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SMALL WORLD CENTRE

EVENT RENTAL GUIDE



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SMALL WORLD MUSIC

Founded in 1997, Small World Music is a leading cultural organization dedicated to promoting global music and cross-cultural artistic exchange in Canada.

Through festivals, concerts, artist development initiatives, and community programs, Small World Music has supported hundreds of artists from around the world and played an important role in strengthening Toronto's diverse cultural landscape.

The Small World Centre, opened in 2014, was created as a permanent home for these activities — a place where artists, audiences, and communities can gather to create and share music and culture.



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The Sound of Home (video) commemorates a decade's journey of creating space for culturally diverse music and building community for the underrepresented artists in the city.

Small World Centre Celebrates 10 Years in 2024
Artist: Kazdoura

SMALL WORLD CENTRE

Located in the heart of Toronto, the Small World Centre is an intimate cultural venue designed for live performance, community gatherings, and creative productions. The Centre serves as a vibrant hub where music, arts, film, and cultural dialogue come together.

Operated by Small World Music, the Centre reflects the organization's mission to celebrate global music traditions and create spaces where artists and audiences can connect through meaningful cultural experiences.

With its welcoming atmosphere and professional technical capabilities, the Small World Centre has hosted concerts, theatre productions, film screenings, cultural festivals, workshops, and community events from artists and organizations across Toronto and beyond.

Venue Features

- Capacity: 70–100 guests
- 12 × 18 ft hardwood stage with stage extension
- Professional lighting system and stage drapery
- High-quality sound system
- 16 × 9 ft projection screen with 5,000-lumen projector
- Flexible seating and retractable tiered seating
- Accessible venue with lobby and reception space





MUSIC

Luis Anselmi performing live at Small World Centre



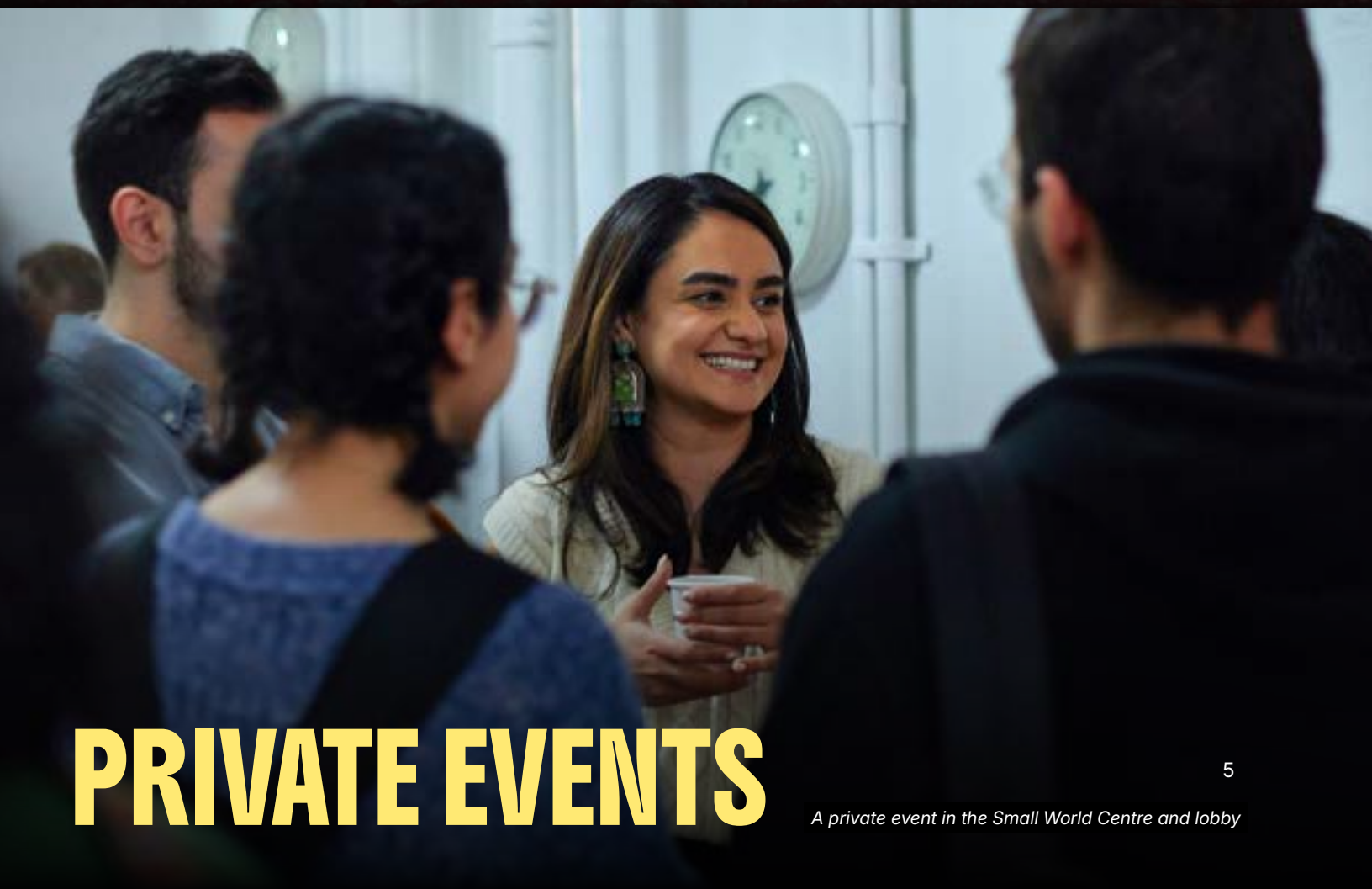
ARTS & PERFORMANCE

Arts performing live at Small World Centre



FILM & MEDIA

And Still I Sing Film Screening at Small World Centre



PRIVATE EVENTS

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A private event in the Small World Centre and lobby

MUSIC

Explore our diverse soundscapes, featuring global ensembles, intimate album launches, and high-energy indie showcases.

- Live show performances & artist showcases
- Album & project launches
- Artist residencies, rehearsals, and recordings
- Curatorial series and festivals
- Industry workshops & networking gatherings



AaleemRM performing



NPT Band performing



MINT performing



Running Rivers performing



Lady Ruby performing



Empire Thief performing

ARTS & PERFORMANCE

Explore a range of multidisciplinary arts—from experimental theatre, poetry slams, to movement workshops and dramatic residences.

- theatre productions
- comedy shows
- storytelling performances
- Book launches and reading
- interdisciplinary arts events



A Glimpse of the Beloved: The Rose Garden



FILM & MEDIA

Explore our versatile, fully equipped studio as a premier filming location, providing a controlled environment for television productions, music videos, and commercial media projects.

- Independent film premieres
- Documentary screenings
- Filmmaker Q&A sessions
- Media and recording projects
- Film Productions



PRIVATE EVENTS

Discover our versatile, professional event space ideal for impactful product launches, strategic meetings, and interactive workshops in a creative environment.

- Product launches
- Company meetings
- Conferences and panel discussions
- Workshops and training sessions
- Community gatherings and celebrations



GALLERY



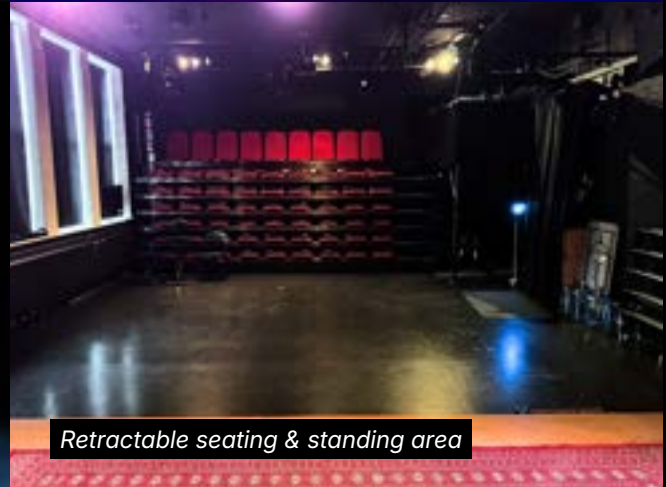
Overview from seating to stage



Tiered seating area



Performance stage



Retractable seating & standing area

PAST PERFORMANCES



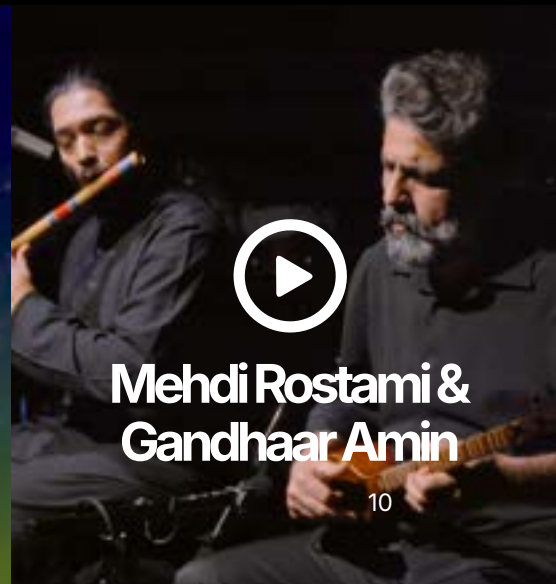
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Gandhaar Amin

RENTAL PACKAGES

The Small World Centre offers flexible rental options designed to support performances, presentations, and creative productions. Our packages provide access to the venue's professional stage, sound, and technical infrastructure in an intimate setting.

Tier	Includes	Best suited for
Half-Day Rental (Ideal for rehearsals, presentations, meetings, or small productions.)	• Minimum 3 hours of venue access • Use of the stage and performance space • Basic lighting and sound system • Seating configuration for your event • On-site venue support staff • Setup and teardown time within the rental window	• Rehearsals • Workshops • Meetings & presentations • Small performances • Media recording sessions
Full Day Rental (Designed for full performances, screenings, or private events requiring extended access.)	• Full day of venue access • Full use of stage, seating, and performance area • Professional sound and lighting system • Projection system and screen • On-site venue technical support • Basic event setup and seating configuration	• Concerts & performances • Film screenings • Conferences & panel discussions • Product launches • Private events
Multi-Day Rental (Ideal for productions requiring multiple days of setup, rehearsal, and performance.)	• Two or more consecutive rental days • Full access to venue, stage, and equipment • Flexible scheduling for rehearsals and performances • Technical support for production setup • Storage for equipment and production materials between days	• Theatre productions • Film or media production • Festivals & event series • Multi-day conferences or workshops • Artist residencies and recording projects

Please inquire for a quote for room use. For all equipment and venue rental inquiries, please contact us for a quote: venue@smallworldmusic.com

AMENITIES

Discover features that enhance your creative project,
from top technical specs to essential comforts



Wifi



Natural Light



Lighting



Electricity



Projector



Air Conditioning



Heating



Speakers



Wheelchair Accessible



Security System



Fitness Friendly



Tables



Retractable Tiered Seating



Catering Allowed



Outside the venue (lobby)



Merchandise and display



Floor seating configuration



16ft x 9ft projection screen

AV CAPABILITIES

[Click here for full equipment specifications](#)

The **Small World Centre** features a high-quality listening room equipped with professional-grade technology. Our space includes a complete lighting system, large-scale projection, and state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment to support everything from intimate acoustic performances to full high-definition livestream productions.

PROJECTION

- Cinema-quality **5100-lumen laser projector**
- **16' x 9' projection screen**

VIDEO

- Wide selection of **4K and 6K full-frame industry-standard DSLR cameras**
- Comprehensive **lens collection ranging from 16 mm to 600 mm**
- Multiple **GoPro and DJI action cameras**
- Complete accessory package including **tripods, gimbals, sliders, video lighting, batteries, and media cards**
- **Full HD multi-camera livestreaming service** (up to 4 cameras)
- **Off-site video editing services available**

AUDIO

- **State-of-the-art Meyer Sound PA system** with **Midas Pro mixing console**
- Over **50 microphones**, ranging from standard live microphones to **high-end studio microphones**
- **24-channel high-resolution multitrack recording** with studio-grade preamps
- Full monitoring system including **stage monitor wedges** and **wired or wireless in-ear monitoring**
- Complete **backline package** including professional drums, digital piano, and a wide selection of guitar and bass amplifiers
- Full range of accessories, including **mic stands, music stands, cables, DI boxes, and adapters**
- **Off-site audio mixing and mastering services available**

LIGHTING

- **MagicQ MQ50 lighting console** supporting over **2000 DMX addresses**

Complete lighting rig including:

- Traditional **tungsten Source Four fixtures**
- **LED moving heads and PAR cans**
- Professional theatre and concert lighting
- **Aputure and IKAN video lighting systems**
- Additional effects, including **disco ball and laser lighting**, for dance and party events

STAGE

- **12' (D) x 18' (W) x 1' (H) solid hardwood performance stage**
- **4' x 4' x 1' riser extension**

POWER

Clean, show-grade power distribution, including:

- **8 x 15-amp circuits**
- **4 x 20-amp circuits**
- Independent breaker control

ADD ONS

Additional services are available to support your event

RECORDING & EDITING

- Multi-track audio recording
- Post-production editing services

VIDEOGRAPHY

- Multi-camera video recording for performances and presentations.

LIVE STREAMING

- Multi-camera livestream capabilities

STAFFING

- Box office check-in staff
- Marketing services (website, social media, newsletter)
- Bartenders
- Securities



Box office check-in staff



Professional bartender service



Professional video recording



Catering setup

FAQS

Is Small World Centre accessible?

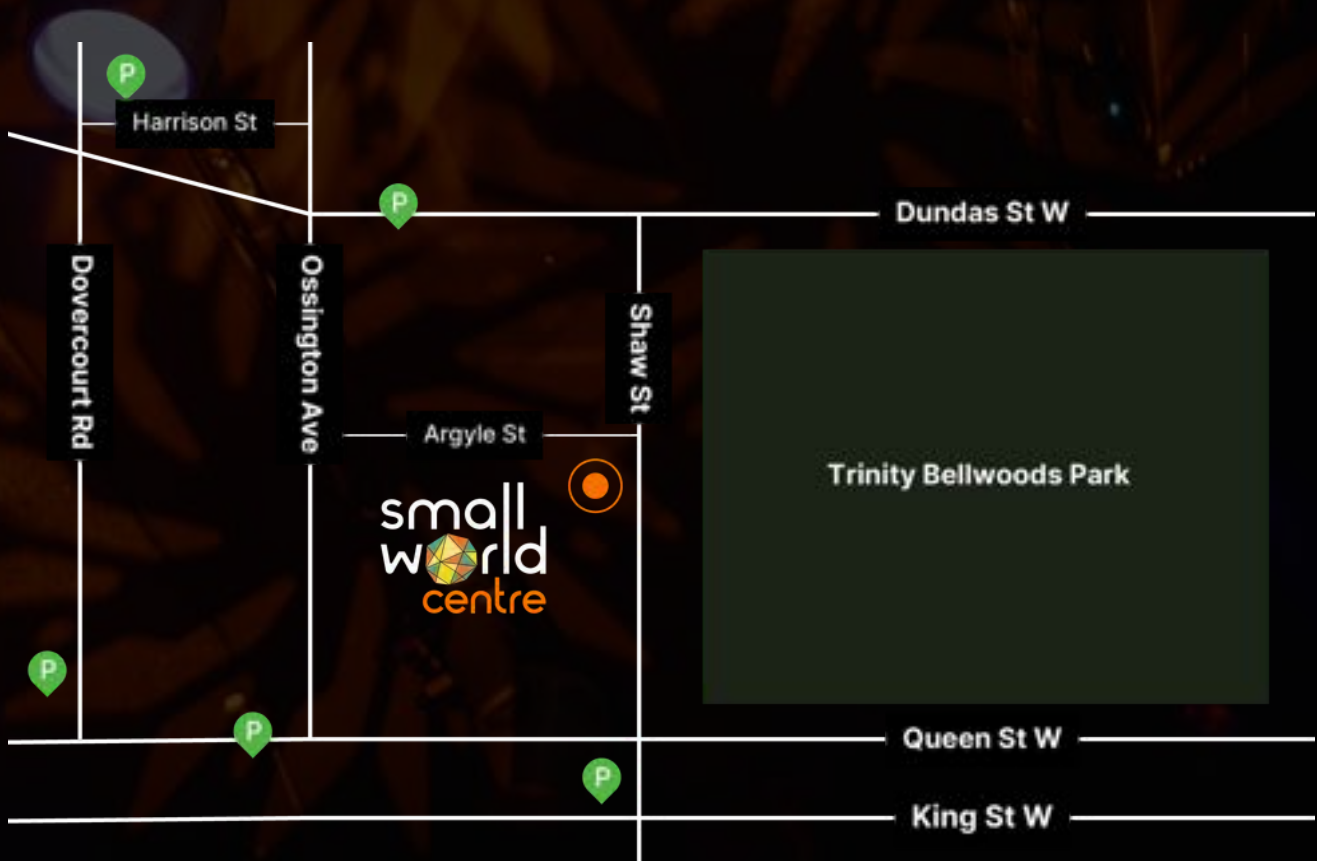
The Small World Centre is an accessible community hub. Our facility features an accessibility ramp to ensure the stage and performance area are available to all artists and guests.

How do I get to Small World Centre via transit?

Located at 180 Shaw Street (studio 101) within the Youngplace facility, we are a short walk from Queen West. The venue is easily accessible via the 501 Queen streetcar, the 505 Dundas streetcar, or the 63 Ossington bus.

Is parking available nearby?

Street parking is available on Shaw Street and nearby residential roads, and parking lots are within walking distance.



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Front Cover: Zamira Lacosta performing live at Small World Centre



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