

Access Guide for Soliloquio (I woke up and hit my head against the wall)



Poster image of Soliloquio (I woke up and hit my head against the wall), text: “#BeyondTOFestival Soliloquio” in red above an image of a person standing in front of a microphone. The person wears only underwear, and holds a tshirt that has the spanish phrase “ESTO NO ES MI VIDA”. In english this translates to “this is not my life”. One red vertical line are frames the poster on the left hand side

What is included in this Access Guide?

This information package aims to help anyone access and understand the play, and the agency to decide whether to attend. In particular, the guide may assist those who have different needs for communication including, but not exclusively, Autistic People, those who communicate using multiple languages, as well as others who may be challenged by some theatrical constructs.

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Relaxed Environment

Woking Phoenix will be performed at Theatre Passe Muraille which is a Relaxed Environment Venue. A Relaxed Environment is designed to create a more welcoming atmosphere for all audience members, including those who could specifically benefit from a more informal approach, and a 'relaxing' of formal theatre conventions.

A Relaxed Environment includes:

At the theatre:

- a very low-level house light in the audience (or an usher to assist in exiting and re-entering)
- the ability for anyone to come and go from the space, get up and move, as needed
- Ability to leave your phone on silent or vibrate
- A more open approach to audience movement or sound
- May also include a quiet space to sit
- May also include a Peer Support facilitator on select days

This Access Guide, that includes:

- an introduction to the play and some of the key elements
- Specific environmental, content and trigger warnings

How to Experience Soliloquio

Performances - Soliloquio runs from May 17th & 18th performance dates and times can be found on our ticketing page. The show will begin with an outdoor procession in the theatre's neighbourhood, and the total of the performance will be 2 hrs. Audiences are welcomed to join for the procession (at 7pm) and/ or at the top of the performance at the theatre (7:15-7:30pm).

The theatre space will be open to audiences 30 minutes before the set start time and the Front-of-House manager will announce when the theatre is open in the lobby.

Relaxed Space - If you leave the theatre at any time there is a Relaxed Space in the lobby you can visit. Our Relaxed Space is a quiet space equipped with comfortable seating, blankets, and sensory objects for any patrons who need a break from the performance or would like to experience it in a more low-intensity environment. If you ask an usher they will show you to this area. If you ask an usher they will show you to this area.

Peer Support - will be in attendance at both performances on May 17th at May 18th to provide one-on-one emotional support if requested. The Peer Support person will be available for participants to talk through any thoughts or emotions that may come up due to the event's content. They will have mental health resources on hand if further support is needed.

Projected Translations - Soliloquio will be performed in Spanish and will include translations projected (in English).

Performance Advisories & Common Questions

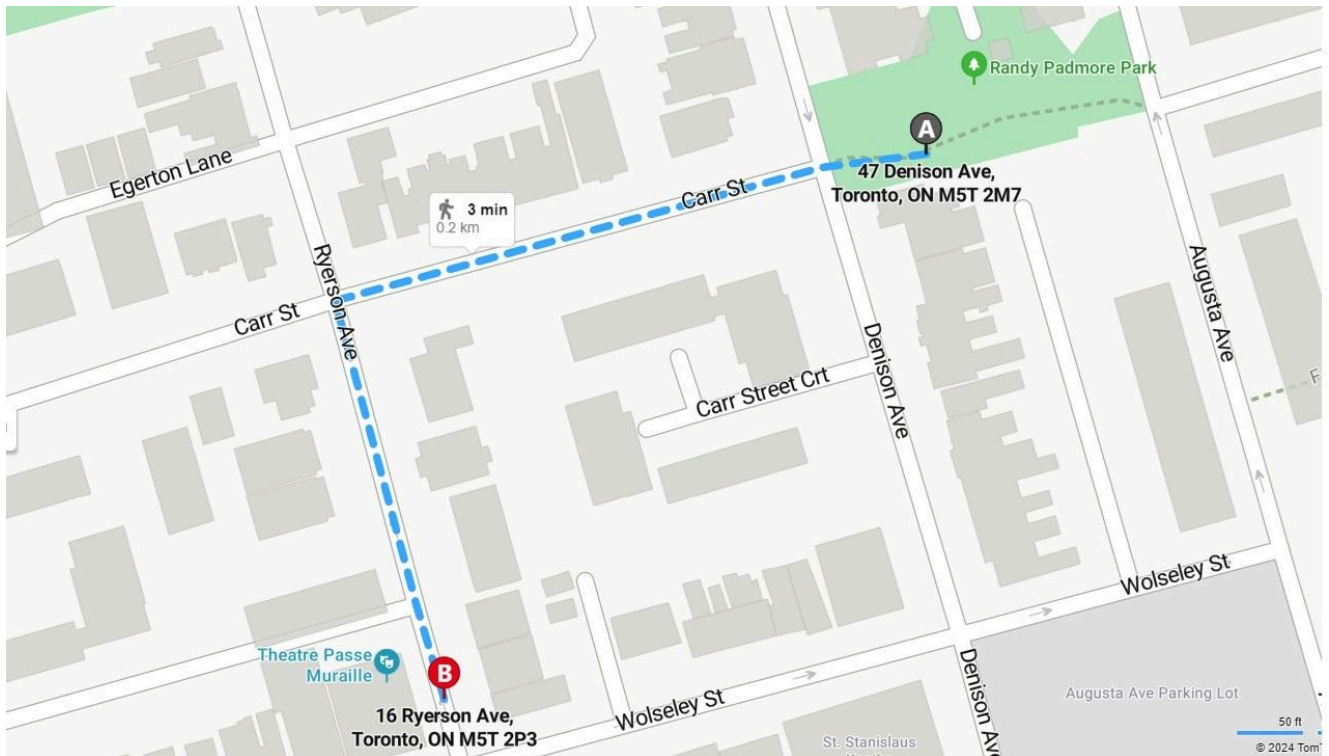
Are there any performance advisories (loud noises, strobing lights, violence and triggering content)?

Content Warnings: nudity, blood, oppression, racialized violence, harm to indigenous peoples, loneliness, disease, illness, death, globalization, climate change, mental health, shame, sadness, revolution, family conflict, the global pandemic and its impact, political conflict, colonialism, suicide, capitalism, social and economic poverty, war, substance abuse, sex work, violence towards animals, rape, human migration, misogyny, homophobia, coarse language, public stoning.

Environmental Warnings (example: haze, lights or sound): Flashing lights, Loud and surprising sounds, and the use of strobe.

Age limit: The suggested age is 16+.

What access components are there for the entire performance run (ASL, described audio, etc.)?



The performance of **Soliloquio** will begin with a procession that starts at 7:00pm at the

Randy Padmore Park (47 Denison Ave.). It will proceed west along Carr Street, and then south down Ryerson Avenue - finishing at Theatre Passe Muraille (16 Ryerson Avenue).

The procession will include live (non amplified) music and spoken word. The route is accessible for mobility devices, and TPM staff will be present during the procession to support.

If you have specific access needs not outlined in this document we invite you to communicate this to our Front House Staff using info@passemuraille.on.ca or by calling 416-504-7529.

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Plot Details

The following section of text contains Plot Details that could be considered spoilers(the end of the plot section is highlighted)!

Soliloquio is based on a series of letters creator Tiziano Cruz wrote to his mother in 2020. Reaching her across boundaries of geography and class, Cruz uses the letters as the starting point for a critique of economic, racial and institutional oppression. As an Indigenous artist, he speaks about the suffering his people have endured under a system of white supremacy, examining the role the nation plays in Argentina's culture of inequality.

Using the power of theatre and the precision of language, Cruz poses a difficult question: What does it mean for him to use his body for art in a country where bodies like his are not supposed to exist? **The End of spoilers.**

The End of the Performance

At the end of the performance, you are welcome to come and go from the space while you are at the theatre if you would like to visit the lobby, washroom, or **Relaxed Space**.

Venue Guide

Click [HERE](#) for more details, including maps, parking information, FAQs, and venue details.