

HOW TO FIND US

UCE Birmingham Conservatoire is situated in the heart of the city centre between New Street and Broad Street. It is next to the Town Hall, Central Library and Art Gallery. Paradise Circus (which contains Paradise Place) is a very large traffic island. The Conservatoire is a modern four-storey building overlooking a pleasant garden area.

ARRIVING BY TRAIN

New Street Station is a maximum of ten minutes walk away from the Conservatoire. From the station concourse go up the escalator. This brings you into the Pallasades shopping centre. At the top of the escalator turn left, following the signs for New Street, turn right down the ramp past Holland and Barratt and Woolworth's. At the bottom of the ramp turn left up New Street until you reach Victoria Square (large fountain in the middle). Go up the steps and bear left between the Art Gallery and Town Hall. This brings you into Chamberlain Square (with another fountain!), to your left and you will see the Conservatoire. Go up the steps then left down the ramp and the Conservatoire entrance is just on the right. To get to the Adrian Boult Hall entrance, instead of turning left down the ramp, carry on and the entrance is on the left.

Snow Hill Station is also only ten minutes walk away from the Conservatoire. When you come out of the station, turn right down Colmore Row until you reach Victoria Square (large fountain in the middle). Turn right between the Art Gallery and Town Hall. This brings you into Chamberlain Square (with another fountain!), to your left and you will see the Conservatoire. Go up the steps then left down the ramp and the Conservatoire entrance is just on the right. To get to the Adrian Boult Hall entrance, instead of turning left down the ramp, carry on and the entrance is on the left.

ARRIVING BY COACH

Digbeth Coach Station is approximately twenty minutes walk away from the Conservatoire. Follow the signs for New Street. Turn left down New Street (Waterstones will be on your right) until you reach Victoria Square (large fountain in the middle). Go up the steps and bear left between the Art Gallery and Town Hall. This brings you into Chamberlain Square (with another fountain!), to your left and you will see the Conservatoire. Go up the steps then left down the ramp and the Conservatoire entrance is just on the right. To get to the Adrian Boult Hall entrance, instead of turning left down the ramp, carry on and the entrance is on the left.

ARRIVING BY ROAD

From the M6 leave at Junction 6 (spaghetti junction). Follow the signs to the city centre, using the Aston Expressway (A38) (watch out for the overhead lane control signs). This will take you over Lancaster Flyover and onto the inner ring road (called the Queensway). Go through the first tunnel then exit left onto Great Charles Street - **Do not enter the second tunnel.** Carry on down Great Charles Street, which brings you onto Paradise Circus. The nearest car parks to the Conservatoire are Brindley Drive, Brunel Street or the Civic Centre/Repertory Theatre.

From the M5 leave at Junction 3. Take the A456 signposted for Birmingham. Follow signs for the city centre - this will eventually bring you onto Paradise Circus. The nearest car parks to the Conservatoire are Brindley Drive, Brunel Street or the Civic Centre/Repertory Theatre.

From the M40 take the M42 north. At junction 7 take the M6 north. Leave at Junction 6 (spaghetti junction). Follow the signs to the city centre, using the Aston Expressway (A38) (watch out for the overhead lane control signs). This will take you over Lancaster Flyover and onto the inner ring road (called the Queensway). Go through the first tunnel then exit left onto Great Charles Street - **Do not enter the second tunnel.** Carry on down Great Charles Street, which brings you onto Paradise Circus. The nearest car parks to the Conservatoire are Brindley Drive, Brunel Street or the Civic Centre/Repertory Theatre.

From the M42 leave at junction 7 to join the M6 north. Leave at Junction 6 (spaghetti junction). Follow the signs to the city centre, using the Aston Expressway (A38) (watch out for the overhead lane control signs). This will take you over Lancaster Flyover and onto the inner ring road (called the Queensway). Go through the first tunnel then exit left onto Great Charles Street - **Do not enter the second tunnel.** Carry on down Great Charles Street, which brings you onto Paradise Circus. The nearest car parks to the Conservatoire are Brindley Drive, Brunel Street or the Civic Centre/Repertory Theatre.

UNLOADING EQUIPMENT

When you reach Paradise Circus turn right as though going to the Copthorne Hotel, drive past the hotel entrance and turn right. At the bottom of the ramp bear right. Drive underneath the buildings until you see a skip straight in front of you, the Conservatoire loading bay is just to the left of the skip. There is unfortunately no parking space available beneath the Conservatoire – large vehicles may be parked at the National Indoor Arena car park.

If you have any problems finding the Conservatoire loading bay please contact our Security Desk - 0121 331 5920.

DIRECTONS FROM PUBLIC CAR PARKS

BRINDLEY DRIVE

<u>From the Brindley Drive</u> exit, turn left. Cross over Cambridge Street and proceed up the left-hand side of the civic centre. Turn left in front of the Civic Centre and cross over the bridge and through the revolving doors into Paradise Forum. Turn right by Raphaels café-bar and exit the centre. Turn right and the entrance to the Adrian Boult Hall is just on the left. The main Conservatoire entrance is down the ramp on the right.

<u>From the Summer Row</u> exit, turn right. Cross over Cambridge Street and proceed up the right-hand side of the civic centre. Turn left in front of the Civic Centre and cross over the bridge and through the revolving doors into Paradise Forum. Turn right by Raphaels café-bar and exit the centre. Turn right and the entrance to the Adrian Boult Hall is just on the left. The main Conservatoire entrance is down the ramp on the right.

BRUNEL STREET

Exit the car park and turn left up Brunel Street. Turn right up Suffolk Street Queensway (two-lane ring road). At the top of the road (by 'Snobs' nightclub) go down the steps and turn left under the underpass. At the top of the steps carry straight on and up a second set of steps. The main Conservatoire entrance is at the top of these steps on the left. The entrance to the Adrian Boult Hall is up the ramp on the left.

CIVIC CENTRE/REPERTORY THEATRE

Exit the car park into Centenary Square. Turn left in front of the Civic Centre and cross over the bridge and through the revolving doors into Paradise Forum. Turn right by Raphaels café-bar and exit the centre. Turn right and the entrance to the Adrian Boult Hall is just on the left. The main Conservatoire entrance is down the ramp on the right.

DISABLED PARKING

There are a limited number of disabled parking spaces available outside the Conservatoire. Access to these is via Margaret Street. The control box on Margaret Street is manned 10am - 6pm daily, after this time access is gained via CCTV and intercom links. From the control box, drive in front of the central library, then round the outside of Paradise Forum. Carry on past the ramp on the left, which leads down to the main Conservatoire entrance. The disabled parking spaces are beyond the ramp, and directly outside the entrance to the Adrian Boult Hall. The spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Display of a blue badge is essential.