International Clarinet Association 2025 ClarinetFest July 9 - 13, 2025

Accessibility Guide

Omni Fort Worth Hotel

1300 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX, 76132, USA

Fort Worth Convention Center

1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX, 76132, USA



A guide to attending conference sessions and performances at 2025 ClarinetFest

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Access Requests and Accommodations

ClarinetFest endeavors to fulfill any and all accessibility requests. If someone has an access need, we encourage them to just ask.

Accessibility Coordinator

Please email edo@clarinet.org and deia@clarinet.org with the subject line "ClarinetFest accommodations" so we can learn about your request. We will try to make all accommodations within reason. Submit your request by June 20, 2025; after this date, your request might not be able to be accommodated.

Alt-Text and Image Descriptions

We encourage all presenters to include Alt Text and/or Image Descriptions for all images used in digital spaces.

Presenters have been provided with an ICA/Fort Worth, TX branded slide template to observe for font hierarchy and color contrast ADA standards.

Accessing the Conference Schedule

ClarinetFest is committed to a greener future, so we provide digital access to our schedule and Program Book via Guidebook.

Before the conference, you'll receive an email announcing that the Guidebook app and our event is ready for use.

Android users can download the <u>Guidebook app</u> here. Apple users can download the <u>Guidebook app</u> here.

Accessible Documents + Program Formats

A limited number of print Program Books will be available for purchase on-site. We unfortunately do not have large print Program Books available.

In addition to the Guidebook app, attendees will have access to the Program Book PDF, which is accessible on various reading devices.

Conference Venue Accessibility

Accessibility between the Omni Hotel and Convention Center

The two venues are directly across the street from one another, accessible via cross-walk with walking light and sound signal.

Accessible and Companion Seating

Both of this year's venues offer "ballroom" style seating at events. Therefore, chairs can be moved to accommodate needs, including wheelchairs. Notify a volunteer or usher, and we will accommodate you.

We always provide companion seating options also. Let an Usher or Volunteer know if you would benefit from accessible seating options at either the Omni Hotel or Fort Worth Convention Center for an event. Volunteers and Ushers are stationed at door entry points.

Assistance Dogs

Service animals are welcomed at both the Fort Worth Convention Center and Omni Hotel, but pets are not permitted.

A service animal is any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not considered service animals.

Individuals with disabilities may bring service animals in all areas of the FWCC or Omni where members of the public, program participants, customers, patrons or invitees are allowed. A service animal can be excluded from the FWCC or Omni if its presence interferes with legitimate safety requirements of the FWCC or Omni. A service animal must have a harness, leash or other tether or be under the handler's control through voice commands, hand signals or other effective means.

Assisted Hearing

No assisted hearing services are provided at either the Fort Worth Convention Center or Omni hotel. Should you need accommodations, please contact us in advance.

Changing Facilities

Both venues provide large bathrooms with baby changing facilities in every location. Family bathrooms are also on site.

Nursing Room

The Fort Worth Convention Center has a privacy room located on the Mezzanine Level at 12th Street. Access can be requested by visiting the front admin office during the week on the Mezzanine level. If it is the weekend, the client may contact the Manager on Duty cell phone for access. 817.269.8625

The Omni Hotel has no designated nursing room. Please see the front desk staff for available conference rooms on the 2nd floor that can be used for nursing.

Facilities for Visitors With Visual Impairments

- All rooms, halls and toilets are signposted in large print and Braille.
- Ushers or Volunteers are available to assist visitors to their event or seat if required.
- All elevators have Braille buttons.

Fire and Emergency

- Fort Worth and Omni staff are fully trained in evacuation procedures for those with limited mobility.
- In the event of an evacuation, you will be escorted to the nearest safe space by Fort Worth Convention Center or Omni Staff/Security.
- Safe spaces for customers with limited mobility are located throughout the venue.
- If you have a service dog, the dog should also go to the safe space.

First Aid / Medical Assistance

- Fort Worth Convention Center Security officers and Omni staff are trained in CPR and first aid.
- At the Fort Worth Convention Center, defibrillators are located in the security office. At the Omni, first aid kits and defibrillators are located at the front desk.

Elevators / Lifts and Stairs

• All event spaces are accessible at both the Omni and Forth Worth Convenvention Center by ramp and stairs, or elevators and stairs.

Special Effects

• Some events at The Fort Worth Convention Center may involve pyrotechnics, strobe lighting and other special effects. Please contact The International Clarinet Association for details on any special effects expected at the event you are attending.

Restrooms for People with Disabilities

• Toilets for people with disabilities are located throughout both venues.

Wheelchair Access

- All meeting spaces are wheelchair accessible.
- At least one companion seat is available next to the wheelchair user's space.
- For conferences, the wheelchair spaces and companion seats can be booked through edo@clarinet.org or deia@clarinet.org

Low Sensory Space

• ClarinetFest provides a Low Sensory Break Space for patrons. There is a large bean bag chair surrounded by a dark screen with calming sensory materials to use. Anyone may use the space. Please refer to the program booklet or inquire at the registration desk for more information.

Map of The Fort Worth Convention Center

Please click the link to see a map of the convention center: <u>The Fort Worth Convention Center Floor Plan</u>

Wi-Fi

The Fort Worth Convention Center offers a complimentary Wi-Fi in common areas. The Omni offers a complimentary Wi-Fi service for festival attendees. Please reference the online guidebook for more information.

FAQ

To learn more about The Forth Worth Convention Center, visit their website: <u>The Fort Worth Convention Center</u>

To lear more about The Omni, visit their website: Omni Visitor Information

Travel and Transportation

Directions to The Convention Center and The Omni

2025 Clarinet Fest takes place at the Fort Worth Omni Hotel. and the Fort Worth Convention Center There are many ways to get to the venues. See The Fort Worth's Convention Center's website for detailed information:

<u>Travel to the Fort Worth Convention Center</u>. Also, see The Omni's website for detailed information: <u>Omni Visitor and Travel Information</u>

Parking

Visit the Fort Worth Convention Center's website for parking information: Visit The Omni Hotel's website for parking information: <u>Parking at the Omni</u>

The Fort Worth Convention Center Parking Details:

Houston Street Parking Garage

1100 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102
The garage is located on the west side of the FWCC.
The entrance is on 11th Street between Houston and Throckmorton.
1,120 spaces (exact number varies)
22 handicap spaces
Unobstructed height clearance throughout the Houston Street garage is 7'6".

Commerce Street Parking Garage

1301 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 The garage is located on the southeast side of the FWCC. The entrance is on Commerce Street just north of 13th Street.

730 parking spaces (exact number varies)15 handicap spaces

The Commerce Street garage has an unobstructed height clearance of 7'1".

In addition to the FWCC garages, there are numerous private surface parking lots and on-street meterparking available within walking distance.

Both garages accept cash or credit cards for payment. They are primarily pay-on-exit garages but may be a pay-on-entrance garage for special events or when deemed necessary for event flow.

There are no in-and- out privileges.

The FWCC does not provide free parking areas for event attendees, exhibitors, contractors or licensee's staff. A limited number of parking passes may be issued as a part of the license agreement.

All other requested parking needs may be arranged through the FWCC staff. Parking fees will be applied if additional parking is requested.

Parking is not permitted on the Commerce Street loading dock ramp area or in any marked fire lanes. Any vehicle parked in a posted NO PARKING area, or an unauthorized area, will be subject to ticketing and/or towing at the owner's expense. No parking is allowed on the apron area (concrete area) outside any FWCC entrance.

Shuttle Buses

The recommended shuttle bus pick-up and drop-off location is along the Houston Street side of the FWCC. Consult with the FWCC staff for additional staging areas.

The Omni Hotel parking details:

The Omni only offers Valet options:

Guests who are staying overnight and have a vehicle: \$48 + tax per night/per vehicle. Unlimited in/out privileges.

Guests who are attending an event but not staying: \$32 + tax per vehicle. No in/out privileges.

If they are not wanting to pay valet, there are city garages. Info in link below. <u>City Garages Close to the Omni Hotel</u>

Lodging

See the ICA website for information on Hotels:

Exploring Fort Worth

The city of Fort Worth has a robust guide for how to get around and see the sights of Fort Worth. Browse the <u>City of Fort Worth, TX</u> web page for more information.

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