

The Second City
GROUPS & EVENTS

Group Outings & Events

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DESIGN A UNIQUE EVENT TAILORED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION IN THE HEART OF CHICAGO'S OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD



SOCIAL

VENUE RENTALS

Offering a unique setting for groups of up to 290 guests, The Second City theaters provide a wonderful experience for your next town hall meeting, trade show, or presentation.

PRIVATE PERFORMANCES

Have the house to yourself!

Performance buyouts allow you to address your group from the stage prior to the scheduled performance.

COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS

Enjoy a pre or post show reception to engage with your guests in our intimate setting.



LEARNING/DEVELOPMENT

KEYNOTE

A great compliment to break out workshops when choosing to present to an audience of 100 or more.

CUSTOM LEARNING

An interactive learning session designed to align with the specific goals of your organization.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Workshops that teach fundamentals of improvisation and show your attendees how it can be applied to business.



GENERAL SESSION SUPPORT

HOST/MC

An experienced host to keep your audience engaged and entertained.

SCENIC SUPPORT

Custom scenes or "sketches" to be performed throughout the General Session and event.



CATERING

GROUP DINNER PACKAGES

Hosted at our on-site restaurant, 1959 Kitchen & Bar

FULL SERVICE CATERING ON SITE

Customized menus



THE SECOND CITY HISTORY

The Second City has been bringing the funny for over 50 years, but here's the short version: we began as a small comedy theater and have grown to become today's leading brand in improv-based sketch comedy. Plus, we have more than a handful of successful Second City alumni who we aren't too modest to mention, like Keegan-Michael Key, Stephen Colbert and Tina Fey.

The Second City
GROUPS & EVENTS



Group Perks & Benefits

FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, THE SECOND CITY HAS BEEN DARING AUDIENCES TO LAUGH AT OUR WORLD, OUR SHARED TROUBLES AND OURSELVES.

Bring your group to enjoy the latest performance of cutting-edge sketch comedy, combined with songs & improv, that's sure to keep them laughing for weeks to come.

The Second City Chicago has three professional theaters all in one location, with shows 7 nights a week. Group reservations are available for parties of 16 or more guests, with the following perks:

- Waived Service Fees - a savings of \$5 per ticket.
- Flexible Refund Policy - allows groups to drop up to half of the tickets one week prior to the show.
- Group Seating - book together, sit together!
- Dinner Packages - dine with us before the show in our 1959 Kitchen & Bar.



Private Events

LET LOOSE - AND PLEASE EVERYONE!

We can accommodate groups of 50-290 people in one of our three theaters seven nights a week. With over 50 years of experience creating comedy gold, we'll make whatever your next celebration might be one for the books.

Hungry? We offer incredibly tasty in-house catering for private performances and can customize the menu just for your event.

Have a larger group? No problem! Just let us know — we've got some great options.

Here are some examples of the kinds of fabulous events we can do:

- Office Outings
- Conference Excursions
- Meeting Support
- Fundraisers
- Donor Appreciation
- VIP Events
- Private Parties
- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- Student Field Trips

Flip ahead for information about our four event spaces:

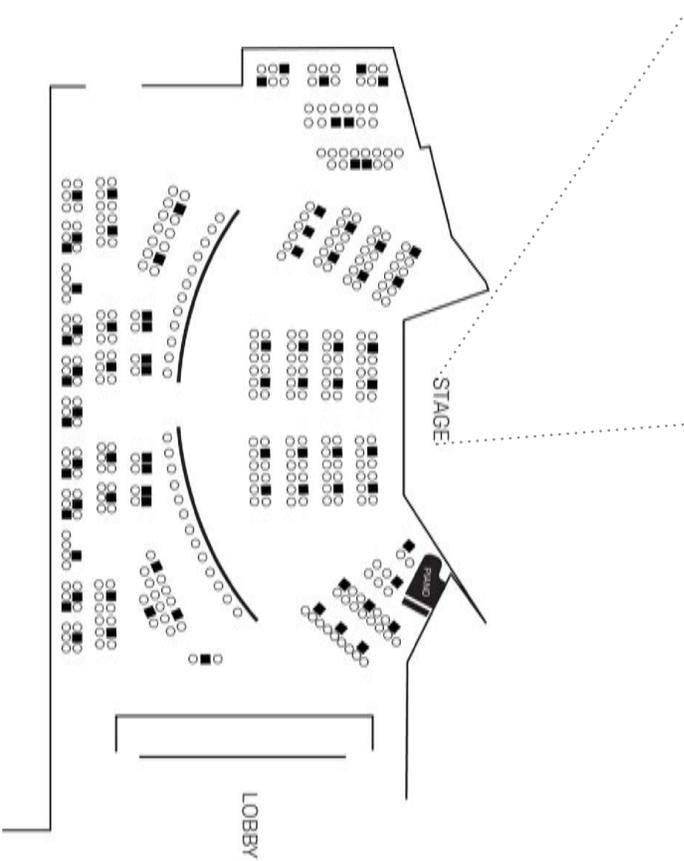




MAINTAGE THEATER

THEATER HISTORY

Since opening its doors in 1967, the Mainstage Theater has been home to over 100 of our world-renowned revues. Photos of famous alumni, including Dan Aykroyd, Jim Belushi and Mike Myers, line the walls of the theater and give your guests a glimpse into our illustrious history. Come see what all the fuss is about—it's sure to impress..



MAINSTAGE REVUE

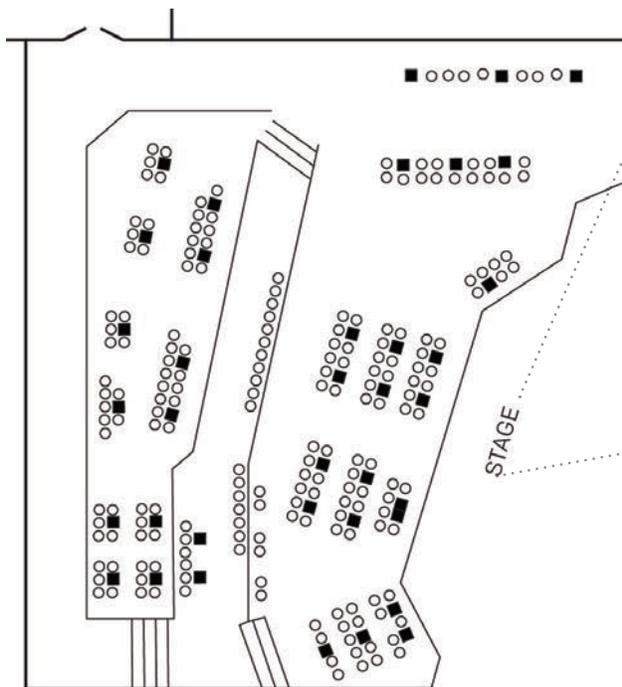
- CAPACITY:**
- Total: 290**
- Passed Appetizers: 200**
- Buffet: 250**



E.T.C. THEATER

THEATER HISTORY

Our e.t.c. Theater is the most intimate venue in the Second City family. This room is fantastic for networking events and has the ability to support passed as well as buffet-style catering. Guests are greeted with photos of our esteemed alumni—all of whom have performed on this very stage. Still need convincing? There's not a bad seat in the house.



ETC REVUE

CAPACITY:

Total: 196

Passed Appetizers: 125

Buffet: 150



"The Chicago Chapter of the University of Kansas Alumni Association had the greatest time and a ton of laughs! Everyone who works at UP Comedy Club was nothing but amazing when we were there. I know we will definitely be back there again!" -Jamie Zazove, President

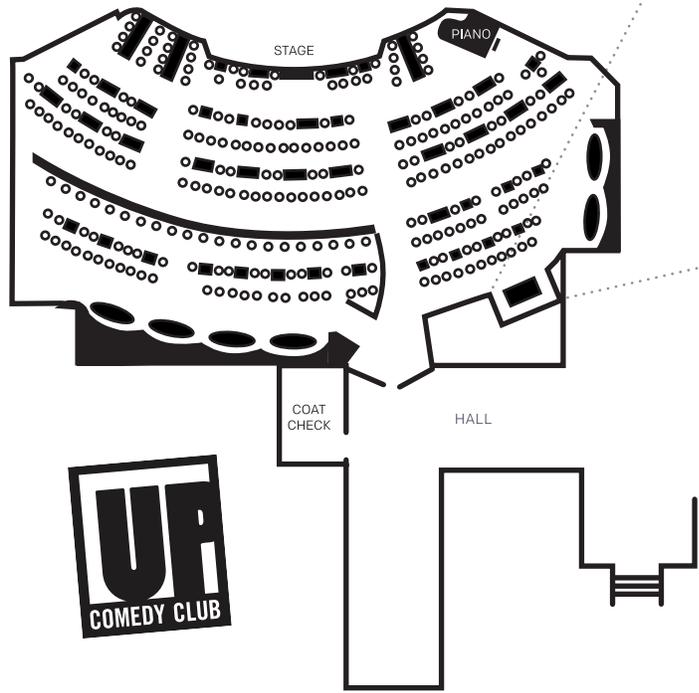


UP COMEDY CLUB

THEATER HISTORY

UP Comedy Club boasts state-of-the-art audiovisual capabilities with seating for 285 people. This cabaret-style venue is dedicated to presenting an array of comedic performances including stand-up, sketch and improv. So no matter what you choose, it's sure to be smart and funny.

FLOORPLAN



BOOTH ONE

CAPACITY:

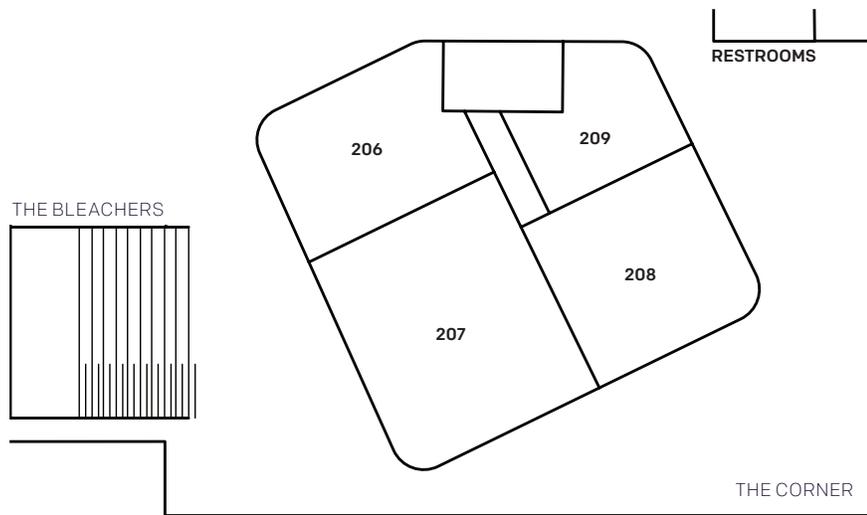
- Total: 285
- Passed Appetizers: 200
- Buffet: 250



THE CORNER

Searching for a unique and Chicago-centric space for your next event? Look no further. The Corner is Second City's newest venue offering city views of North and Wells Street. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere that looks over Old Town, the great neighborhood that is a part of the theater's rich history.

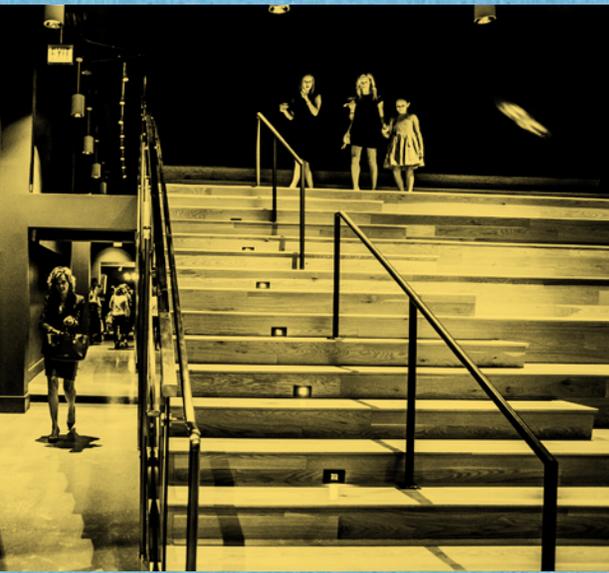
2RD FLOOR



CAPACITY:

Passed Appetizers: 150

Buffet: 100



"There was so much laughing and most of us cried all our makeup off from laughing so hard. The team was RAVING about how much fun it was. It was such a great way to end our conference." - Kim Delaney, Sephora



BENTWOOD CATERING

We're committed to making your experience at The Second City the best it can be. Our chef makes everything from scratch and we only serve the freshest ingredients. If you have something specific in mind, let us know. Our extensive menus can be customized to fit your particular needs.

Now, let's talk drinks. We can arrange beverage service in any theater, and you won't need to lift a finger. We'll greet your guests with drinks upon arrival, as well as a full-service waitstaff available to you. Whether you're a budget-conscious meeting planner, or willing to pull out all the stops, we'd be happy to point you in the right direction.

OPTIONS

- Continental Breakfast
- Passed Appetizers
- Pre-Show Receptions
- Buffet
- Brunch
- Lunch
- Dinner





1959

KITCHEN & BAR

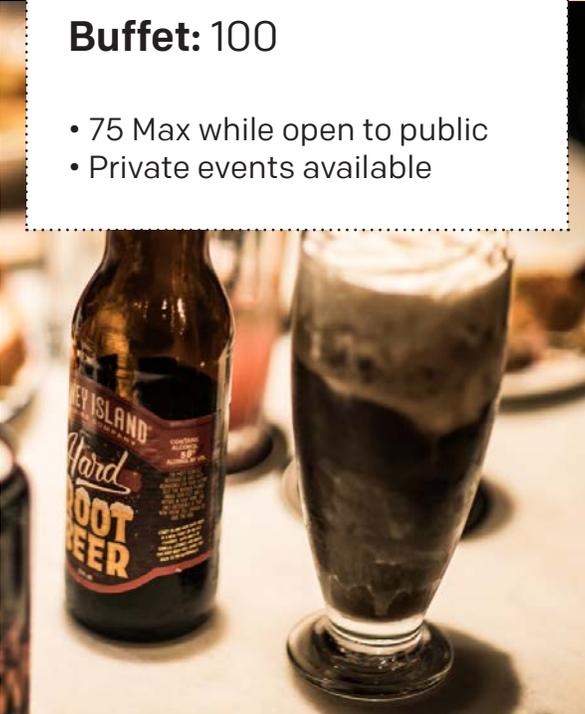
With its sleek retro vibe that pays homage to The Second City's rich history, 1959 Kitchen & Bar features a little something for everyone. Emphasizing sustainable, certified humane, organic regional ingredients, the menu ranges from savory pub fare to more specialty dining options. Drink-wise, choose anything from the latest craft beers and cocktails to the Chicago staples. Whether it's a pre-show warm-up or post-show nightcap, 1959 is the perfect complement to one of Chicago's greatest treasures. Located on the 2nd floor of Piper's Alley, right outside the e.t.c. and Training Center expansion space.



CAPACITY:

- Seated: 90**
- Passed Appetizers: 100**
- Buffet: 100**

- 75 Max while open to public
- Private events available



1959

KITCHEN & BAR

DIETARY KEY
Gluten-Free 
Vegetarian 

PRE-THEATER DINNER PACKAGES

SUNDAY–WEDNESDAY: \$25 • THURSDAY–SATURDAY: \$30

STARTERS

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

HAND CUT FRIES 

WARM SOFT PRETZEL 

SEASONAL FLAT BREAD

ROASTED BEET PANZENELLA 

CRISPY BRUSSEL SPROUTS 

SEASONAL VEGETABLE PLATTER WITH
CARMELIZED LEEK AND GOAT CHEESE DIP  

FINISHERS

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

BUTTERNUT SQUASH MAC & CHEESE

SHRIMP & GRITS 

CHICKEN WINGS 

BEER BRAISED BRISKET SLIDERS

DESSERT INCLUDED

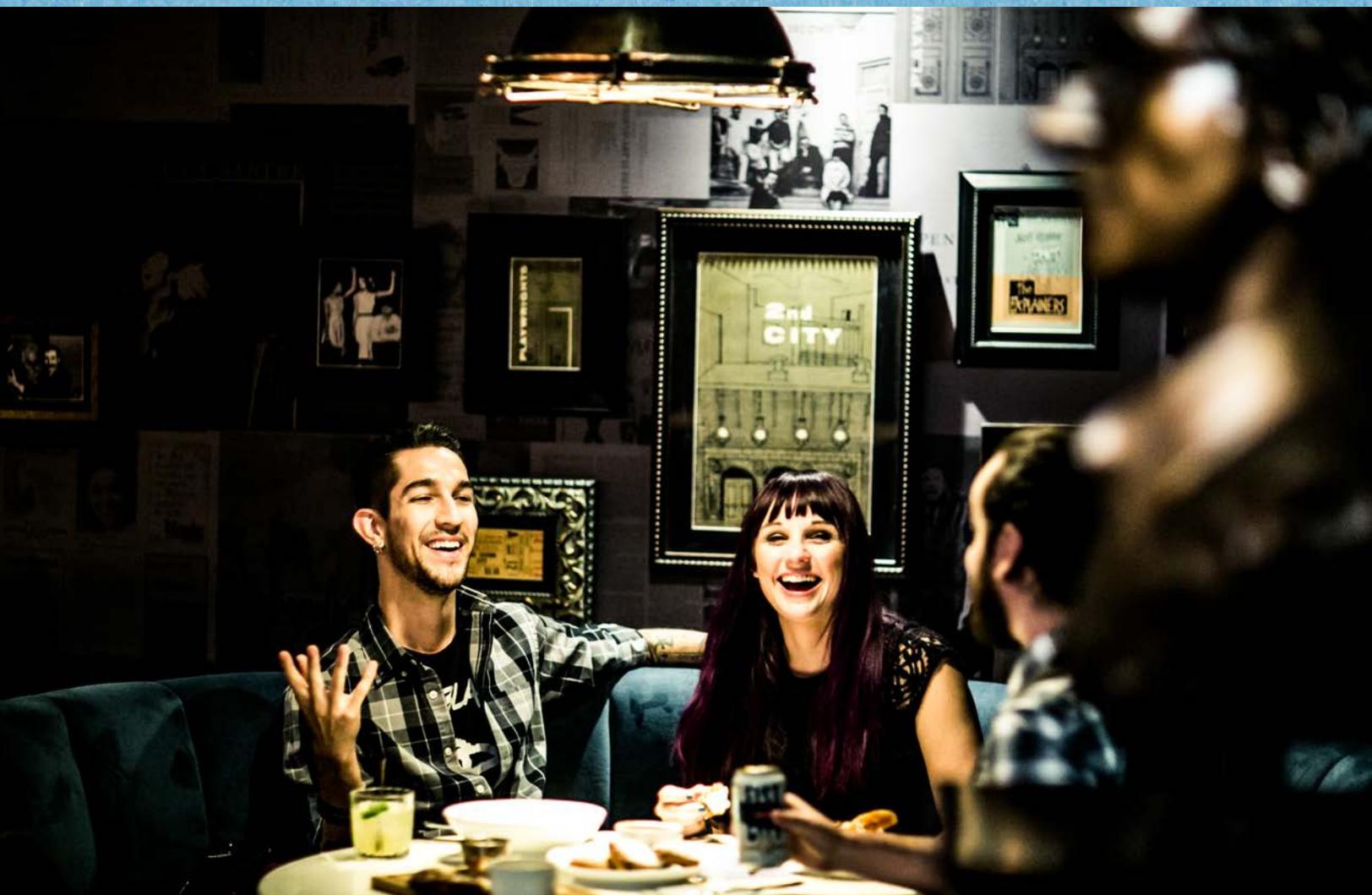
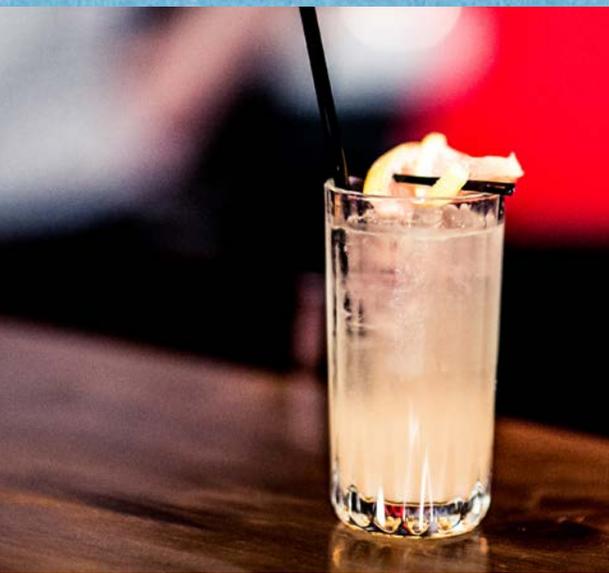
Complimentary Homemade Beignets included with every package.
Enough for everyone. Something sweet after the savory.
Served 15 minutes before package ends.

PRICES

\$25–30 (PER PERSON)

INFORMATION

- Prices are subject to sales tax and 20% service fee
- Items are replenished for one hour
- A card on file is required for parties of 16 or more
- Payment is processed the night of the reception
- No-show parties will be charged 75% of package arrangement
- If beverages are purchased on consumption the tab can be split no more than 4 ways
- Drink packages are also available
- Additional starters and/or finishers can be served for an extra \$4/person
- Groups with less than 16 guests may order a la carte
- Groups with more than 75 guests must hit a minimum
- Reservations recommended for parties of all sizes
- Menu changes seasonally
- Some menu items can be altered to fit dietary restrictions



"The Second City had been my 'go-to' show in Chicago for years! I have sent countless groups to Second City...It is perfect for my out-of-town groups, as it really gives them a big, hilarious slice of Chicago." -Kate Nelson, Chicago Is Inc.



The Second City

WORKS

YOU WANT YOUR TEAMS TO WORK SMART, WORK CREATIVELY AND COLLABORATE WITH PURPOSE.

Yet, you continually run into the workplace conventions and dysfunction that makes doing so an incredible task without the right partner.

At Second City Works, we start with the premise that dysfunction exists (that's the comedy part) and give individuals and teams the tools to work through, past and beyond the barriers that we face each working day (that's the improvisation part) — to make working not such hard work.

COOL STUFF THAT GETS IT DONE

CUSTOM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Planning an event is no easy feat, from picking the venue through to production. Even more, what you communicate and how you do it are crucial to your event's success. We bring fun and energy into these events with truly customized content — we're not just working your name into canned bits. Our experienced casts and crews make sure that your event runs smoothly, and that your audience gets a laugh — and gets the message.

ONSITE HANDS-ON LEARNING: Improvisation creates an experiential, immersive laboratory to learn and practice these critical skills. Our programs expand team capacity for cooperation and build openness to new ideas. From improving active listening to raising confidence in solving business challenges, join with us to create leaders and teams that will flourish in today's work environment.

LICENSED AND CO-CREATED VIDEO: Our video content creates from your world, for your world. The perfect video captures a human truth and connects it to your broader training goals. We find humor in the everyday, build memorable characters, and hit the most relevant themes. Improve employee engagement and training success with us.

CORPORATE AND CONSUMER INSIGHT PROGRAMS: Whether your company wants to brush up on communication skills, consumer understanding, or increase their ability to think on their feet for digital content, Second City Works is here.

The programs we offer are co-created to help your company develop consumer intimacy and create the perfect message. Proper marketing is integral to your company's success.



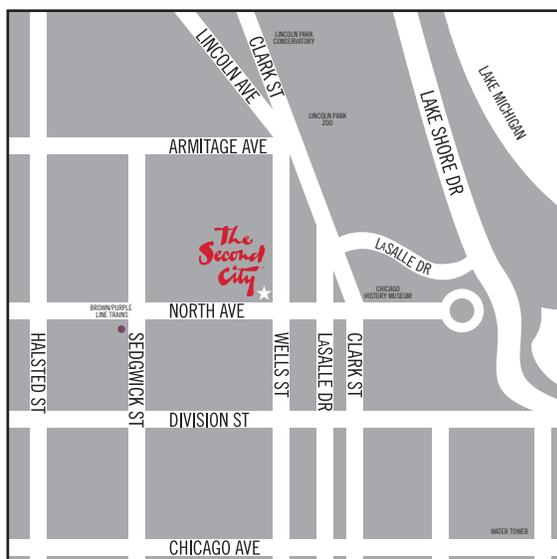
TRANSPORTATION

LOCATION

- The Second City is located on the corner of North Avenue and Wells Street in the historic Old Town Neighborhood.
- The Mainstage Theater entrance is located at 1616 N. Wells Street.
- The e.t.c Theater, UP Comedy Club, Second City Training Center and 1959 Kitchen & Bar are accessible through Pipers Alley at 230 W. North Ave.
- All facilities are wheelchair accessible

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- From 90/94, take the North Ave exit east a few miles to Wells St (200 Block) and make a left on Wells.
- From Lake Shore Drive, take the North Ave/LaSalle exit. Follow LaSalle around until you hit North Ave. Make a right on North, then make a right on Wells.



PARKING

PIPERS ALLEY SELF PARK

- 230 W. North Ave.
(Between North Park Ave & Wells St)
Chicago, IL 60610
312-280-4685
- Hourly Rates:

1st HR	\$12
1HR-2HR	\$15
2HR-3HR	\$21
3HR-4HR	\$23
4HR-12HR	\$27
12HR-24HR	\$35

BUS PARKING

- Unofficial Motorcoach Loading Zone located at **230 W. North Ave**
- Motorcoach On-Street Parking (as available) located on **Elston Ave** – between Potomac Ave and Le Moyne St

CTA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Second City is a short cab ride from downtown and is two blocks east of the Brown/Purple Line Sedgwick stop on the El. There are always plenty of cabs available outside the theater when the shows let out. Convenient CTA bus routes include:

- #156** (North & LaSalle)
- #151** (Stockton & LaSalle)
- #22** (Clark & North)
- #36** (Clark & North)



FAQ

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE TO I NEED TO BOOK BY GROUP TICKETS?

Our shows tend to sell out, so we recommend booking your group tickets at least 2-3 weeks in advance, or even earlier for peak times such as holidays and weekends.

WHEN AND HOW DO I PAY?

We require full payment for all ticket purchases in advance upon receipt of the invoice. We accept Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover, and check payment.

ARE TICKET PURCHASES REFUNDABLE?

We have a flexible refund policy for Group Sales. We can refund you for up to half of the tickets you initially purchase (example: if you hold 20 tickets, we can refund up to 10), as long as we are notified of the cancellations at least five business days prior to the performance date. Single ticket purchases through our Box Office are non-refundable.

HOW WILL I GET MY TICKETS?

Group bookings do not require individual tickets to gain access to the theatre. Your guests should state the group name at the door upon arrival and the theater staff will direct them to the section assigned to the group.

WHEN SHOULD WE ARRIVE AT THE THEATER?

We recommend that groups arrive at least 30 minutes prior to showtime. The theater doors will open an hour to 45 minutes before the performance begins.

WHERE WILL OUR GROUP BE SEATED?

Seats are not pre-assigned, but we'll make sure that your group party is seated all together. Group seating is determined by the theater manager the day of the performance. The theater is set with cabaret style seating, with 4-6 chairs per table. Our theaters are relatively small, so every seat affords a good view of the action on stage.

IS THERE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE?

Yes! In addition to our on-site full-service restaurant, 1959 Kitchen & Bar, we also serve drinks and a limited menu throughout our performance. All food and beverage is subject to tax and gratuity.

IS THERE A DRINK MINIMUM?

No! There is no minimum purchase required by our theater patrons. For large groups of 50 or more guests, we do have a Seating Deposit in lieu of a drink minimum. The amount is \$2.50 per guest, added to the ticket invoice at time of booking. The Seating Deposit is refunded in full for every seat that is filled by the group's guests - if every guest attends, the group will be refunded for the entire Seating Deposit that evening.

CAN YOU INCORPORATE MY GROUP OR VIP GUEST IN THE SHOW?

Second City shows are mostly sketch comedy, or short written scenes. While we are unable to incorporate specific audience members into the show, our actors often ask for audience suggestions. Second City Works, our B2B division, does offer custom content shows featuring scenes written specifically for your organization.

IS THE SECOND CITY SHOW APPROPRIATE FOR MY GROUP?

Most of our shows are considered Rated R for adult language and content. Groups of all kinds (high school to corporate) enjoy our shows, but it's very important to us that guests know what to expect ahead of time. We do have shows that are rated PG-13 and stay away from adult language and politics - ask us for more details about those offerings!



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