



Ruth's Table Access and Inclusive Programs

Central to RT's mission is our commitment to ensure access to our programs, exhibitions, and resources to the widest possible audience, and broaden our reach to communities and organizations who lack equitable access to supportive creative opportunities.

We offer a number of on-site, virtual, and phone-based opportunities to support the diverse needs and abilities of our participants and assure inclusive and engaging creative experiences. Below is a list of programs available. If you have questions, please contact us.

Exhibition Access Features

Our goal is to make the exhibition experiences as accessible as possible for our in-gallery and online participants.

Access for Visitors Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision

Audio descriptions of each artwork and audio label text are available through QR codes displayed on the wall labels.

Devices pre-loaded with the audio tours are available for use during gallery visits.

Braille / Tactile and Large Font Materials

A comprehensive Braille exhibition guide, Braille and large print wall labels, and large print materials are available for blind and visually impaired visitors.

Sign Language Interpretation

All exhibition-related events have American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, live captioning, and a virtual component.

Virtual Exhibitions Access Features

Our virtual exhibitions include such access features as audio descriptions of each artwork, written artwork descriptions, large format text, available in both PDF and Word format for individuals using screen readers.

Detail images are included to highlight specific artwork details or an artist technique and provide for a more interactive and engaging experience for our online visitors.

Mobility

Ruth's Table gallery and adjacent outdoor patio and green space are fully wheelchair accessible by ramp or level ground. Doorways are equipped with automatic openers.

A dedicated loading zone in front of the gallery offers accessible parking and path to visitors and group visit.

Quiet Space

The outdoor garden provides a low-sensory quiet space for rest and reflection in a public setting. The space is open and accessible for all visitors.

A private quiet room is available for visitors upon request. Please ask RT team for access.

Inclusive Programs

Exhibition Tours for Visitors who are Blind and Have Low Vision

RT offers phone-based highly descriptive guided tours for those who are unable to visit the gallery in person. Hard copy images are mailed to participants in advance. RT educators include verbal descriptions of all visuals.

This program is provided in English and Spanish. Participants can join the program online or by calling in.

Offered in partnership with Well Connected and Well Connected Español, a sister programs of Ruth's Table. Registration required.

Creative Spark Workshop Series – Visitors who are Blind and Have Low Vision

Creative Spark is a series of highly descriptive monthly art workshops designed to inspire artists at all stages of their lives to create, connect, and share stories and perspectives on life, through art. Projects are based on Creative Spark curriculum designed in partnership with Ruth's Table.

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Self-Guided Access Tours

Visitors can self-guide and benefit from the availability of large print labels, the use of audio tours, multi-language written materials, and seating in the gallery.

Group Gallery Tours

Docent tours for groups of visitors who are blind or have low-vision a, who are Deaf, communicate via American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, or are monolingual in a language other than English, and other accommodations are offered upon request and availability. We will make our best to locate an appropriate docent with advanced notice based on availability. At least two weeks' notice is required.

Dementia-Friendly Art Program

This monthly in-gallery program is designed to benefit individuals living with dementia and their care partners. In this interactive in-gallery program, RT

teaching artists facilitate discussions and lead hands-on art activities that incorporate a multi-sensory component, such as art-making, storytelling, poetry, or movement.

No prior art experience required. Refreshments and art materials are provided.

****Temporarily postponed, updated info to be available soon.*

Gallery Takeover

Gallery Takeover is an annual exhibition program that displays the work created by our older adult participants at RT and partner communities. This program aims to provide an inclusive platform for conversation, afford agency and representation to diverse voices of our communities, and challenge assumptions about age and disability.

Partner Programs

RT works closely with our partner Creative Spark to help design resources and programs that foster creative experiences offsite for partner communities, with a particular emphasis on those that lack supportive creative opportunities or are looking to expand and adapt their existing engagement programs to better serve their participants.

Program offerings art workshop series, creative care kits, language-specific engagement tools, parallel programming, and teacher exchange, rooted in the curriculum designed by Ruth's Table educators.

We actively work with teaching artists to make sure our curriculum includes adaptations for the diverse needs of our communities, including dementia-friendly adaptations, suggestions for infusing creative assignments into care relationships or group settings, etc.