



# Sensory Guide™

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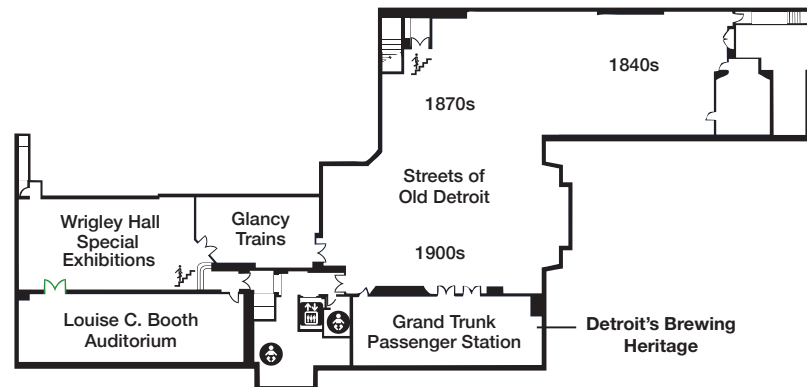


Accessibility is a central tenet of the Detroit Historical Society's core values. As it works to ensure that the Detroit Historical Museum's exhibitions and programming are accessible to the broadest range of constituents possible, including individuals with disabilities, the Society has become a Certified Autism Center to better serve its neuro-diverse visitors. The Society has refined exhibition spaces and posted sensory guides to alert visitors to the level of stimulation present in each gallery. Sensory bags are available at the registration desks and family events regularly offer special hours for individuals who would benefit from a less stimulating museum experience.

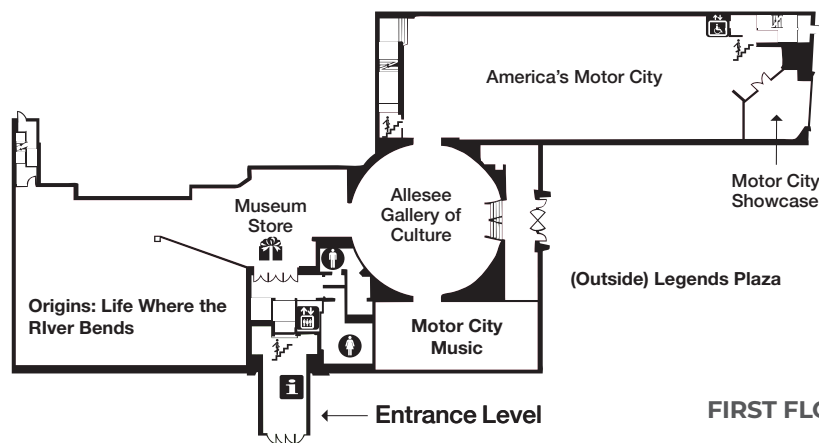
The Detroit Historical Society worked with IBCCES to achieve its certification. For more than 20 years, IBCCES has been the industry leader in cognitive disorder training and certification for education, healthcare, corporate and travel & entertainment professionals around the globe. IBCCES provides evidence-based training and certification programs created in conjunction with its board of clinical and subject matter experts and autistic individuals to provide professionals with a better understanding of autism and other neurodivergencies.

This is a gallery-by-gallery guide to the sensory experiences in this museum.

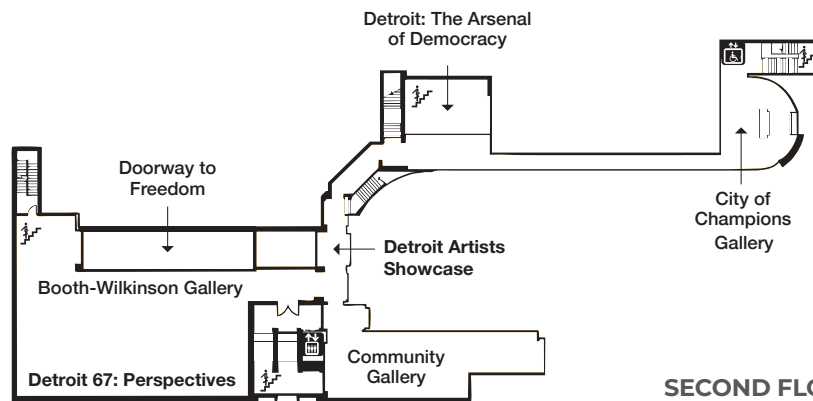
**MUSEUM MAP**



**LOWER LEVEL**



**FIRST FLOOR**








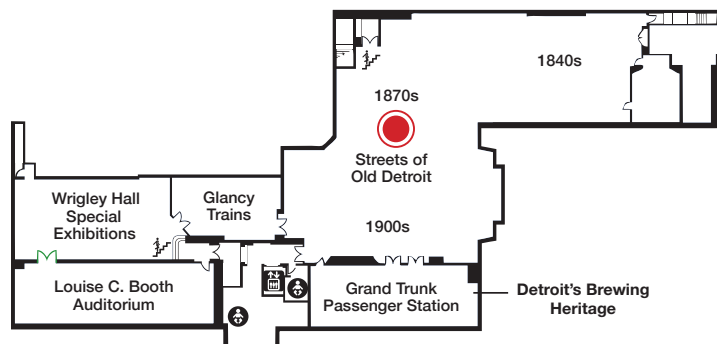
**SECOND FLOOR**

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Streets of Old Detroit		Detroit, MI		ISD#9360	
<p><b>TOUCH</b></p>  <p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>TASTE</b></p>  <p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>SOUND</b></p>  <p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>SIGHT</b></p>  <p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>SMELL</b></p>  <p><b>1</b></p>	<p>© 2023 IBCCES ALL RIGHTS RESERVED</p>
<p><b>PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors should focus on their balance when walking on the cobblestones</li> <li>• Few opportunities for tactile engagement in this area</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can overhear the Glancy trains if other guests are interacting with them</li> <li>• Potential for volume to rise as more guests move throughout this narrow area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darker area with overhead spotlights scattered throughout the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact on this sense</li> </ul> <p>© 2023 IBCCES ALL RIGHTS RESERVED</p>



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Detroit Historical Museum  
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Grand Truck Passenger Station Detroit, MI ISD#9361

TOUCH



1

TASTE



1

SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Guests can sit at tables or explore the area

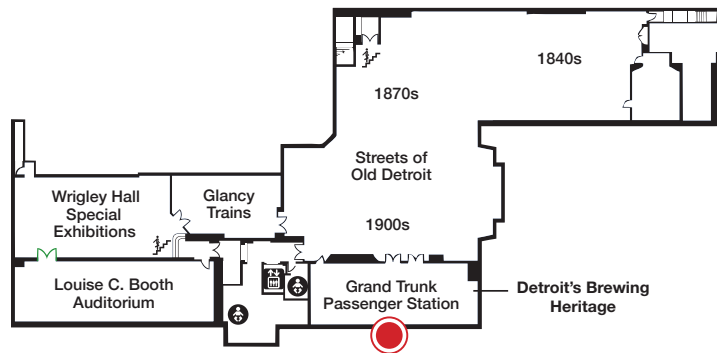
- Low impact on this sense

- TV continually plays in this area
- Some background noise from surrounding areas

- Indoor/overhead lighting
- Some digital screens in this area

- Low impact on this sense

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● Glancy Trains      Detroit, MI      ISD#9359

TOUCH



3

TASTE



1

SOUND



6

SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors can press different buttons to direct the trains throughout the exhibit

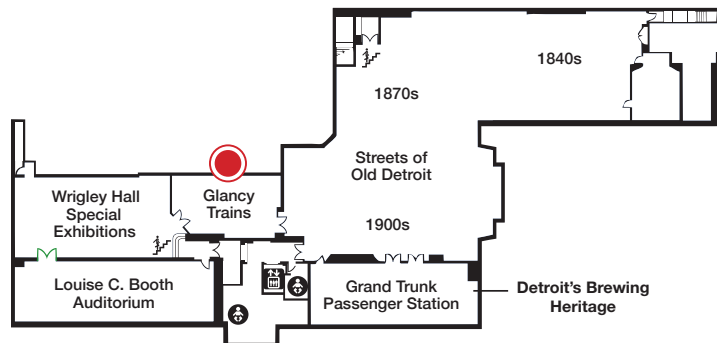
- Low impact on this sense

- Sound of trains can be loud for some guests
- Potential for volume to rise as more guests move throughout this narrow area
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors

- Indoor/overhead lighting
- Trains are moving in different directions throughout the exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

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● Wrigley Hall Special Exhibitions      Detroit, MI      ISD#9358

TOUCH



2

TASTE



1

SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Opportunity for some tactile engagement with parts of the exhibit

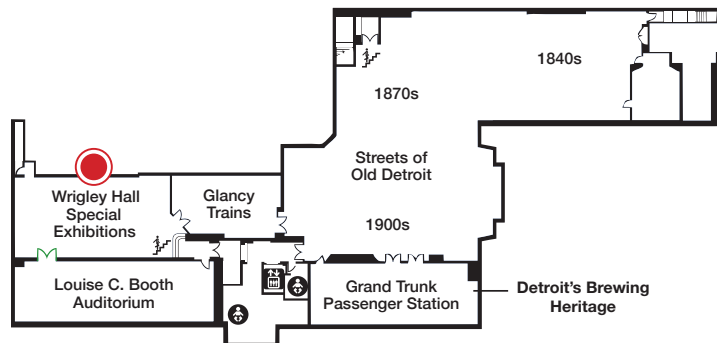
- Low impact on this sense

- Visitors can hear the Glancy trains from this area
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors

- Indoor/overhead lighting
- Some digital screens in this area

- Low impact on this sense

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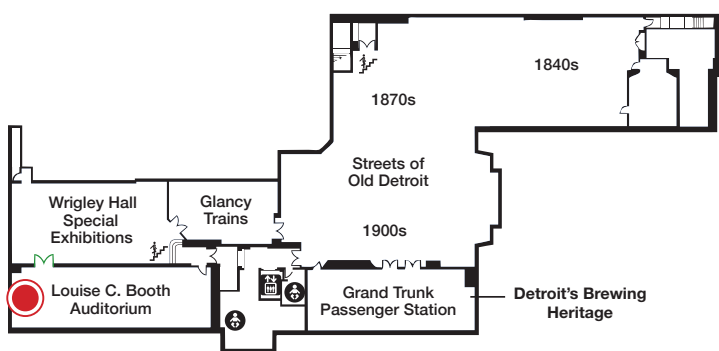
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Louise C. Booth Auditorium					Detroit, MI					ISD#9357				
TOUCH		TASTE		SOUND		SIGHT		SMELL						
1		1		4		2		1						
<b>PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors can sit and listen to speakers/ performances</li> <li>• Few opportunities for tactile engagement</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers use microphones during presentations</li> <li>• Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor/overhead lighting</li> <li>• Additional lighting on the stage</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>						
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Origins: Life Where the River Bends      Detroit, MI      ISD#9365

TOUCH	TASTE	SOUND	SIGHT	SMELL
				
2	1	6	3	1

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**PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES**

- Opportunity for tactile engagement with parts of the exhibit

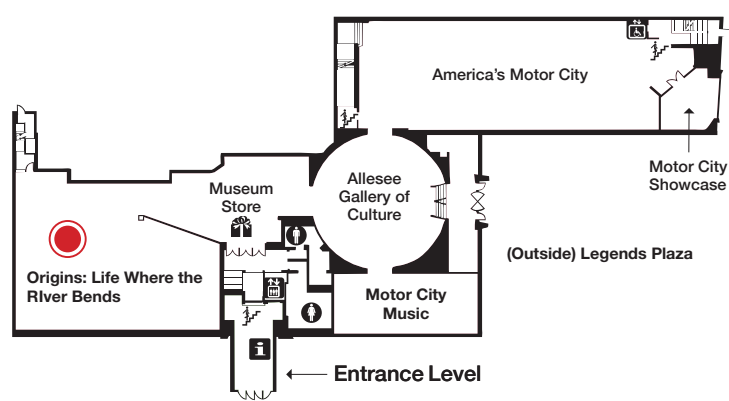
- Low impact on this sense

- Multiple videos can play at the same time causing sounds to bleed together
- Potential for volume to rise as more guests move throughout exhibit

- Indoor/overhead lighting
- Some digital screens in this area

- Low impact on this sense

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● Allesee Gallery of Culture Detroit, MI ISD#9363

TOUCH



1

TASTE



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SOUND



5

SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Guests can walk around and explore the area

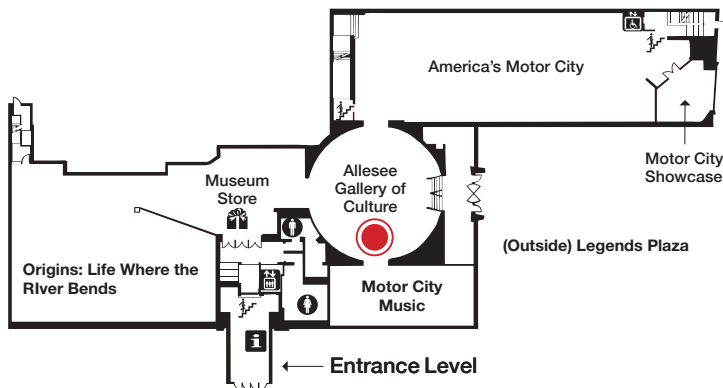
- Low impact on this sense

- Multiple videos can play at the same time if other guests are present

- Indoor/overhead lighting
- Some natural lighting from windows
- Some digital screens in this area

- Low impact on this sense

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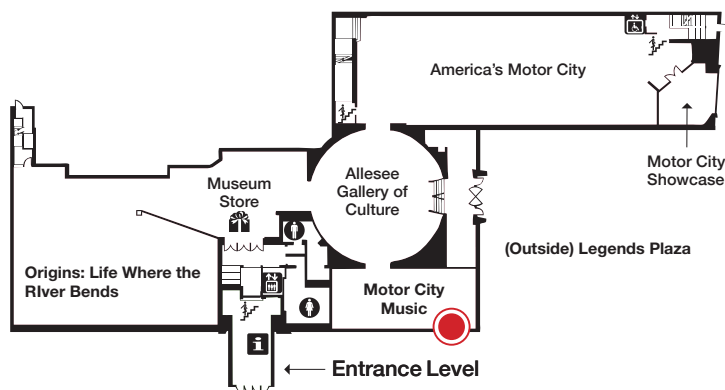


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Motor City Music		Detroit, MI		ISD#9364	
<b>TOUCH</b>	<b>TASTE</b>	<b>SOUND</b>	<b>SIGHT</b>	<b>SMELL</b>	
					
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guests can mix their own music with the mixing board</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music is playing throughout this exhibit</li> <li>• Mixing board makes loud or soft music based on guest interaction</li> <li>• Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor/overhead lighting</li> <li>• Additional spotlights throughout exhibit</li> <li>• Bright colors with contrasting black walls</li> </ul>	

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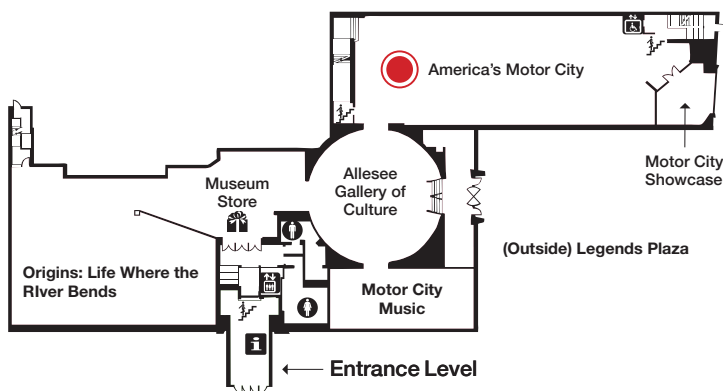
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	America's Motor City	Detroit, MI	ISD#9362		
	TOUCH	TASTE	SOUND	SIGHT	SMELL
	2	1	3	3	1
PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors can climb in an antique car</li> <li>• Opportunity for some tactile engagement with parts of the exhibit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some additional sound from exhibit</li> <li>• Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor/overhead lighting</li> <li>• Some neon lights</li> <li>• Additional lighting for parts of the exhibit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>
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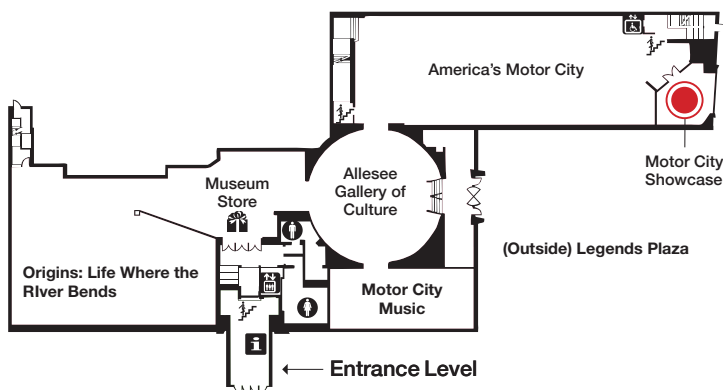
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Motor City Showcase		Detroit, MI		ISD#9372	
TOUCH	TASTE	SOUND	SIGHT	SMELL	
1	1	2	3	1	
<p><b>PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few opportunities for tactile engagement</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some sounds from nearby exhibits</li> <li>Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural light from the large windows</li> <li>Indoor/overhead lighting with additional spotlights</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>	
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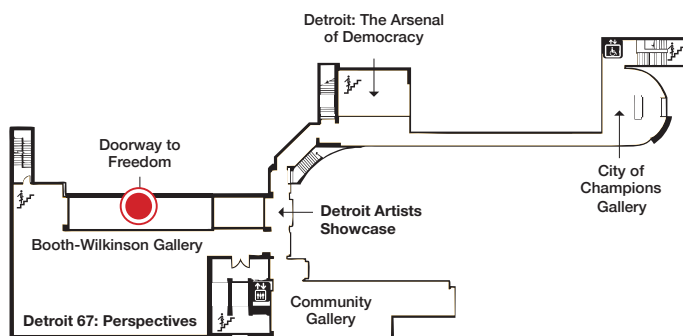
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● Doorway to Freedom		Detroit, MI		ISD#9366	
<b>TOUCH</b>	<b>TASTE</b>	<b>SOUND</b>	<b>SIGHT</b>	<b>SMELL</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few opportunities for tactile engagement</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exhibit is an audio tour</li> <li>Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors</li> <li>Sound can be turned off if requested</li> </ul>	
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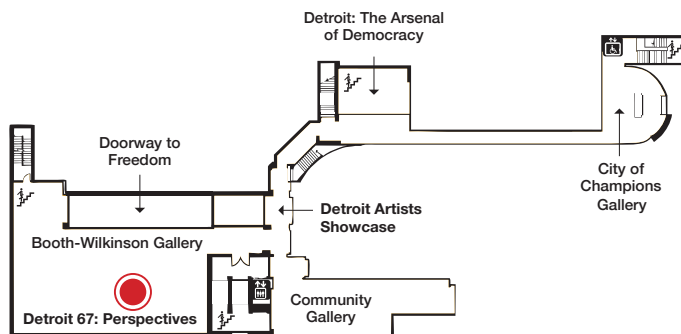


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● Detroit 67: Perspectives		Detroit, MI		ISD#9367	
<b>TOUCH</b>	<b>TASTE</b>	<b>SOUND</b>	<b>SIGHT</b>	<b>SMELL</b>	
					
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity for some tactile engagement with parts of the exhibit</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple videos throughout the exhibit</li> <li>• Guests can be surprised by a few additional loud sounds (glass breaking, phone ringing, sound of tanks, etc.)</li> </ul>	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple screens in this exhibit</li> <li>• Large digital storefront with moving shadows</li> <li>• Indoor/overhead lighting</li> </ul>	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>	

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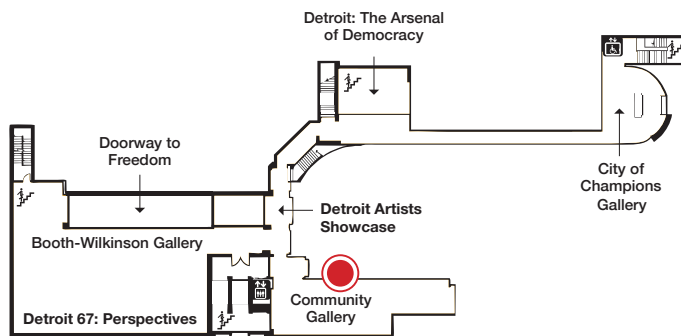


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Community Gallery		Detroit, MI		ISD#9368	
<b>TOUCH</b>	<b>TASTE</b>	<b>SOUND</b>	<b>SIGHT</b>	<b>SMELL</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	
<p><b>PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few opportunities for tactile engagement</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voices and sounds echo in this room</li> <li>Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor/overhead lighting</li> <li>Additional spotlights throughout exhibit</li> <li>Some digital screens in this area</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low impact on this sense</li> </ul>	
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**● Detroit Artists Showcase**

**Detroit, MI**

**ISD#9369**

**TOUCH**



**1**

**TASTE**



**1**

**SOUND**



**2**

**SIGHT**



**2**

**SMELL**



**1**

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**PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES**

- Few opportunities for tactile engagement

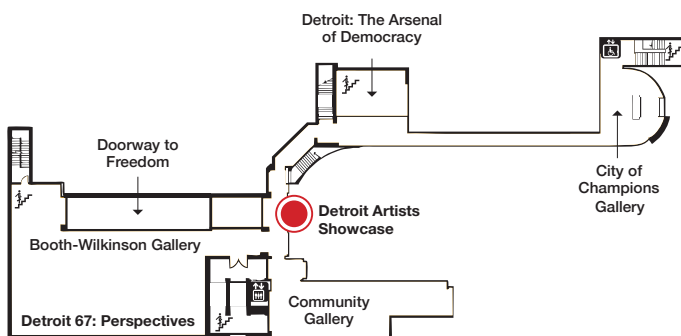
- Low impact on this sense

- Generally a quieter area
- Potential for volume to rise as more guests more throughout this narrow area
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors

- Indoor/overhead lighting
- Some additional spotlights throughout exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

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**●** Detroit: The Arsenal of Democracy Detroit, MI ISD#9371

TOUCH	TASTE	SOUND	SIGHT	SMELL
 <b>3</b>	 <b>1</b>	 <b>3</b>	 <b>3</b>	 <b>1</b>

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**PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES**

- Guest can interact with gears activity
- Guests can press buttons to turn the radio station and interact with digital screens

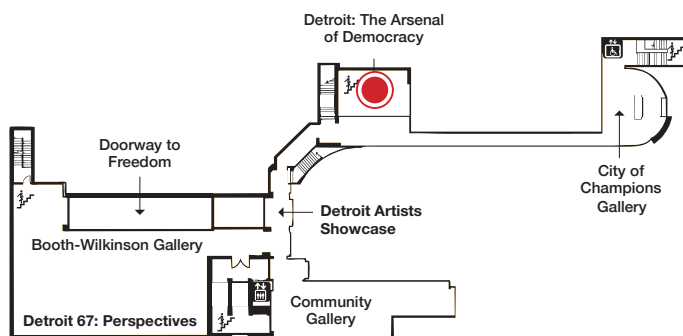
- Low impact on this sense

- Music is playing in the background
- Guests can change the music on the radio
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors

- Indoor/overhead lighting
- Spotlights featuring additional parts of exhibit
- Some digital screens in this area

- Low impact on this sense

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City of Champions Gallery Detroit, MI ISD#9370

TOUCH



3

TASTE



1

SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Opportunity for tactile engagement with parts of the exhibit

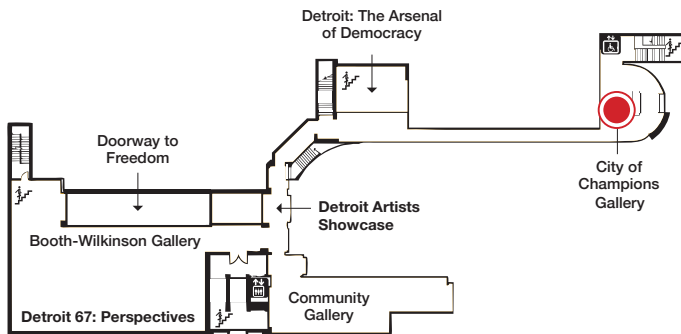
- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for volume to rise as more guests move throughout this narrow area
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors

- Indoor lighting
- Mostly accent lighting throughout exhibit
- Some digital screens in this area

- Low impact on this sense

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# DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Since its founding in 1921, the Detroit Historical Society has been dedicated to ensuring that the history of our region is preserved. Our vision is to be an integral part of Detroit's present and future by providing meaningful experiences that share its past.



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