WELCOME TO THE HOPKINS CENTER FOR THE ARTS!

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is a performing arts center on the campus of Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Called “the Hop” for short, the building houses three spaces for live performances, a cafeteria and classrooms for students who attend the college. This visitor’s guide contains useful information about attending events at the Hopkins Center including parking, finding your way around, what to expect during the show, local dining and other things to do in Hanover.

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ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is committed to making all facilities and programs accessible to all members of our community. For information about access services, please email hop.box.office@dartmouth.edu or call (603) 646-2422. Voice/relay calls are welcomed.

All Hopkins Center events are wheelchair accessible. Limited accessible parking is available on all sides of the building. A limited number of accessible seats are available to patrons with disabilities and their family or friends. Please call the box office in advance to reserve an accessible seat. The Hop is equipped with assistive listening devices for public events and presentations; you can pick these up from the house manager’s desk in the lobby just before a performance. Films with the Closed Captioned logo in the Hop’s brochure and on the Hop website are presented with Rear Window Captioning. Devices are available at the house manager’s desk.
American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation may be available with at least one month’s advance request. For individuals who do not use traditional print, please contact hop.box.office@dartmouth.edu 10 days in advance to request large print playbills and one month in advance for Braille playbills.
FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE HOP

Feel free to ask any ushers, the Box Office or the front desk attendant for help with directions.

Box Office
The Box Office is located in the center of the building, near the cafeteria and student mailboxes. If you’re picking up tickets the night of the show, you’ll find them at the “Will Call” desk, which is located at or just outside the Box Office window. The Loew Auditorium has its own Box Office that opens 30 minutes before showtime.

Spaulding Auditorium
If you’re attending a show in Spaulding Auditorium, head for the Spaulding Lobby near the Lebanon Street side of the building. Ushers at the entrance of the theater will direct you to your seats. For wheelchair access, use the elevator next to the Lebanon Street entrance.

The Moore Theater
If you’re attending a show in The Moore Theater, go to The Moore Lobby near the front entrance. Check on your ticket for your seating area—if you are seated in the orchestra section, use the doors in the main floor lobby. If your seats are in the balcony, head up the stairs or take the elevator directly across from the mailboxes and press “TOH,” then walk down the hallway. Ushers at the entrance of the theater will direct you to your seats.

Warner Bentley Theater
If you’re attending a show in the Warner Bentley Theater, go to The Moore Lobby near the front entrance. The entrance to the Bentley Theater is down a flight of stairs from The Moore Lobby. For wheelchair access, notify the usher at the top of the stairs, and they will direct you. Seating in the Bentley Theater is general admission, so sit anywhere!

Loew Auditorium
The Loew Auditorium, where most movies are shown, is found in the Black Family Visual Arts Center (BVAC), at 22 Lebanon Street, next door to the Hop. The Auditorium is on the ground floor of the BVAC—to your left when entering from the Lebanon Street doors. The Loew Auditorium Box Office will open 30 minutes before a show is scheduled to start, and all “Will Call” tickets will be available there. Seating in the Loew Auditorium is general admission, so sit anywhere!

Top of the Hop, Alumni Hall & Faculty Lounge
To get to an event in the Top of the Hop, Alumni Hall or Faculty Lounge, use the stairs in The Moore Lobby or the elevator across from the student mailboxes. A hallway connects the Top of the Hop to the entrance to both Alumni Hall and Faculty Lounge.

Restrooms
Restrooms are located in The Moore Lobby, in Spaulding Lobby and in the hallway between the Top of the Hop and Alumni Hall.
WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE PERFORMANCE

It’s good to arrive in the theater at least 15 minutes before the performance is scheduled to begin. Most shows start right on time. In the lobby there will be ushers checking tickets and helping people find their seats. The house manager oversees the ushers, and can answer most questions you have about the show. They will know the length and whether there’s an intermission or break between sections. If you’re carrying a backpack or other large bag, the ushers will ask you to leave it in the lobby during the performance to keep the rows and aisles clear.

Food and drink (except water) are not allowed in the theaters, with the exception of the Loew Auditorium.

You’ll be asked to turn off your cell phone so that it does not ring, vibrate or light up during a performance. Photography is not allowed at most shows. Other devices such as laptop computers and tablets are not permitted for use during a show.

For most performances the theater will be dark. For some classical music performances, the lights are dimmed so that you can still read your program. The sound level varies depending on the type of show. If it’s too loud, you can request free earplugs from the house manager in the lobby.

Some performers encourage the audience to participate and show their enthusiasm by singing along, dancing or clapping. It’s ok to dance in the aisles of the theater. Just be considerate of others’ view of the stage. During some classical music performances the audience waits until the very end of a piece to clap without clapping between movements, or sections, of one piece of music.
DINING IN HANOVER
You can purchase food in the Hopkins Center’s Courtyard Café, located across from the Box Office. There are also a number of affordable and quick dining options in Hanover:

- Boloco, 35 Main Street
- C&A Pizza, 17 Lebanon Street
- Everything But Anchovies (EBAs), 5 Allen Street
- Noodle Station, 11 Lebanon Street
- Ramunto’s Brick & Brew Pizzeria, 9 South Street
- Subway, 3 Lebanon Street in the Hanover Park/Pompanoosuc Mills building
- If you need a quick snack, like chips and a drink, try CVS on South Main Street or Stinson’s Village Store on Allen Street.

Other dining options include Canoe Club, Jewel of India, Kata Thai, Market Table, Molly’s, Murphy’s Pub, Orient Restaurant, Pine at Hanover Inn, Salt Hill Pub, the Skinny Pancake, Sushi Ya, Thai Orchid, and Tuk Tuk Thai. If you’re looking for late night food after a show, Ramunto’s is open until midnight, EBA’s is open until 2 am, and Canoe Club serves until 11 pm. For dessert, try The Swirl & Pearl, 11 Lebanon Street or Morano Gelato, 57 Main Street # 101.

OTHER THINGS TO DO IN HANOVER
If you arrive early for a performance and are looking for ways to spend your time, there are multiple options that are free and open to the public. If you’re looking for a place to sit down and relax, head up to the Top of the Hop, the Moore Lobby or the tables by the cafeteria.

The Howe Public Library, 13 South Street, is open until 8 pm Monday-Thursday, 6 pm on Fridays and 5 pm Saturday-Sunday.

The Black Family Visual Arts Center, 22 Lebanon Street, is the home of Dartmouth’s Studio Art and Film departments and features exhibits of art by students and visiting artists. It’s located on Lebanon Street, to the right of the Hopkins Center. In the Hop, there are two galleries featuring visual art exhibitions. The Jaffe-Friede and Strauss Galleries are located between the Box Office and the Moore Lobby. They are open until 10 pm Tuesday-Saturday and 5 pm on Sundays.

Dartmouth’s Baker-Berry Library (with the tall clock tower) is located on Wentworth Street, directly across the green from the Hopkins Center. It is open late when Dartmouth classes are in session, with varying hours during college breaks. The main floor features rotating educational exhibits on a variety of topics. The bottom floor features the “Epic of American Civilization,” a mural painted by José Orozco in 1932-1934, which was designated a national historic landmark.
Parking in Hanover can be a challenge, especially when the Hop has a popular show or movie, or when there is a sports event. Hanover street parking is free after 5 pm and all day on Sundays. Metered spots cost between $0.50-$1.00 per hour 9 am-5 pm Monday-Saturday. Metered street parking is available on all the streets labeled below. Shaded areas on the map represent metered lots and a parking garage, accessible from South Street. Parking in the garage costs $0.50-$0.75 per hour, and only $1 for the night if you park after 6pm. Hanover meters accept coins or credit/debit cards.

On busy nights in Hanover, you may need to park a few blocks away from the Hop. You can easily pull up to the Wheelock Street or Lebanon Street entrances of the Hop and drop people off.