

Michael Hearst and the Unusual Creatures at the David Rubenstein Atrium



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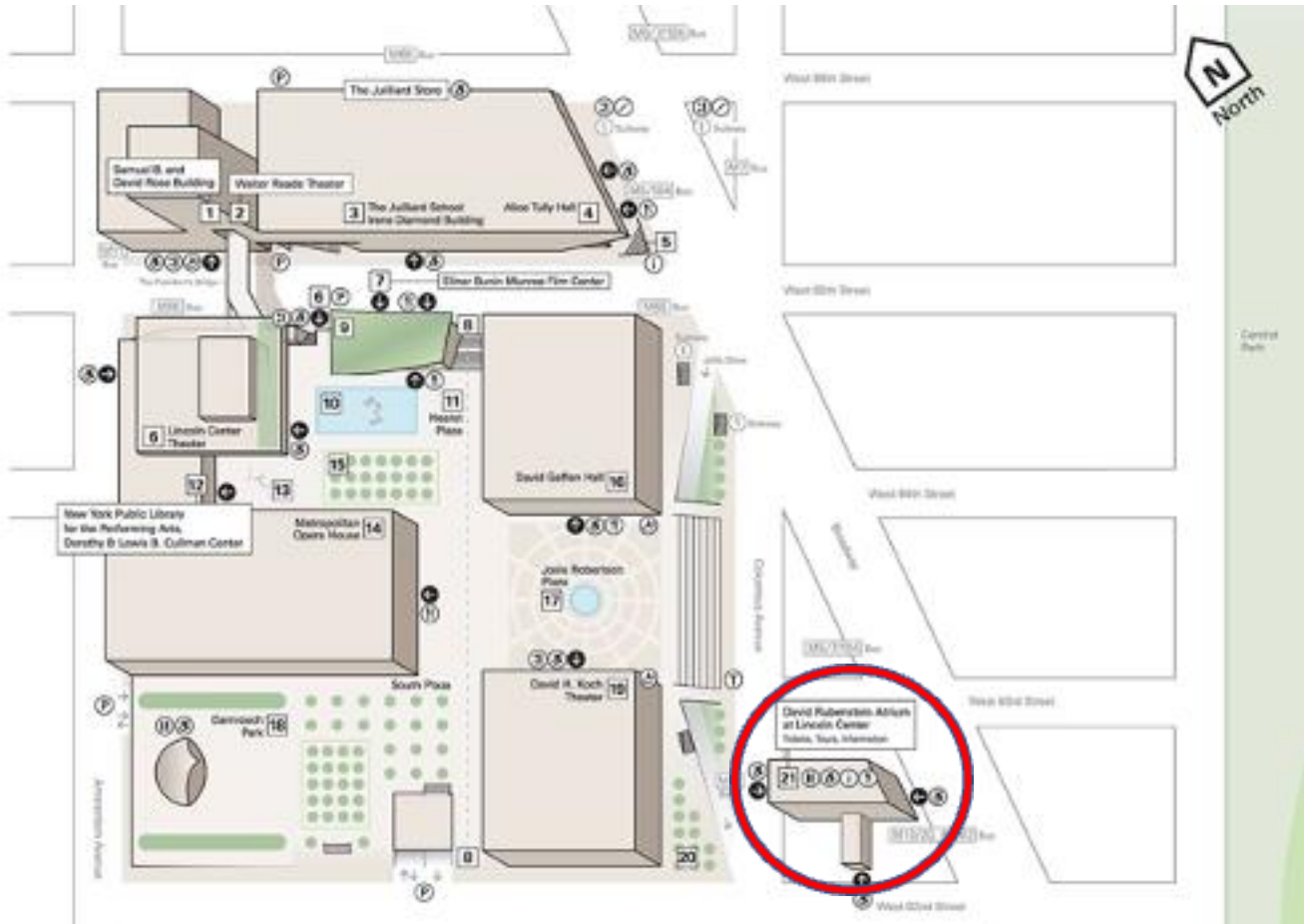
Author and composer Michael Hearst and his band present songs about unusual creatures, extraordinary people, curious constructions, and unconventional vehicles—geared toward curious families, extraordinary children, and their unusual friends.

This performance is general admission with a run time of 1 hour.

It is also part of our **Relaxed Performance** series. Open to all, and especially welcoming for people with autism, sensory and communication disorders or learning disabilities. The artistic integrity of the piece remains unchanged, however modifications to social and sensory environment may be made.

The David Rubenstein Atrium

The David Rubenstein Atrium is located on Broadway between West 62nd and West 63rd Street. The exact address is 61 West 62nd Street, but please note the audience entrance is on Broadway.



The David Rubenstein Atrium (circled in red) is located on the West side of Broadway between West 62nd Street and West 63rd Street. The entrance is accessible and has automatic doors.

Getting to the David Rubenstein Atrium

Travel Options:

The David Rubenstein Atrium is on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, between West 62nd and 63rd Streets and Broadway and Columbus Avenue.

BY SUBWAY: The David Rubenstein Atrium is a short distance from the **A, B, C, D** or **1** trains at 59th Street—Columbus Circle. It is a slightly longer distance from the **1** train at West 66th Street. Both subway stations are accessible via elevator.



BY BUS: The **BXM2, M5, M7, M10, M11, M20, M66, and M104** bus lines all stop within one block of the David Rubenstein Atrium.

Access-A-Ride:

The recommended Access-A-Ride address for drop off closest to the main entrance is **1883 Broadway**, between 62nd and 63rd Streets.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off:

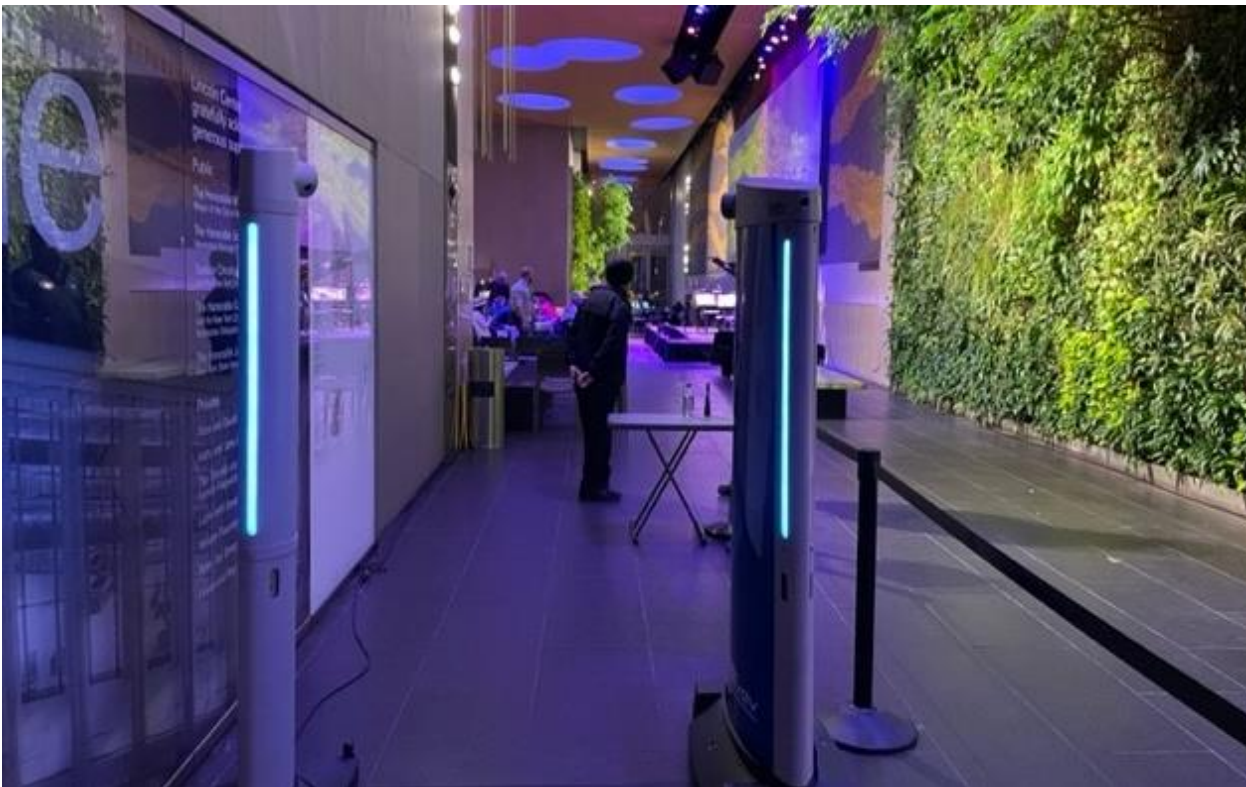
The main entrance for performances at the Atrium is on Broadway, between 62nd and 63rd Streets. This entrance is accessible and has automatic doors.

Audience Entrance and Security Protocol

Tickets are not required for performances at the David Rubenstein Atrium, and admission is free and open to the public, however guests with Fast Track tickets have priority entry up to 10 minutes before the event begins at 11:00am.

Seating and entry are first-come, first-served. If the Atrium reaches capacity, or shortly before showtime, a line may form at the Atrium's entrance on Broadway, between 62nd and 63rd Street.

If you cannot stand in line due to a disability, please contact the Lincoln Center Access Team at access@lincolncenter.org or by calling **212 875 5375**.



Guests will be greeted by Lincoln Center staff and will be directed to enter through a security checkpoint to scan for weapons in a quick and touchless manner.

About The Performance

The show draws from Hearst's highly successful series of books, albums, and his celebrated PBS series. You'll be sure to love his unusually geeky A/V presentation (like a TED talk for kids!) of some of the most bizarre animals that roam the planet, odd and daring characters, and vehicles you never knew existed—using such odd-ball instruments as the theremin, claviola, and stylophone.

There will be a pre-show touch tour, a tactile exploration of performance elements designed for guests who are blind or have low vision. For more information, email access@lincolncenter.org or call **212-875-5375**.

Performance Venue

Armless chairs are arranged in several rows on two sides of the raised stage, with a rug in the center for sitting and dancing. Guests are welcome to sit in any open seat or move and dance in open spaces. All seating is general admission in the main seating area. There may be seats marked “reserved” in some sections.



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Please note that seating is available on a **first-come, first-served** basis. You are also welcome to stand during the performance or to sit further to the sides on large public benches. There is space to move and walk around in the Atrium during the performance.

You are welcome to leave the Atrium during the performance. If the performance is not at capacity, you can re-enter at any time.

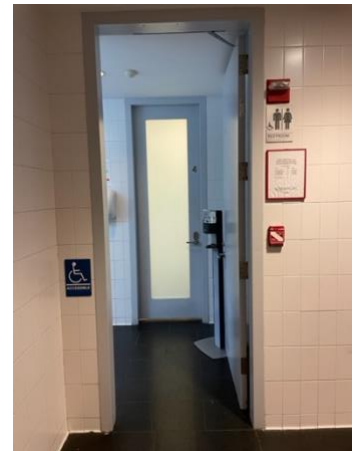
The Independent Café serves food and drinks in the Atrium. During events and performances, guests can purchase beverages at the counter to enjoy.

Restrooms

Accessible, gender-neutral restrooms and changing tables are available inside the Atrium. There is a restroom on the first level behind the desk.



There are additional restrooms on the second floor, accessible by elevator. You can ask a Lincoln Center staff member for directions to this location.



Accommodations

This venue has **accessible routes**, with **designated wheelchair and companion seating**.



FM assistive listening devices with headsets and neck loops are available for all performances. Additionally, guests are welcome to bring their own headphones and standard jack headsets.



Pre-show touch tour, a tactile exploration of performance elements designed for guests who are blind or have low vision.



A chill out space is on the west side of the Atrium, nearest Columbus Avenue. **Noise-reducing headphones, earplugs, fidgets, and other sensory items** are available to borrow.



Access Concierge Service: Access Reps, trained to support guests with disabilities, are available to provide 1:1 support for individual guests and their party. **Must be scheduled in advance.**



If you require any additional accommodations, please contact access@lincolncenter.org or 212 875 5375.

What to Expect at a Relaxed Performance

- Guests are able to enter and leave the audience space throughout the event, as needed
- Guests can vocalize or move throughout audience space
- Fellow audience members are asked to create a no “shushing” zone
- House lights adjusted so that venue is never fully dark
- Attention to bright lights, loud noises, and surprise sensory elements, described in advance
- Chill Out Space for guests to take a break and rejoin performance when ready
- Visual guide, with clear instructions, shared before event
- Noise-reducing headphones and fidgets available to borrow
- Staff members and artists are trained in access and inclusion best practices

For more relaxed performances, visit lincolncenter.org/relaxed

While You Wait
Hearst Plaza is a wonderful area with green space and seating to enjoy the cityscape.



The **Josie Robertson Plaza** features a large fountain and spectacular views of Lincoln Center.



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<https://www.lincolncenter.org/home>