts with us.

We are open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Admission to our exhibitions and many of our programs is free.

Information about current exhibitions including price information is available on the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center website:

<https://oklahomacontemporary.org/exhibitions/current>

You can also find information on upcoming events and exhibitions on our website:

<https://oklahomacontemporary.org/learn/public-programs/upcoming-programs>

**Sensory-Friendly Hour**

We will open at 10 a.m. for a one-hour sensory-friendly experience. All ages are welcome; visitors under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

A hands-on art-making experience will be offered in our first-floor classrooms. Instructors will be in the classrooms to demonstrate and assist visitors in completing a project that visitors can bring home.



The main exhibition will be available for visitors to explore during the Sensory Friendly Hour.

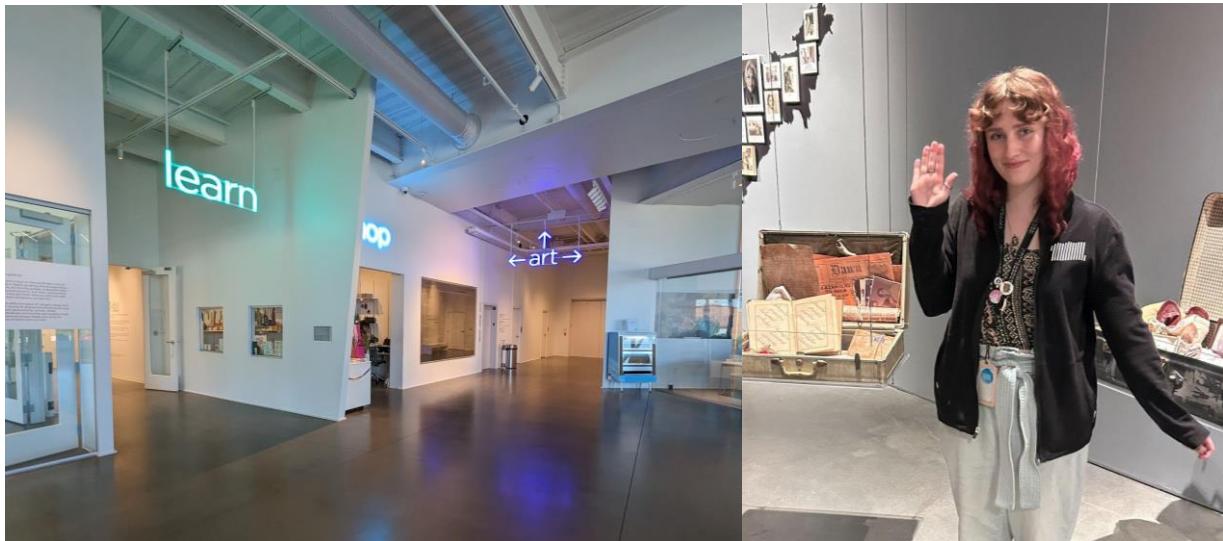
The main gallery has many original artworks hung on walls and sometimes the floor. To protect the artworks it is important to never touch the art and to stay at least an arm's length away from them at all times.



Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center will open to the public at 11 a.m., with the lights and other sensory elements set to their typical levels. Visitors are welcome to remain in

the galleries or explore our outdoor spaces during our regular open hours of 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## Accessibility



Everyone is welcome at Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center.

Personal wheelchairs and mobility devices are welcome. A limited number of wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

All restrooms at Oklahoma Contemporary are wheelchair accessible. Family/single-user restrooms are available on the first level of the museum.

A limited number of sensory kits are available to check out from our front desk during your visit. The kits come with sunglasses, headphones, earplugs, a timer, gloves and fidget toys.

A Quiet Room is available on the first floor for anyone who needs a calm space to take a break.

Our Visitor Experience team is here to help you. You can find them around Oklahoma Contemporary wearing black shirts.

## **Getting to Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center**

Oklahoma Contemporary is in Oklahoma City, OK, at 11 NW 11th Street.

Free parking is available in our lots. Follow the signs on 11th or 12th Street to find parking. There is a visitor drop-off area at the main entrance.

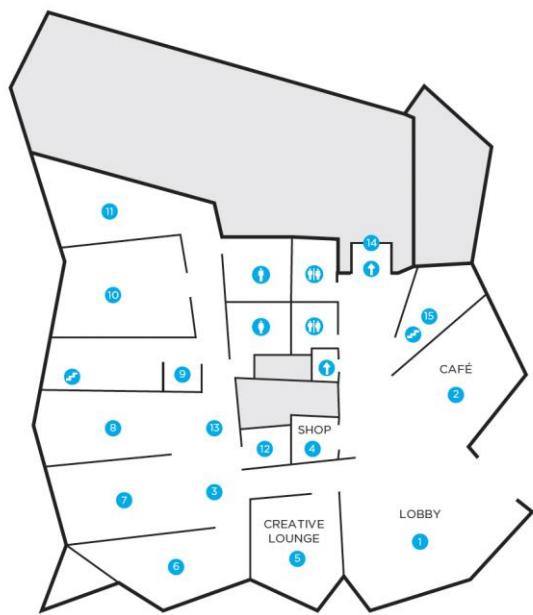
You can also ride the Oklahoma City Streetcar or EMBARK bus to Oklahoma Contemporary. Take the streetcar to the Arts Park stop at NW 11th and Broadway. The 2, 3, 23N or 24 bus routes each have stops within 0.2 miles (5 minute walk).

## **Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center**



Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center houses three galleries with rotating exhibitions, a theater, classroom studios, a community lounge, and café. For our Sensory Friendly Hour, the main exhibition and the classroom studios will be available.

## First Floor



- 1 Herman and LaDonna Meinders Main Lobby
- 2 Love's Travel Stops Café Contemporary
- 3 Keesee Family Education Wing
- 4 Shop Contemporary
- 5 Renate and Chuck Wiggin Creative Lounge
- 6 SONIC Drive-In Early Childhood Studio
- 7 Clements Family Studio One
- 8 In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two
- 9 Shirley and Bankhead Family Room
- 10 Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three
- 11 Devon Energy Teen Art Studio
- 12 Lockers
- 13 Laurie and Charlie Givens Education Wing Gallery
- 14 Ann and Bill Johnstone & James A. Pickel Art Elevator
- 15 Winter Ball Ceremonial Stair
- Stairs
- Restrooms
- Elevator

Visitors enter into the main lobby on the first floor and check in with the front desk. There is no cost for this event.

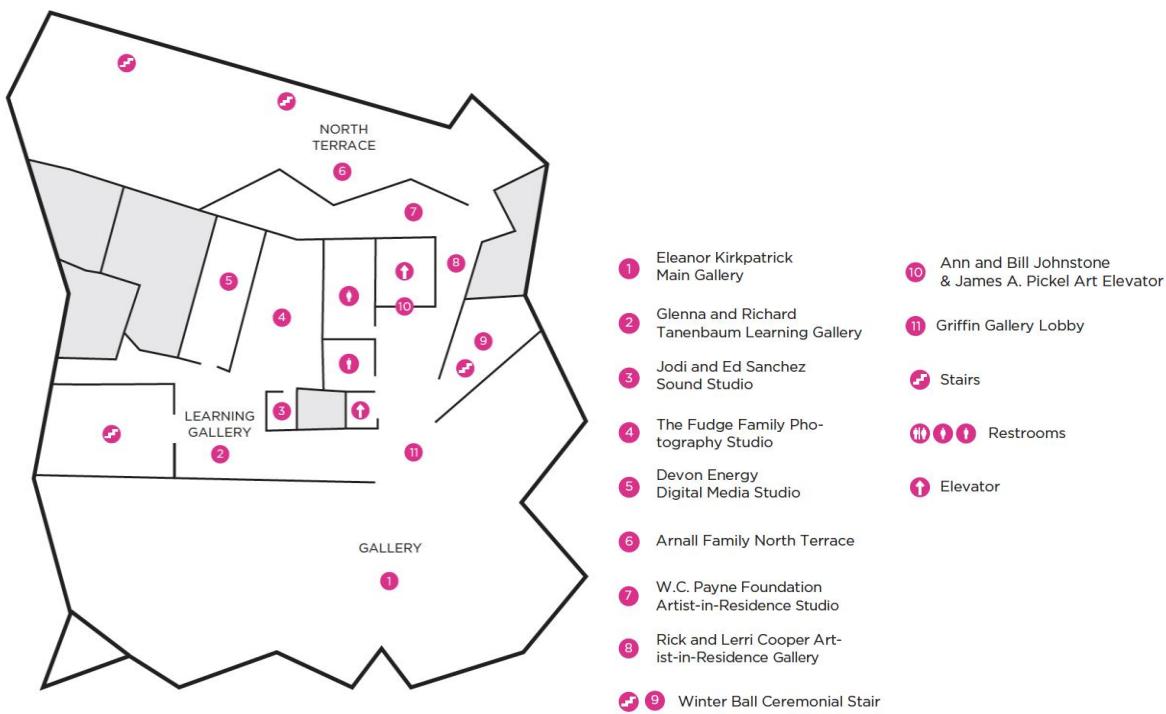
There are accessible restrooms and single-user/family restrooms available on the first floor.

The Creative Lounge offers a library of art books, chairs and several small tables that are open to all visitors.

There are several art studios used for programs throughout the year. This is where you can make your own art today.

Lockers are available for visitors who need to store large bags, backpacks, heavy coats or other items while they are visiting the galleries.

## Second Floor



The art center's second floor houses galleries, artist studios, and an entrance to the North Terrace outdoor space.

There are accessible restrooms available near the elevators and stairs.

The galleries on the second floor house rotating exhibitions. This is where you'll find the main exhibit.

The North Terrace is an outdoor space where visitors can relax. Benches are available.

## **Visitor Guidelines**

Everyone should feel comfortable and safe while they are at Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center. It is also important to follow a few rules and all staff instructions to protect the art and exhibitions from damage.

All ages are welcome; visitors under 14 years old must stay with an adult while they are here. Small car-seat or other lightweight strollers are allowed in the galleries; we will store oversized and double strollers while you are inside.

Large bags, backpacks and umbrellas are not allowed into the galleries. You can leave large items in your car or use one of our lockers on the first floor.

You can take photos and videos in the galleries; remember to tag us @okcontemporary when you post them. To protect the artwork, flash, tripods and selfie-sticks are not allowed. Some exhibitions or objects will not allow photography; these will be clearly marked.

Food and drinks are not allowed in the gallery. If you need a snack or a drink you can visit the café and main lobby on the first floor or any of our outdoor spaces.

Smoking and vaping are not allowed in any of the buildings at Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center. There is a designated area for smoking/vaping outside in the northeast corner of our campus.