A photograph of two dancers, a man and a woman, in a garden setting. The man is on the right, shirtless with a dark jacket draped over his shoulders, and the woman is on the left, wearing a dark long-sleeved top. They are both looking upwards with their arms raised, as if reaching for something. The background shows a building with large windows and some trees.

# LMDA International Conference 2022: Performance Outside the Proscenium

Events will take place Online and in Old City, Philadelphia, PA U.S.A. on the traditional lands of the Lenape from July 20-24, 2022. Conference attendance is open to all. Registration begins in the spring of 2022. This packet includes information about the schedule, travel, Philadelphia, and more. Si necesita esta información en Español, comuníquese con: [imdanyyc@gmail.com](mailto:imdanyyc@gmail.com). (Updated September 8, 2021)

(pictured: [BalletX](#) at Longwood Gardens/Giacomo Belletti) 1



Over the past two years, our Board and Committees have worked tirelessly to both support the unique needs of our members during the pandemic and to reimagine the organization to better reflect and serve our community.

In 2022, all of us will come together to celebrate the work, the art, and each other. We will interrogate our restructuring and discuss how we will continue to evolve. We will participate in activities that explore what it means to be a theatre artist today and imagine what this means for our field.

I cannot wait to welcome you to our home, to break bread with you, to dream with you, to laugh with you, and to create a brighter future with you.

-Jacqueline Goldfinger

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2022 LMDA International Conference Chair

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# Welcome from the Conference Chair and Committee!



## 2022 LMDA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE



Pictured (Left to Right)

Row 1: Martine Kei Green-Rogers, Past President; Bryan Moore, President; Lynde Rosario, Incoming President

Row 2: Anne Morgan, Board Co-Chair; Jenna Rodgers, Board Co-Chair; Alix Rosenfeld, Regional Vice President; Sally Ollove, Member and Producing Consultant

# Honorary Producers

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Website:  
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Hashtag:  
[#PhillyLovesLMDA](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to  
download  
Conference Promos  
which you can  
include on your  
website, etc.



## Local Artists

Whether or not you register for the Conference, you are welcome to join us for the Saturday Night Networking Mixer, the Sunday Night Gala, and to leave promos (postcards, brochures, etc.) about your events in the Hamilton Family Center Lobby at the Arden for us to share with Conference attendees.

Drop off your materials any time after 9am on Saturday, July 23, 2022 in the Ham Fam Lobby.

Gala tickets and Networking event info will be available in the spring of 2022.

In addition, watch the [TheatrePhiladelphia](#) listserv for more opportunities to share your work via our Whova App and other LMDA outlets.



## Surprises!

We cannot wait to surprise you in 2022 with Philly giveaways, new videos by brilliant artists, and more!

To ensure that you learn about, and are eligible to participate in, all activities, remember to join or renew your LMDA Membership this winter online:

<https://lmda.org/join> Memberships begin at \$25/year.

Members will receive a discount on their Conference Registration in addition to access to year-round activities.

# A Green Conference

Philadelphia is working towards becoming a Green City. Please bring your own bags for shopping (single use plastic bags are banned) and reuseable items like water bottles.

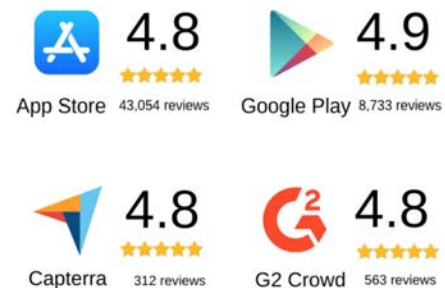
The Conference will be using the [Whova App](#) to distribute information.

The App includes schedules, presenter information, maps, networking functions, and more! It can be accessed on any electronic device including on traditional computers via a website.

The App will allow virtual participants to easily access materials from anywhere in the world.

More information about the LMDA Whova App will be available in spring 2022.

## The Most-Loved Event App





## Conference Swag Available Now

Check out the Conference Swag Website: [Society6](#).

You can order swag any time and it will be delivered directly to you; a portion of the proceeds go to LMDA to support artists and activities.

While the official conference design is to the left (the Bridge) which will be on the shirt and sweatshirt, we have also added stickers, posters, and other swag with the runner-up designs. Thanks to everyone who commented on the design drafts on Instagram!

This year's design is by Philadelphia artist Keni Thomas, aka ThomCat23, whose original designs can be found on [Instagram](#), and purchased on [DesignByHumans](#) and [Society6](#).



# COVID

- Throughout the year, we will be watching Philly's COVID status. Right now, we are one of the most vaccinated cities in the country; as of August 1, 2021, 75% of Philadelphians eligible have had one or both shots according to the Mayor's office.
- We will make decisions about COVID safety measures closer to the Conference with the input of the CDC, Mayor's Office, Jefferson Health, and Penn Health.
- If we will require masks and/or proof of vaccination, we will let you know in-advance. We do ask that everyone who can get vaccinated does get vaccinated for the safety of all.
- Please feel free to bring/wear a mask, regardless of requirements. We want everyone to be, and feel, comfortable and safe.
- If we are forced to move to another all-virtual conference, we will be able to stream and share activities through the App in real time as well as record them for later viewing. We will also be able to share PowerPoint presentations, documents, and more.

(pictured: [rainpan43](#)/Greg Costanzo)11

# Accessibility, Health, Childcare, Unique Needs

## ➤ Accessibility

- Our Conference Hub at the Hamilton Family Arts Center is fully accessible. Please feel free to bring comfort items. If you have a helper, caregiver, direct support staff, or one-to-one – they can get into the Conference with you for free.
- We are working to provide ASL Interpretation as well as English and Spanish Translation. At the very least, we will offer them as part of Sunday's annual meeting and the Gala.
- SEPTA (our public transit system) offers a public transit service called CCT Connect for special needs transportation:  
<http://septa.org/service/cct/>
- Since Old City is a tourist hub, most buildings are fully accessible. See [VisitPhilly.com](http://VisitPhilly.com) for details.

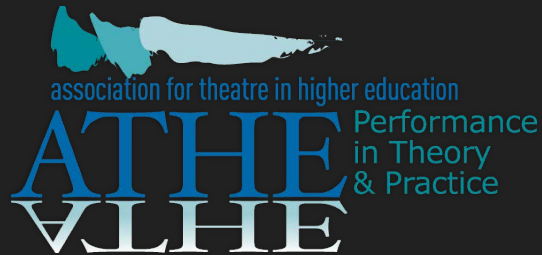
## ➤ Childcare

- LMDA and the [Parent Artist Advocacy League](#) are partnering to provide childcare options, and caregiver resources.

## ➤ Health

- Old City has multiple drug stores and walk-in care centers.

*There will be a section on your Conference Registration form to let us know about any unique needs that you do not see covered in the Conference info. Please let us know how you need support when you register in the spring, and we will reach out to you closer to the Conference.*



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Contact us to learn how to become a sponsor.

# Sponsorships & Volunteering

## SPONSORSHIPS

Do you know an individual or organization who loves the performing arts and might be interesting in being a Conference Sponsor in exchange for great visibility and benefits? If so, please let us know or simply [CLICK HERE](#) to download the Conference Sponsorship information and share!

The more Sponsors we have, the more support we can provide for our participants! Here are examples of a few of the goals that we are working hard to reach but need fiscal support to move forward:

- ❖ More English to Spanish and Spanish to English Translation
- ❖ More ASL accessibility
- ❖ Increased childcare support
- ❖ Increased scholarship support

## VOLUNTEERING

- Our organization is primarily run by volunteers. When the Call for Volunteers is released in October, we hope that you will read it carefully and consider donating your time. Each volunteer position listed will describe both the task involved and how many hours we expect that it will take to execute the job.
- Anyone who volunteers for a task that requires 15+ hours of volunteering for the Conference, receives a complimentary membership for 2022.
- Thanks to those who have already volunteered during the planning stage!



(pictured: Philadelphia Artists' Collective onboard USS Olympia/Daniel Kontz)

## SAVE THE DATES

- September 2021
  - Begin planning your trip
- October 2021
  - Zoom calls for initial Q&As & Call for Volunteers released
- December 2021
  - Call for Proposals released
- January 2022
  - Join/Renew LMDA Membership
- March 2022
  - Early Bird Registration begins & Whova Online Tutorials begin
- April 2022
  - Call for book titles to be stocked in Conference book shop; work by LMDA members and presenters will be prioritized
- May 2022
  - Early Bird Discount Ends & Regular Registration Begins
- July 2022
  - Purchase Gala ticket by July 14, Conference & Gala

# Register Early to Win Raffle Prizes!

If you sign-up for the in-person Conference during the Early Bird Registration period then your name will automatically be entered into our drawing for Philly Raffle Prizes. Prizes include:

- ❖ \$10 Gift Certificate to Franklin Fountain Ice Cream Shop
- ❖ 2 tickets to the African American Museum
- ❖ 2 tickets to the Philadelphia Zoo
- ❖ \$10 Gift Certificate to Old City Coffee
- ❖ 2 tickets to the National Museum of American Jewish History
- ❖ \$10 Gift Certificate to Fergie's Pub
- ❖ 2 tickets to Philly-themed Mini-Golf at Franklin Square
- ❖ And More TBA!



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## Join us online for a one-hour Q&A about the Conference

- Wednesday, October 13 @ 6pmET/11pmBT/5pmCT/4pmMT/3pmPT

Zoom Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81931104925>

- Sunday, October 17 @ 1pmET/6pmBT/12pmCT/10amPT/1amMT

Zoom Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82577890911>

More dates TBA as information is released



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# Phun Philly Phacts

- ❖ Our hockey mascot, Gritty, is the most freaky and beloved in the NHL .
- ❖ In 1682, Philadelphia became the first city in the country to guarantee religious freedom. Quakers in Philly were the first to protest against slavery in the colonies in 1688.
- ❖ The legendary Sun Ra and the Arkestra lived here and composed music day and night. While Sun Ra has passed on, his Arkestra still occasionally plays in public under the direction of Marshall Allen, aged 96.
- ❖ At 9,200 acres, Fairmount Park is the largest landscaped garden in the world. It is dotted with museums, outdoor activities, and playgrounds.
- ❖ Philadelphia has been designated a World Heritage City and many of the historical buildings are free to experience thanks to the National Park Service.

## Community Partners

Contact us about becoming a Community Partner!



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# Tentative Conference Schedule

(pictured: [The Berserker Residents](#) & [Swim Pony Performing Arts](#)) 20

# Schedule @ A Glance

- Wednesday, July 20  
Digital Asynchronous Content Released
- Thursday, July 21  
Digital Synchronous Content
- Friday, July 22  
In-person Activities Begin
- Saturday-Sunday, July 23-24  
In-person Activities  
A Handful of Live Streamed Activities

## Community Capital: An Afrofuturism South Philly Walking Experience

Curated by TS Hawkins & Lois Moses,  
Sponsored by Painted Bride Art Center



## A Self-Scheduled Afrofuturism Walking Tour

- 1) Journey through the Moodlist on Spotify now.
- 2) Download the Walking Guide which will be posted in fall 2021 and will remain online.
- 3) Take the self-guided walking tour either before or during the Conference.
- 4) Join us at the 2022 LMDA Conference on Sunday afternoon for a Conversation with the Curators about the creation of, and reaction to, this unique piece.





# Wednesday, July 20

## Digital Asynchronous Content Released

Digital Async content will be available to everyone who registers for the Digital or Digital/In-person package. Content tentatively includes the videos: "Fusing Circus and Traditional Theatrical Performance with L Feldman," "Puppetry in the Park and in the Streets with Jerrell Henderson," "Introduction to Working with Indigenous Communities with Larissa FastHorse," "Opera for the Digital World with Maria Sensi Sellner," and "Working with MENA Communities with Nakissa Etemad, Evren Odcikin and Others."

(pictured: [visitphilly.com](http://visitphilly.com))

# Thursday, July 21

## Digital Synchronous Content

Thursday's online synchronous content will be free to all LMDA Members and Conference Participants.  
Tentative Conference Schedule.

### Digital Synchronous Content



- 1-1:30pm EST: Welcome and Land Acknowledgement by LMDA President Bryan Moore, Video Welcome by Theatre Philadelphia Executive Director LaNeshe Miller-White, Welcome by Conference Chair Jacqueline Goldfinger
- 1:30-2:30pm EST: Hot Topics, Sponsored by Agency for the Performing Arts
- 2:30-3:30pm EST: Regional Meet-ups
- 3:30-4pm EST: Coffee & Tea Break
- 4-5pm EST: Playwrights Under the Radar, Sponsored by Playwrights Canada Press and Salamander Street Press; Streamed by HowlRound
- 5-6pm EST: Dinner Break
- 6-8pm EST: Affinity Group Meetings
- 8-9pm EST: Q&A about Philly and Conference, Sponsored by Playwriting with Purpose

(pictured: Angela Bey on Rooftop for Revolution Shakespeare/154 Sonnets Revisited)

# Friday, July 22

Friday's family-friendly picnic and performance is free and open to all LMDA Members and Conference Participants. Tentative Conference Schedule.

- Free day for exploration
- Board Meeting
- UPenn Professional Development Workshop Option: Certificate from Penn will be issued to verify attendance to your employer; additional fee assessed by Penn.
- 5pm: Meet us in Washington Square Park! BYOB and picnic dinner or pick up a treat at the shops or restaurants around the park. Sponsored by Gurman Agency
- 7pm: Performance by the Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Tribal Nation
- 8pm: Hang Out @ Independence Beer Garden (family friendly Beer Garden with games and activities for kids, food and non-alcoholic drink options available)



(pictured: visitphilly.com, Tiny Dynamite at Physick House/ Daniel Kontz)

## First Floor



## Second Floor



# Weekend Conference Hub Map: Hamilton Family Arts Center @ Arden Theater

A night scene at Shakespeare in Clark Park. A large crowd of people is seated on the grass, watching a performance. Two large, ornate chandeliers are lit up, one on the left and one on the right. In the center, a person is standing in a large, arched doorway, possibly a stage set. The scene is illuminated by the chandeliers and stage lights.

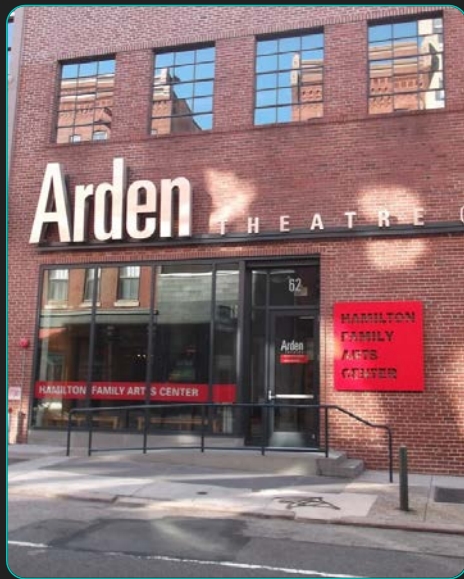
# Performance Outside the Proscenium

Saturday, July 23

(pictured: [Shakespeare in Clark Park](#)) 27

# Saturday Morning

Hamilton Family Arts Center at [Arden Theater](#) (pictured). Tentative Conference Schedule.



10am-4pm: Ongoing Activities

- Sponsor Recognitions @ Lobby
- Registration & Information @ Connelly Foundation Room
- Coffee & Tea @ Mama's Lounge
- LMDA Book Shop @ Smith Family Classroom
- Quiet Room @ Dressing Room 1, Comfort Items Welcome
- Lactation Room & Quiet Child Space @ Dressing Room 2

10:30am: Welcome @ Horan Studio Theatre

10:45am: Activities

- Activity 1: TBA @ Wolfson Art Room
- Activity 2: Dramaturgy of Video Design in Live Performance with Designer Christopher Ash @ Studio Theatre
- Activity 3: Hands-on workshop on creating or updating a profile, and getting the most out of the New Play Exchange led by NPX Project Director Gwydion Suilebhan @ 1976 Foundation Room, Sponsored by [NNPN](#)
- Activity 4: Imaginative Empathy: Pedagogy and Production for Young People with MR Stine, Resident Teaching Artist at [Philadelphia Young Playwrights](#) @ Brown Martin Classroom. Sponsored by [StagePartners](#)
- Activity 5: TBA @ Hirsing Rehearsal Hall
- Activity 6: The Detour, Interactive Old City Walking Tour of Hidden History, Performance and Q&A with Creator Jenna Horton, Meet in Lobby (25 max, sign-up begins at 10am at Registration Desk)

12:15pm: Lunch Break - Our Recommendation: [Spruce Harbor Park](#)

# Saturday Afternoon

Hamilton Family Arts Center & National Constitution Center. Tentative Conference Schedule.

1:45pm: Performance in History Museums @ the National Constitution Center

- Activity 7: See the permanently installed show *Freedom Rising* (pictured) and then discuss Performance in History Museums, both permanent and rotating, with the NCC's Director of Theatre Programs Nora Quinn; Small additional fee

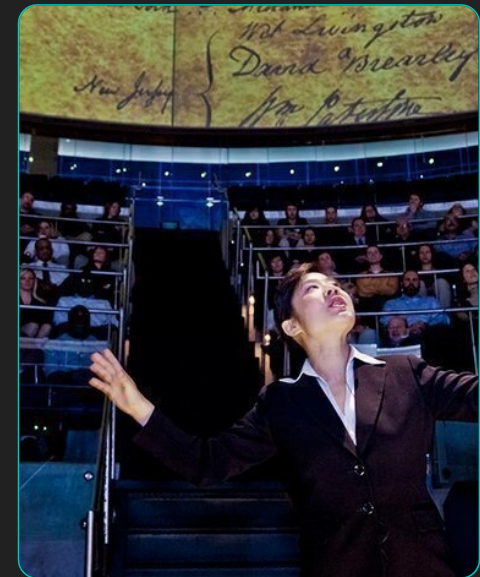
2pm: Activities at Hamilton Family Arts Center

- Activity 8: TBA @ Wolfson Art Room
- Activity 9 (private): Applied Mechanics Rehearsal for Sunday @ Hirsing Rehearsal Hall
- Activities 10-11: TBA @ Brown Martin Classroom and TBA @ 1976 Foundation Room
- Activity 12: LMDA Committee Update and Discussion about EDI Initiatives and Policies led by Jenna Rogers @ Horan Studio Theatre, Sponsored by Broadway Play Publishing

3:30pm: Break

3:45pm: Activities

- Activity 13: TBA @ Wolfson Art Room
- Activity 14: LMDA Committee Update and Discussion on Employment Guidelines & Tools led by Ken Cerniglia @ Horan Studio Theatre. Sponsored by A3 Artists Agency
- Activities 15-17 TBA @ Brown Martin Classroom, TBA @ 1976 Foundation Room, and TBA @ Horan Studio Theatre



# Saturday Evening

A person in elaborate costume with large, feathered wings and face paint, singing into a microphone. The wings are purple and gold. The person has green and pink face paint and is wearing a dark, patterned outfit.

Networking Happy Hour with Local Artists, Sponsored by Dramatists Guild Philadelphia Region

5:30 PM

Dinner Break

6:30 PM

Performance TBA

8:00 PM

(pictured: Machine Dazzle as part of Do You Want A Cookie? by the Bearded Ladies Cabaret, FringeArts/Plate3 Photography)



# Performance Outside the Proscenium

## Sunday, July 24

(pictured: [Almanac Dance Circus Theatre](#)) 31

# Free Headshots for Early Career Dramaturgs (ECDs)

On Sunday, from 10-11am, Noon-1pm, & 5-6pm (between sessions), get your first professional headshot for free with [Plate3 Photography](#).

Meet in the Connelly Foundation Room. They will take ECDs "Free Five-Minute Headshots" in order of arrival and then the shots will be emailed to you for your use after the Conference.

If you would like to pay for a longer formal photo session, contact Plate 3 through their website above. They take headshots year round.



# Sunday Morning

Hamilton Family Arts Center, Tentative Conference Schedule



## 10am-4pm: Ongoing Activities

- Sponsor Recognitions @ Lobby
- Registration & Information @ Connelly Foundation Room
- Coffee & Tea @ Mama's Lounge
- LMDA Book Shop @ Smith Family Classroom
- Quiet Room @ Dressing Room 1, Comfort Items Welcome
- Lactation Room & Quiet Child Space @ Dressing Room 2

## 10:30am: Activities

- Activity 18: Open Space-Style Conversation with Gavin Witt @ Wolfson Art Room; Sponsored by Blue Stoop
- Activities 19-20: TBA @ Hirsing Rehearsal Hall, and TBA @ Horan Studio Theatre
- Activity 21: Creating Site-Specific Opera with Katherine M. Carter, Director/Dramaturg, and Eric Einhorn, Artistic Director, On Site Opera @ Brown Martin Room
- Activity 22: Puppetry Beyond Children's Theatre with Leila Ghaznavi, Founder of Pantea Productions @ 1976 Foundation Room
- Noon: Lunch Break - Check out restaurants in Old City!

# Sunday Afternoon

Hamilton Family Arts Center & Philadelphia Museum of Art. Tentative Conference Schedule.

1pm: Dramaturgy in Fine Art @ Philadelphia Museum of Art (pictured)

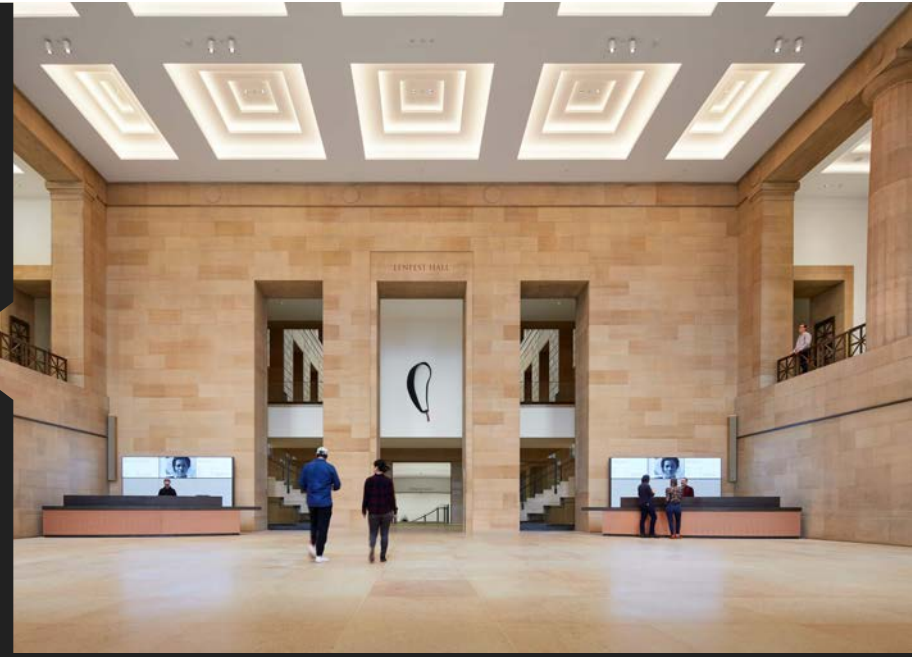
- Activity 23: Meet Dr. Chelsea Phillips in the lobby of Philadelphia Museum of Art; Small additional fee

2pm: Activities at Hamilton Family Arts Center

- Activity 24: Conversation with Curators of the Community Capital: an Afrofuturism South Philly Walking Experiences @ Mama's Lounge
- Activity 25: Continuation of Open Space-Style Conversations @ Wolfson Art Room
- Activity 26: Salon for Dramaturg-Director Hyphenates facilitated by Directors Gathering @ 1976 Foundation Room
- Activity 27 (private): Set-up for Annual General Meeting @ Horan Studio Theatre
- Activity 28: Applied Mechanics "The Colonialists" Performance Excerpt and Discussion about Building Interactive Touring Works @ Hirsing Rehearsal Hall
- Activity 29: TBA @ Brown Martin Room

3:30pm: Annual General Meeting @ Horan Studio Theatre & Streamed Online

Go Party at the Gala!



# Sunday Evening Gala at Union Trust

If you wish to attend, please purchase a ticket(s) on our website by July 14. Tickets will be available beginning at Early Bird Registration. (pictured: Union Trust)

- ❖ 6-9pm
  - ✓ 6pm: Check-in & Cocktails
  - ✓ 6:30pm-7:30pm: Dinner and Speeches
  - ✓ 7:30-9pm: Party to the tunes of Philly's Popular Dance Band West Philadelphia Orchestra!
- ❖ Members! Non-Members! Local artists! Partners! Friends! Everyone is welcome!
- ❖ Dress Code: Comfy! You are in Philly. Chill. Rock sneakers with your favorite outfit, or come in sweats, or a tuxedo.
- ❖ A discount drink ticket (one per person) then Cash Bar. Food: Mediterranean station, Italian station, Carving station (meat, veggie, vegan)
- ❖ \$68/person ticket purchased separately from Conference Fee. You cannot attend without a ticket purchased in-advance.
- ❖ If you are leaving the city on Sunday, the timing of the banquet still allows you to participate and catch a plane, train, or other ride home.



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## Conference Fees

- ❖ Conference fees will be announced in spring 2022. They typically range from \$75-\$350/person.
- ❖ There are additional fees for a few events, like the Museum Entrance and the Gala. All extra fees will be listed in-advance.
- ❖ Scholarships will be available for LMDA Members.
- ❖ To make the Conference as accessible as possible, we have made Thursday's online activities and Friday's evening activities free to all LMDA Members and Conference Participants.
- ❖ Saturday's networking event will be free and open to the entire community.
- ❖ Sunday's Gala will require a paid ticket but is open to the entire community.
- ❖ We are also offering the opportunity to receive a free 2022 membership in exchange for 15+ volunteer hours. See the Volunteer Info (released in October) for details.

(pictured: [Pig Iron](#), [Theatre in the X](#)) 37

Hotel Three Blocks from Conference Hub

## Penn View Hotel & Panorama Wine Bar

Conference Hotel in the Heart of Old City. Also, home to the finest wine cellar and Italian food in the region. They are a flat rate hotel so all rooms in the summer are: \$179-\$200/night depending upon the type of room you select.

Book Online: [pennsviewhotel.com](http://pennsviewhotel.com)

"This cosmopolitan little hotel in a refurbished 19th-century commercial building on the fringe of Old City has its own brand of urban charm. The owner is a well-regarded Italian-born restaurateur who also runs Ristorante Panorama, the downstairs eatery with perhaps the best wine cellar in the city. The wine bar is the largest wine by the glass program in the country and has the largest wine preservation machine in the world as certified by Guinness Book of World Records. Rooms are comfortable and a mixture of either Northern Italian or Early American, some with Chippendale-style furniture and floral wallpaper, others with a more Italian feel with imports from the old country; some rooms feature fireplaces and whirlpool baths. Some have views of the Delaware River."

-Fodor, 4 Stars



Hotel Slightly Further from  
Conference Hub

## Alexander Inn

The Inn is a flat rate hotel and is often where artists chose to stay in the city; a 15-minute walk or quick Car Share/Taxi to Old City. This Inn is located in the Gayborhood – a neighborhood that is home to the first Gay Bookshop in the country. The neighborhood is a bastion of LGBTQIA+ shops, bars, historic homes, and more. Rates: \$113-135/night. Book online: [alexanderinn.com](http://alexanderinn.com)

"The well-maintained rooms at this small hotel have an Art Deco feel. The property is close to the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the Avenue of the Arts, and most downtown attractions. Though straight-friendly, it has a largely gay clientele and is near some of the city's gay bars. Some rooms facing northwest have good views of the bustling 12th and Spruce Street intersection. The hotel has a discounted parking arrangement with a nearby garage—a steal in this neighborhood."

-Fodor, 4 Stars





(pictured: [Ninth Planet Theatre Company](#), Homeworld for Babies/Kate Raines)

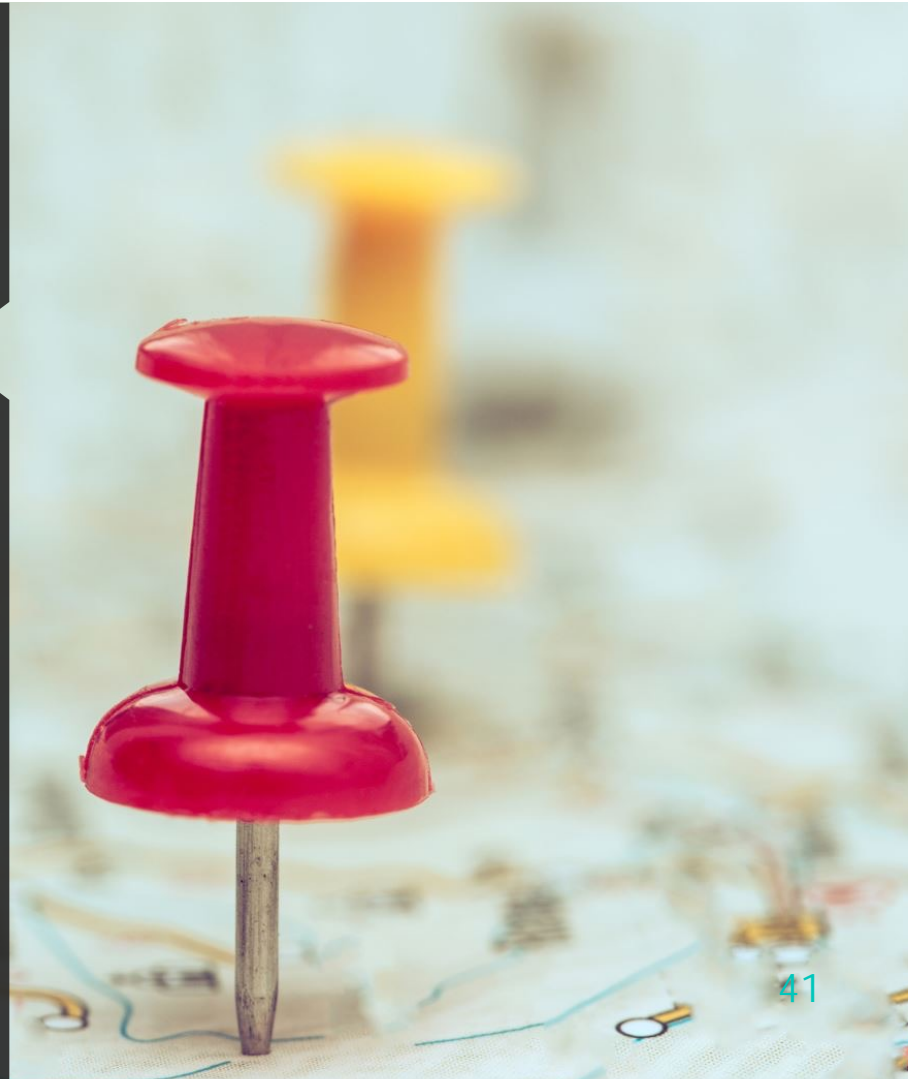
## Other Housing Options

### Chain Hotels, Air BnB or Other Rent Sharing Sites

- Most of the major hotel chains (Hilton, Marriott, etc) have locations in Philadelphia. See their sites for information.
- On rent sharing sites like Air BnB, search for "Old City Philadelphia," "Washington Square Philadelphia," or "Historic District Philadelphia" to be very close to the main Conference site. If you don't mind walking 10-15 minutes to the Conference site, or grabbing a quick ride, then also branch out into the neighborhoods of "Center City Philadelphia," "Queen Village Philadelphia," "Society Hill Philadelphia," and "Washington Square West Philadelphia." If you don't mind traveling a little further on foot, public transit, or by car then also search "South Philadelphia," "North Philadelphia," or "West Philadelphia."
- The address of the main conference site on Saturday and Sunday is: 62 N 2nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, if you want to map possible housing locations.

# Travel To & From Philly

- ❖ International Airport in Philly (PHL)
  - ❖ You can fly in/out of Newark (EWR) and directly connect with an Amtrak train to Philly or fly into Baltimore (BWI) and take a short free shuttle ride to the Amtrak Station
  - ❖ You can fly in/out of Boston (BOS), New York (JFK), or Washington DC (DCA, IAD) then take a taxi to the Amtrak station to catch a train to Philadelphia
- ❖ National Rail Line (Amtrak PHL)
- ❖ National Highways (I-95, I-76, I-676)
- ❖ Bus Service: Greyhound, Mega, and Bolt
- ❖ New Jersey Transit
  - ❖ For a cheap ride from NYC, take NYC Subway to NJ Transit Center then take NJ Transit or Amtrak into Philly

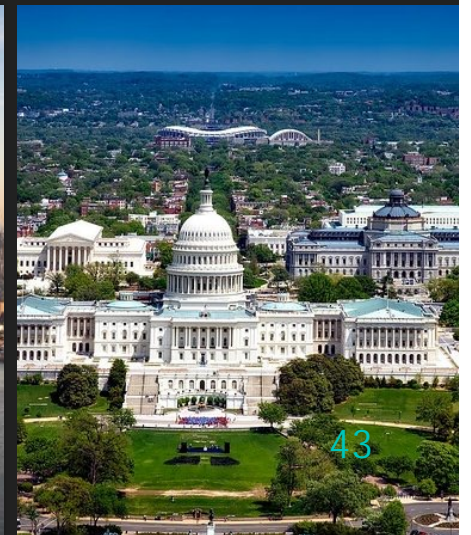


# International Travel Considerations

- ❖ As of the summer of 2021, no travel visa was necessary between the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and the UK as long as the trip was going to last less than a month. However, visitors will need a passport. Please check with your government to see what paperwork they require. If you need a letter confirming your participation in the Conference after you register, then we can provide one.
- ❖ Here is the link to U.S. Customs & Border Protection which has information on travel in-and-out of the U.S.: <https://help.cbp.gov>
- ❖ Continue to check travel guidelines as they might change throughout the year.

# Want to see more...

- Philadelphia is located just 90 minutes from [New York City](#), 2 hours from [Baltimore](#), 2.5 hours from [Washington DC](#), and 5 hours from [Boston](#) by [Amtrak Train](#).
- Rent a car and drive to the [Lenape Nation Cultural Center and Trading Post](#) in Easton, PA or one of the many beaches along the [New Jersey](#) and [Delaware](#) shores.
- There are also nearby rural areas which are a sheer joy to visit including the [Pennsylvania Dutch Country](#) and [Brandwine Valley](#) (wine country!).
- In addition, you can fly to anywhere in the country from Philadelphia.
- We will have a volunteer Travel Recommendations Coordinator to answer general questions about travel in our area.





## ...or just want to hang out in Philly?

- July 12-24: *To Kill A Mockingbird* National Tour, [Kimmel Center](#)
- July 13: Bikini Kill, [Franklin Music Hall](#)
- July 20: Craft Beer Festival
- In the summer, many of our art and history museums have PWYC days
- Philly is famous for our murals! Take a [mural tour](#) and make sure to check out our mural in honor of Pulitzer Prize Winning Philadelphia Playwright Charles Fuller (pictured)
- [Schuylkill River Trail & Fairmount Park](#) are great for hiking, swimming, boating, and playing!
- Shop & Eat @ [Reading Terminal Market](#)
- Here are a few fun Instagrams that will give you tips for what to do: [@schuylkillbanks](#), [@discover\\_PHL](#), [@oldcityphilly](#), and [@visitphilly](#)
- Check out [VisitPhilly.com](#) for more information.

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