

Dear Guests of KCACTF Region VII Festival,

We are so excited to have our festival in Eugene this year- it's almost here!

Eugene, OR is a city of about 170k, nestled between 2 buttes with the Willamette River running through it. It is in the heart of the Willamette Valley, with a fairly wet climate, especially in winter. Known as a "hippie haven", the city's personality is a blend of naturalists, retirees, political activists and outdoor enthusiasts. There are loads of running and biking trails, nice restaurants, cool neighborhoods and fairly vital downtown nightlife, well attended by the multitudes attending the University of Oregon. Mostly you should know about the weather, so your stay is comfortable: February will bring low 50's to low 40's with a lot of moisture in the air. It is a damp cold, so we recommend layers, a shell for the rain and proper footwear that you can walk and stay dry in, think about some head wear as well. Take a look at a couple websites before your trip to see if there might be something of interest outside our amazing festival. <https://www.eugene-or.gov/>

FESTIVAL REGISTRATION:

Upon arrival, you will want to pick up your festival registration packet as soon as possible. Registration will be open:

- **Sunday, February 17th, 3-9pm in the [Robinson Theatre Foyer](#)**
- **Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm in the [EMU](#), 2nd floor outside the EMU Ballroom.**

LOCATIONS: we have 2 main hubs and 1 annex space for our festival this year.

[University of Oregon Erb Memorial Union, or the EMU \(Student Union\)](#)

- A beautifully renovated student union with eateries, conference spaces, performance spaces and meeting rooms. Most of our festival workshops will be held here. Our larger events (kickoff, some guest performances, awards ceremony, etc.) will be held in the EMU Ballroom as well.

[University of Oregon, Miller Theatre Complex](#)

- This facility houses the Robinson Theatre, Pocket Theatre, Hope Theatre and some additional spaces we will utilize for specialty workshops and break-out sessions.

[Oregon Contemporary Theatre](#)

- Located in downtown Eugene, this venue will play host to New Playwrights Program events and activities.

HOTELS: the hotels on the website were all selected based on proximity to the venues we will be using, so we hope you secured something close by.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS:

- Most of the local hotels offer shuttle service, check with them for times and for arranging pickup.
- Uber/Lyft are also available around town and from the airport.
- There is also a [city bus](#), but plan on some extra time if you choose this mode
- The airport is approximately a 20 minute drive to campus

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

We are a WALKING FESTIVAL. Venues and hotels were selected based upon proximity. The 2 main hubs of the festival are within a short walk of all hotels listed by our website.

- [The Miller Theatre Complex](#) and
- [The Erb Memorial Union](#) (EMU)

If you anticipate the need for ground transport, [Lane Transit District](#) offers some very efficient means of getting around town, or catch an Uber/Lyft.

PARKING:

Most of the hotels will offer parking with your stay. We strongly suggest you do not drive to campus if you can avoid it. The university has over 20,000 students, making parking difficult to find and expensive. Again, if you are not within walking distance, we recommend using [Lane Transit District](#), Lyft or Uber.

MEALS:

Eugene has a really nice selection of cuisine for both lunch and dinner offerings. You may want to travel further afield during your dinner breaks to hit some of the many unique restaurants the city offers. Yelp, Trip Advisor, Google, etc. might be worth your time for a little reconnaissance before you travel to festival.

The EMU also has a multitude of places to eat lunch while at festival. Just off campus in any direction you will find plenty of restaurants, diners, eateries and food stands for dinners or lunches. Keep an eye open for discounts in your registration packets!

SCHEDULE AND MEDIA:

- All of our scheduling is done through the application [Sched](#). Here is the [Mobile App](#)
- Once downloaded, go to [KCACTFRegVII2019](#)
- Please join our social media to stay on top of the action and see what festival attendees are up to: Facebook: [Kcactf Region 7](#), Instagram: [kcactf7](#), twitter: [kcactf 7](#)

Thank you for taking time to look this information over. We look forward to seeing you soon and please let us know what we can do to make your festival experience at Region VII exceptional.

Patrick Disney, Chair KCACTF Region VII