

CubaDupa 2021 audio visual site tour video transcript

Kia ora and welcome to the audio map for CubaDupa 2021!

CubaDupa is Aotearoa's most vibrant open-access street festival. It's an exciting celebration of music, dance, theatre, culture and food. CubaDupa is a busy weekend with many stages, roaming performers and crowds enjoying the atmosphere.

We have a great team of staff and volunteers that will be roaming the streets who will do their best to answer any questions you might have and provide any assistance you might require over the weekend. When traveling through the event site you will encounter many or all of the following:

- Loud noises, particularly bass heavy music
- Bright and occasionally flashing lights around the various stages
- Crowded spaces
- Performances involving audience participation
- Parades and roving performers who will move through the site.

An easy step you can take to have a more comfortable time at the festival is to pack a water bottle, sunscreen or a sunhat, a warm layer, hand sanitiser and earplugs.

The Festival officially begins at noon on Saturday the 27th of March and runs until Midnight before kicking off again at 11am on Sunday on the 28th. The festival will end at 6pm.

However, if you regularly travel through the Cuba St area you will experience disruptions from 6 am on Friday the 26th until early Tuesday morning to allow for the install and uninstall of the event.

CubaDupa takes over a large section of the CBD covering the area between Taranaki Street to Victoria Street and Karo Drive to Wakefield Street and encompasses all intersecting roads within that footprint. During the event, most of the roads you encounter will be closed so you can walk down the middle of the road, and on Cuba Street, many of the stores open out onto the pavement so there will be less room to navigate down the pavements than usual.

Buses will be running with slightly altered routes, the closest open bus stops to the event site will be on Taranaki St and on Victoria St. Manners St is closed and many of the buses that travel down here are diverted down to Wakefield St. Look on the Metlink website to find the most up to date information about the buses.

There are two accessible drop-off and pick up zones on both ends of the event site. These are located on 15 Abel Smith St and 135 Victoria St. Please note that Victoria St is open for traffic so keep an eye out for vehicles.

We are now going to go on a tour of the event site.

Directions

We start at the Abel Smith St Drop off zone. Walking down Abel Smith St we will see a toilet block on our left. Go down a little further and we have Wigan St, here you can cut through to the Architecture School on Vivan St. This is a handy shortcut to take if you want to avoid Upper Cuba Street as that will be a loud and busy area.

If you continue down Abel Smith St you will find an installation called the Sound Sphere, this will cover the Abel Smith and Cuba St intersection.

From here you can reach several different stages very easily.

These stages include...

Heyday Renegade Bass Stage

Breaking Beats | Toi Pōneke

Laundry Super Saloon

These stages will be playing music throughout the whole festival and is expected to be a loud and busy area.

Turning down Cuba St now, on the left about halfway down the block, in the Sea Market car park, is the CubaDupa information booth. Volunteers will be stationed here during festival hours, for any questions you may have.

As you continue to head down Cuba St, keep in mind that many of the shops will bring their shop fronts onto the sidewalk and during the event you will be travelling on the road instead of the pavement.

When you reach Vivian St CubaDupa staff and traffic marshals will direct you when to cross the street as Vivian St will remain open to traffic.

Once across the road, you will find more public toilets including an accessible unit when you reach Garrett St on your left. On the right you will see the Wellington Airport Ngā Taniwha Stage in the Swan Lane car park. If you head past this stage on the right side you will go through to Marion St. This is where you will find the Garage Project Wild Workshop Stage and The Tuatara Roots Garden Stage.

Heading back to Cuba St you can go down Garrett St and in Glover Park on the right, you will find the Massey Creative Distraction Stage. This stage will be set up on the far side of the park facing towards us.

Behind the stage is Ghuznee St. Heading left up Ghuznee St to the corner of Ghuznee and Willis is the St Peter's Church at 211 Willis Street.

This is one of our Chill Out Zones. Head here if you need to take a minute away from the festival, top up water bottles or just get out of the sun (or rain) for a minute..

Now heading back down Ghuznee St, go past Cuba St and you will see the Kāpura Carnival & Cabaret Zone & The Mammoth Circus Tent in the car park on the left and Whistling Sister's Samba HQ in front of you on the corner of Taranaki and Ghuznee St.

The Mammoth on your left will be a circus/carnival zone with plenty of rolling performances and activities. Head down Leeds St on the right side of Kāpura Carnival & Cabaret Zone you will find yourself at the Hannahs Courtyard Stage.

From there continue down Eva St to find yourself on Dixon St facing Te Aro Park. Looking right towards the end of the park you will see Nga Toi O Te Aro Stage.

Turn left up Dixon and you will see some toilets on the right in the park in front of the Opera House. Now make your way towards the rainbow crossing on Cuba St. If you turn left up Cuba you can go to Left Bank which is where we are hosting our Asian Arts Programme.

If you turn right and head down Lower Cuba St then you will find the Wellington Night Market serving lots of different cuisines.

Continuing along Dixon St you will find an ambulance stationed on the right hand side of the road. This is the centre of our first aid and will be there during the whole festival.

This brings us to the end of the site.

You can find all the information and updates at cubadupa.co.nz. For detailed info check out the 'accessibility' tab on the website and head to Metlink for information about changes to the bus timetable. If you have any questions or would like a downloadable version of the programme just email accessibility@cubadupa.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you at the festival!