



# Everything You Need to Know Before the Light Rail Plays 2024

First time on the Light Rail? Never been to a play before? Don't worry, we got you. Below, here's everything you need to know before you head to the Tempe Transit Center this weekend!

## What is the Light Rail Plays?

The Light Rail Plays is a theatre experience for people of all ages! Every year, we present a series of 5-minute plays on the platform at the Tempe Transit Center, bringing live theatre into a public place. We think of the plays as a true public art experience, one that is for the entire community, that you can experience intentionally or accidentally.

After the performances, you can watch the additional film at [lightrailplays.com](https://lightrailplays.com)

## Who is performing?

The plays are created and performed by Rising Youth Theatre artists. You can learn more about Rising Youth Theatre, [our mission and values here](#) Each play is created and performed by a team of youth and adults. We are thrilled to be partnering again with The Harmony Project to have live music as part of the performances.

## **How long Is It?**

At the platform there will be five plays which last approximately 5 minutes each. The total experience, including transitions and film, is approximately an hour.

## **When is it?**

[Friday, March 1 \(6:00 and 7:30pm\)](#)

[Saturday, March 4 \(6:00 and 7:30pm\)](#)

[Sunday, March 5 \(6:00pm\)](#)

## **Where do I go?**

The live plays will be performed on the platform at the Tempe Transit Center, at 200 E. 5th St, Tempe AZ 85281. Head right to the middle of the platform and look for the check in table!

## **How do I get there?**

If you're taking the Light Rail (which we recommend!), you can just get off the train at the Veterans Way / College Avenue stop and you're right there!

If you're driving, take the 202 to Priest Drive. Head south on Priest, then turn left onto 5th Street.

## **Where can I park?**

Unfortunately free parking in downtown Tempe is hard to come by! There is a parking garage directly across from the platform. Parking is \$2 an hour, and the first hour is free - so it will cost you \$2 total to park for the duration of the plays. There is also lots of metered street parking nearby.

## **Do I need a ticket?**

No! You are welcome to just show up and see a performance - in fact, that's how a huge portion of our audiences experience the plays! However, if you know when you are attending, [you can reserve your ticket in advance here](#). This helps us know what kind of audiences we will have ahead of time, track our numbers, and be prepared!

## **How much does it cost?**

Tickets to the Light Rail Plays, and all Rising Youth Theatre productions, are always free! We don't want there to be barriers to participation in our work. However, if you are able to make a donation, that support makes a huge difference in our ability to work in the community and offer these shows at no cost. You can make your donation through

the ticketing page at [lightrailplays.eventbrite.com](https://lightrailplays.eventbrite.com), on our website at <https://risingyouththeatre.org/how-to-contribute>, or in person when you attend.

### **Can I bring kids?**

Yes! The Light Rail Plays is an all ages, family friendly experience. Because each play is only five minutes long, highly physical, and underscored with music, we have found that children and adults of all ages are able to engage easily and enthusiastically with this art experience! Also - this play is not in a theatre space - it's outside and open and nobody is going to be bothered if kids make noise, move around, or are generally being themselves.

### **Do I need to bring kids?**

No! While the Light Rail Plays is accessible for young children, the content is not directly created for kids only - the themes, storytelling, and theatrical experience make this an experience that is also very much for adult audiences. Plenty of our audiences are adults attending by themselves, and the experience is equally great.

### **Is it accessible?**

The platform is accessible, and all of the pieces are built to support audiences of varying abilities experiencing them. Audiences will stand and move throughout the space for the different performances. We do have some chairs and stools available for audiences who cannot stand for long periods of time, but we do not have chairs for every audience member.

### **Do I need a Light Rail Pass?**

This year's Light Rail Plays are performed only on the platform, not on the train. Accordingly you will not need a transit pass to watch the plays unless you are arriving via Light Rail or bus.

### **Can I take photos or video?**

Yes! Please do! That's part of the fun of the public art experience. If you're posting on social media, please tag us (@risingyouththea on [instagram](#) or Rising Youth Theatre on [facebook](#)) and use hashtag #LightRailPlays

### **I'm lost, and the play is about to start, help!**

If you need something on the day of the show, or if you have more questions, you can give us a call or a text at 602-370-5560. See you on the platform!