



NATIONAL  
GALLERY  
OF CANADA

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# Sensory Map of the National Gallery of Canada



# Introduction

This map identifies sensory inputs found in common areas of the National Gallery of Canada (NGC).

Quantity, intensity and type of sensory input vary in art display areas and can include dark rooms, bright rooms, natural or artificial light, reflective surfaces, as well as video and sound installations. Low and waist-height stanchions are placed in front of artworks and around work areas.

Review sensory descriptions for current special exhibitions: [gallery.ca/whats-on/exhibitions-and-galleries](https://www.gallery.ca/whats-on/exhibitions-and-galleries).

All NGC spaces tend to be quieter between 2 and 5 pm, while Thursday nights from 5 to 8 pm can be very loud and crowded. Saturdays and Sundays often have more family groups in attendance.

Strollers, wheelchairs, walkers and electric scooters, as well as sensory-support kits, can be borrowed at the Main Entrance, in the Foyer and in the Great Hall.

At 4:45 pm a chime will sound. This will be followed by an announcement that the Gallery will close in 15 minutes. The chime and announcement will be repeated at 5 pm signalling that the Gallery is now closed. On Thursdays, the chime is at 7:45 pm with the closing announcement at 8 pm.

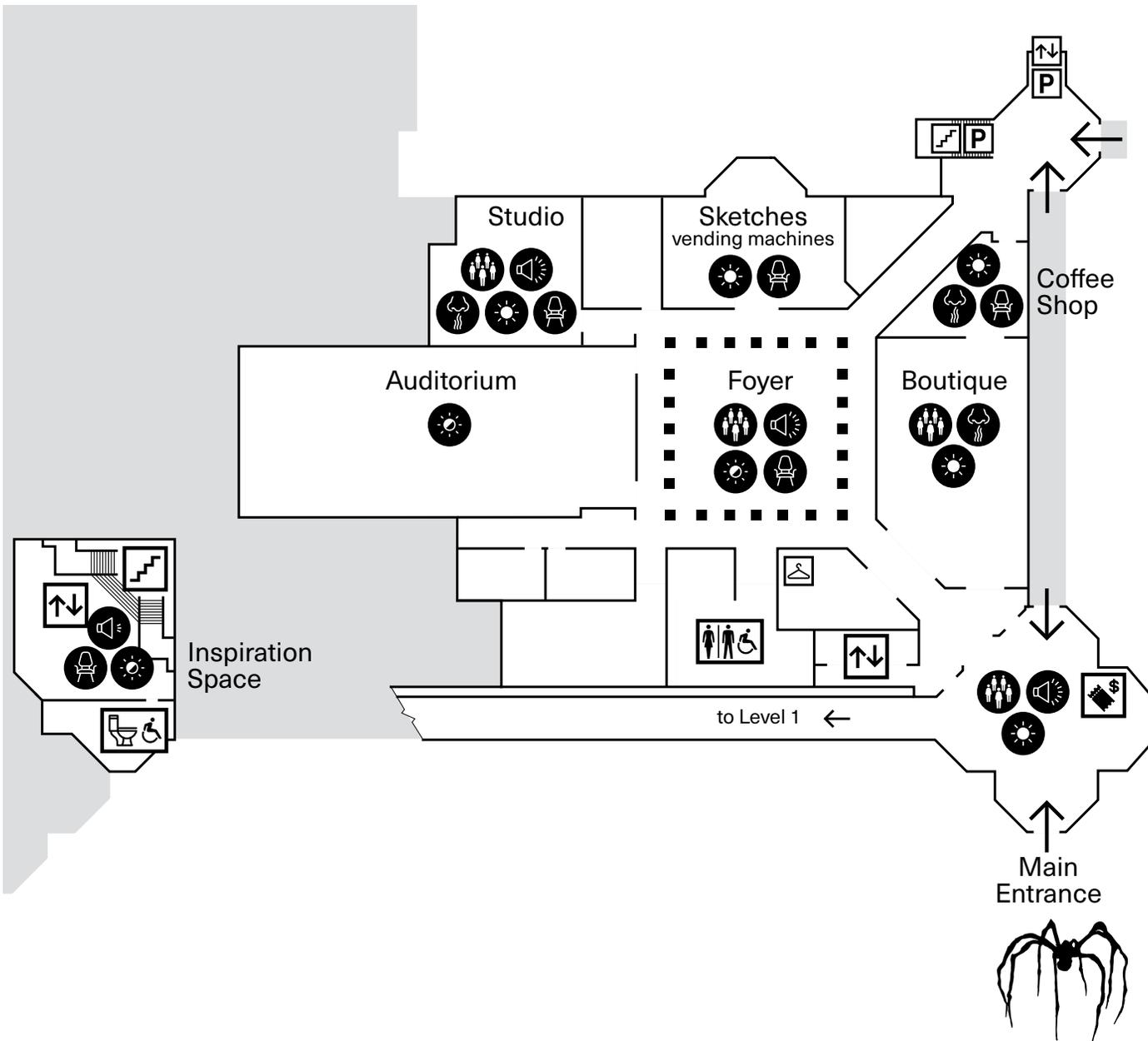
## Sensory Legend

- |  |  |
|--|--|
|  Crowded |  Dark   |
|  Quiet   |  Dim    |
|  Loud    |  Bright |
|  Seating |  Scent  |

## Facility Legend

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|---|---|
|  Parking     |  Cloakroom             |
|  Tickets     |  Washrooms             |
|  Information |  All-Gender Washrooms  |
|  Elevators   |  Wheelchair Accessible |
|  Stairs      |   |

# Ground Level



## Studio

Hands-on activities.

## Coffee Shop

Natural light, large windows with a street view.

## Main Entrance

This space has multiple entry/exit points, the temperature fluctuates. Mobility aids and sensory-support kits can be borrowed here.

## Foyer

Stimulating architectural features include a mirrored floor and a glass ceiling with flowing water. Mobility aids and sensory-support kits can be borrowed here.

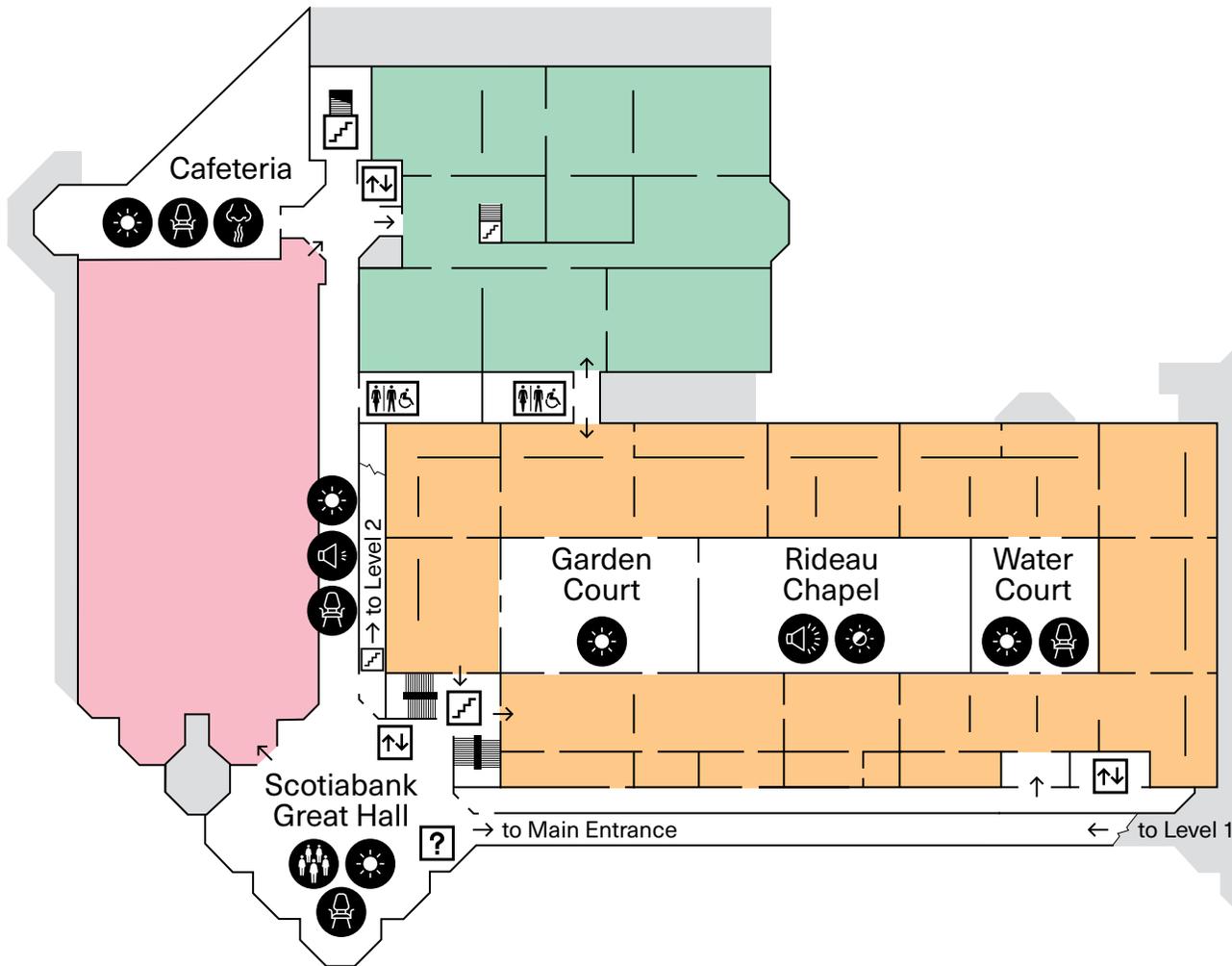
## Auditorium

Accessibility seating is in the upper row, immediately on entering.

## Inspiration Space

Hands-on activities, including soft and hard manipulatives, are available here. There is a breeze on the staircase due to interior air currents.

# Level 01



## Cafeteria

Food is made and eaten here. This space is noticeably louder during mealtimes. Access to seasonal outdoor patio. Natural light levels fluctuate.

## Scotiabank Great Hall

Natural light levels fluctuate. Direct sunlight can be very bright and cause glare. Mobility aids and sensory-support kits can be borrowed here.

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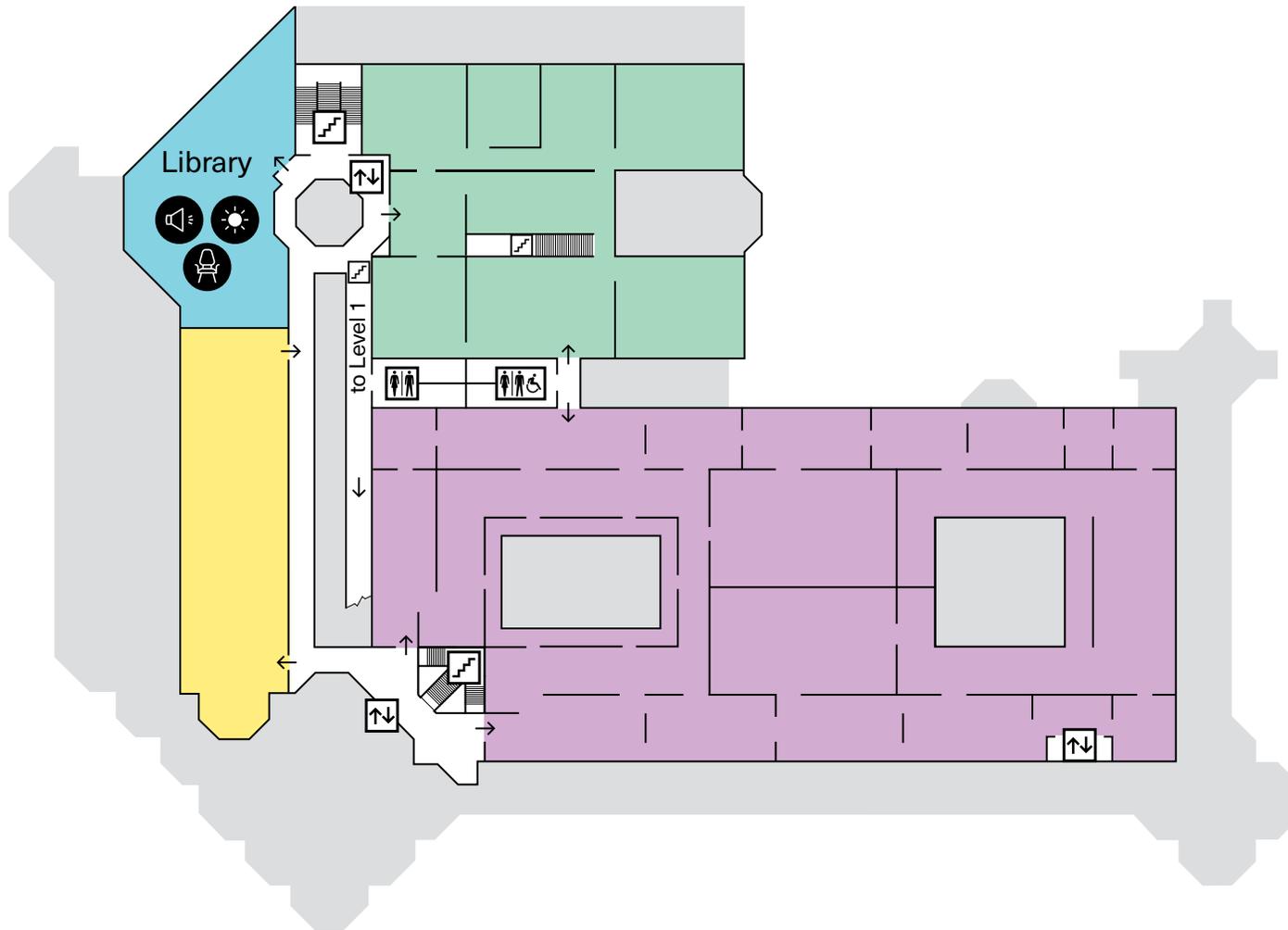
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## The Rideau Street Chapel

In the chapel, there is an art installation featuring a choir. Sound levels vary from a whisper to very loud.

# Level 02



## Library and Archives

This quiet space is open to the public, Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, free of charge.

The Library and Archives exhibition space features archive and book focused exhibitions.

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Everyone is welcome at the National Gallery of Canada.

To learn more about NGC accessibility programs and supports visit [gallery.ca/visit/accessibility](https://www.gallery.ca/visit/accessibility).



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