

ACCESSIBILITY OF COLDEN AUDITORIUM FOR GRADUATION ATTENDEES

Colden Auditorium at Queens College, Kupferberg Center for the Arts is an accessible space but a detailed knowledge of the logistics at the venue and surrounding areas is essential to experiencing full and unfettered access.

While the official address of the Colden Auditorium is 153-49 Reeves Avenue (at 61st Road), this point of entry is at the base of a long staircase. For patrons in wheelchairs, those who use walkers and those who may have difficulty climbing stairs, there are two options for access:

The first is via the gate located on Reeves Avenue in front of the Aaron Copeland School of Music (and adjacent to the Colden Auditorium), opposite the two nearest parking lots, 15N & 15S. There is a sign just inside the gate that indicates both LeFrak Concert Hall and the Kupferberg Center for the Arts. Once through the gate, enter the ACSM building and proceed to the elevator (straight ahead and to the left). Take the elevator to the 2nd Floor. Turn left and proceed, passing the LeFrak Concert Hall Atrium, out of the building. Continue going

left to access the front entrances of both Colden and then Goldstein.

The second is a gate on Kissena Boulevard located in front of the Goldstein Theater (just before 64th Avenue, opposite the Mobil Station). **Special, advance arrangements must be made to use this access point.**

Once dropped off, enter through this gate, and continue right. The ramp walkway will take you passed the Goldstein Theater and then to the main entrance of the Colden Auditorium.

Seating in the Colden Auditorium:

There are a limited number of wheelchair spaces located in various areas of the orchestra section available.

Adjoining seating is available for other members of your party. No wheelchairs are permitted to be in any of the aisles of the auditorium once the ceremony commences.

In addition, there are several transfer seats available (aisle seats with adjustable armrests to provide easy transfer to and from a wheelchair). In this case, the wheelchair, once transfer has been made, will be checked and kept in the lobby for pick-up at the conclusion of the ceremony. The same goes for walkers,

which also may not remain in the auditorium during the ceremony.

The large orchestra seating area of Colden is designed with aisles that have a distinct slope.

Please note that Mezzanine seating in the Colden Auditorium requires use of stairs.

For special accommodation on graduation day, please plan on arriving at the Colden Auditorium 15 minutes prior to doors opening. At the front glass doors ask for Theatre Manager Jason Lucas. He will direct you into the Colden lobby and a KCA usher will seat you and your party in the auditorium before the doors are open for all other guests. Once doors are opened, it is not possible to guarantee special assistance in seating.