

We want to make sure you enjoy your time and have everything you need to make your participation a success during two days of the ACT conference. This document contains information and resources about accessibility and hospitality while you are in Columbus and attending the events. Be in touch if you have any other questions or needs.



VSA Ohio

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[www.vsao.org/ACT2018](http://www.vsao.org/ACT2018)

## Important Dates

- **Thursday, September 13**
  - Deadline to: Register; Request professional access accommodations
- **Thursday, September 27**
  - ACT, 8:30am – 4:00pm
  - Reception, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- **Friday, September 28**
  - ACT, 8:30am – 4:00pm
  - Friday Finale, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

## Registration

- Rates
  - Professionals
    - \$60 per day or \$100 for all access
    - CEUs\* and Certificates of Attendance provided
    - \*Note during Registration (Thursday = 6.5 hrs; Friday = 5.5 hrs)
  - Community Members
    - \$25 per day or \$40 for all access
    - Broadly defined: people with disability, families, students, seniors
  - Friday Finale + Family Art Festival
    - \$10 per family – no matter the size
- How
  - [EventBrite](#) – pay with credit card; allows group orders
  - For Purchase Order or Check or Cash, contact VSA Ohio at 614-241-5325

## ACT Philosophy

ACT stands for Accessible Creativity Transforms. Program planners are united in the knowledge that creativity provides each of us with the opportunity to connect, express, and grow, ultimately transforming ourselves and the community for the better. Our mission is to make sure people of all dis/abilities are able to access creativity. This event is designed to connect people, raise awareness of ability, transform perceptions, and provide training to increase inclusion.

## ACT Goals

- Increase acceptance of dis/ability utilizing the arts and creativity as the vehicle for understanding.
- Increase awareness of accessible, creative activities and appreciation for diversity of art and artistic expression.
- Expand opportunities for collaboration between people, organizations, and cultural institutions, thus increasing opportunities for people of all dis/abilities to participate in the arts and the community.
- Provide resources and motivation for stakeholders to prioritize accessibility.
- Provide income to artists/creatives of all abilities and levels of professionalism

## ACT Audience

- **work in all sectors** – education, health, cultural organizations, rehabilitation spaces, community centers, etc.;
- **works for all types of organizations** – performing arts centers, museums, theaters, state arts agencies, parks, zoos, arenas, service providers, schools, etc.;
- have **varying degrees of experience** with accessibility – from 2 days to 20+ years;
- have a **variety of different job responsibilities** – education director, theater manager, curator, box office manager, volunteer coordinator, facilities or production staff, teacher, therapist, etc.;
- are looking for **practical information** – tips, tools, and information they can easily adapt for their own communities and organizations;
- love to learn how to connect with **resources in their own communities**; and,
- want to **participate actively** in the sessions.

## Accessibility

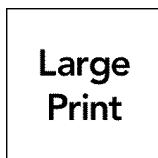
We are committed to providing an inclusive and accessible event to the widest possible audience. Note accommodation needs during the Registration Process and/or contact VSA Ohio to discuss. Nicole Garlando, [nicole@vsao.org](mailto:nicole@vsao.org), 614-241-5325.

\*Requests for professional services other than those listed below should be sent by Thursday, September 13 to ensure their availability. We will make every effort to accommodate requests after this deadline.

**\*Stop by the Information Desk** during the event to speak with staff about any other accommodations you may need or missed during the registration process.



Lincoln Theatre and Jazz Arts Groups spaces are wheelchair accessible.



Event programs will be printed using font sizes of 10+. A small number of font size 18+ programs will be available.



For guests with low vision, volunteers will be on hand for way-finding. Contact VSAO in advance to get digital materials.



Assistive Listening devices are available for the Lincoln Theatre. Stop at the Info Desk.



A quiet space is reserved for the duration of the event. See the event program for a map of the space. Dress comfortably, with layers.



Avoid wearing perfume, cologne, and other fragrances, and use unscented personal care products in order to provide a fragrance-free environment.



Note food allergies and sensitivities during the registration process.

## **Location**

### **Lincoln Theatre**

769 East Long Street, Columbus, OH 43203

The historic Lincoln Theatre and Jazz Arts Group academy classroom spaces are connected to one another, at the corner of Long St. and Hamilton Ave.



**Entrance** to the conference is on Long Street, on the north side of the building. Signage, volunteers, and a police officer will help you cross any streets and find your way.

## **Driving Directions**

- **From the North** - Take I-71 South to Broad St. exit. Turn left on Broad St. Take the 1st left onto Hamilton Ave/Hamilton Park. Continue to follow Hamilton Ave. Turn right at E Long St. The Lincoln Theatre will be on the right.
- **From the South** - Take I-71 North to Broad St. exit. Turn right on Broad St. Take the 1st left onto Hamilton Ave/Hamilton Park. Continue to follow Hamilton Ave. Turn right at E Long St. The Lincoln Theatre will be on the right.
- **From the East** - Take I-70 West to I-71 North. From there, take the Broad St. exit. Turn right on Broad St. Take the 1st left onto Hamilton Ave/Hamilton Park. Continue to follow Hamilton Ave. Turn right at E Long St. The Lincoln Theatre will be on the right.
- **From the West** - Take I-70 East to I-71 North. From there, take the Broad St. exit and turn right at Broad St. Take the 1st left onto Hamilton Ave/Hamilton Park. Continue to follow Hamilton Ave. Turn right at E Long St. The Lincoln Theatre will be on the right.

**Parking** is free and available.

- Lincoln Theatre Parking Lot – west side of the building; limited.
- Across the street – small lot directly north of the Lincoln, across Long Street. Enter off of N. Garfield or via Kiefer Street.
- Broad Street Presbyterian Church – use Garfield Ave. entrance; 0.3 miles; 6 min. walk
  - 760 East Broad Street, Columbus 43205
- **[More Parking Options using the Downtown Columbus Website.](#)**
- Open parking on the neighboring streets - Always check signs for restrictions.

**Bus** to the Lincoln with COTA; **[map your ride on www.cota.com](http://www.cota.com)**. The #10 bus runs east and west along Broad Street. Connections from other major lines are likely to connect at High & Broad Street (to the west, about 15 minutes walking).

## Visit Preparation

**Join us** for an Open House in September

*\*Date to be announced soon!*

Attendees and presenters are invited to preview event spaces to better navigate the space during the event and confirm your presentation set up.

**Visual Guide** – download and check out the event guide on [www.vsa.org/ACT2018](http://www.vsa.org/ACT2018)

## Area Lodging

- [Red Roof Plus Downtown](#)
  - Average \$99 per night; accessible Rooms; 614.224.6539
- [Drury Inn & Suites, Columbus Convention Center](#)
  - Average \$160 per night; accessible Rooms; 1-800-491-6126
- [Residence Inn Columbus Downtown](#)
  - Average \$200 per night; accessible Rooms; Pets allowed; 614.222.2610
- [Renaissance Columbus Downtown](#)
  - Average \$269 per night; accessible Rooms; 614.228.5050
- [Air B&B](#) – stay where you want!

## Area Transportation

- [COTA](#) – Columbus public bus service; map your ride online
- **COTA Paratransit Mobility Services**; call 614.275.5828
- [COTA AirConnect](#) offers direct bus service connecting the Columbus Airport (CMH) with downtown for \$2.75.
- [CBUS](#) is the city's free downtown circulator, running every 10-15 minutes, 7-days a week. Check the website for details and maps.
- **Uber & Lyft** car service is available in central Ohio; download the app.

## Area Activities

Make the most out of your time in central Ohio.

[www.ExperienceColumbus.com](http://www.ExperienceColumbus.com) is your gateway and resource guide to all things Columbus.

## Presenters



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