

Driving directions, Parking instructions, Entry door information University of Maryland/College Park, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC), Dance Department Studios

First, understand that the U of MD is a huge campus and, as is the case with many college campuses, the roadways and buildings are not well marked. Many people are accustomed to using the “main entrance” to the U of MD which is off of Route 1. However, that is NOT the best way to get to the Performing Arts Center and the chances of you finding it by asking directions once you’re there are NOT good. And, since there is no “street address” for the Performing Arts Center, relying on a GPS to find it for you is sometimes not possible. So, whatever route you use to get from where you’re starting to the general location of the university, after that DO use the instructions below!

Enter the University off of Route 193, which is University Boulevard.

If you have come down Route 1 south from the DC Beltway,

- After just a few traffic lights turn right to go west on Route 193. There will be a sign that mentions the Stadium (football stadium); that’s what you want. (Do NOT continue on Route 1 by following the signs to the U of MD! That will take you to the main entrance, which is what you do NOT want.)
- Now on Route 193, at the 2nd traffic light make a left turn onto Stadium Drive to enter the campus. Almost immediately on your right is the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

If you have come from DC

- (Suggest you take Nebraska, turn right on to Military which becomes Missouri which becomes Riggs, continue on Riggs as it crosses East-West Highway and finally turn right onto University Boulevard – this is about a 30 minute drive from Tenleytown)
- On University Boulevard (Route 193), continue approximately 3 traffic lights, eventually crossing Adelphi Road. (FYI, at the intersection of University & Adelphi, where there is a traffic light, you will see a large Marriott ahead on the right.) Still on Route 193, soon after you cross Adelphi Road, look for signs for the Stadium and/or CSPAC. Turn right onto Stadium Drive. Almost immediately on your right is the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

As you enter campus on Stadium Drive, PARKING etc.

- **Where to enter CSPAC.** As soon as you turn on to Stadium Drive, almost immediately on your right is the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC). There is a curved driveway for drop-off.
- After drop-off, walk *back* to enter via the Dance Department doors, which is where you should enter the building, *not* the main building doors under the canopy. (FYI, the Dance Department doors are fairly hidden from view when you’re on Stadium Drive, because of tall plantings, but if you pull in to the curved drop-off area and look *back*, you’ll see that the walkway leads to the Dance Department.)
- You may choose to drop off your dancers and let them walk in on their own (and perhaps meet them at check-in later if you wish), or you may choose to find parking immediately and all walk in together. It’s up to you. .
- **Parking.** As on most campuses, the parking situation can be complicated. There might be a sports event that weekend, or anything else imaginable. You most likely do have several options on conference weekend, however. But whatever you do, keep in mind that the campus strictly enforces its parking policies! **When you pull onto campus** (off of Route 193, with the Performing Arts Center immediately on your right) straight ahead of you there is a round-about and another huge building (which is actually a parking garage--Stadium Garage). **Stay in the right-hand lane and bear right for either of the parking options below.**
 - You can park in **Stadium Garage**, which will now be on your left. This garage is generally open to both those with campus parking permits and to paying customers. I believe the cost is \$3 for the first hour or \$5 for the day, but check when you pull in.
 - **OR, you can continue past the garage, proceeding forward to Lot 1** which is available to anyone, no fee, ONLY on weekends, NOT during the week.
 - Yes, there are also **parking meters** in front of CSPAC, but they are pricey if you’re staying for an extended period. and keep in mind that the meters must be fed at all times, 7 days a week, 24 hours per day. They are NOT free on weekends nor after 5:00.

After parking, where to enter the building. Again, walk all the way around *outside* of the building to **enter via the Dance Department doors** (which face Stadium Drive, as described above). The Performing Arts Center is a huge wandering complex. If you enter through any other door, you’re on your own! Be aware that we renters of space are not permitted to put up signage anywhere on campus, so you need to follow the directions we’re providing. If parents want to explore the building later, that’s fine. But it really is best to enter where we’re set up to greet you.