

Dear RTSS 2018 Attendee,

The Local Organization Team from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA would like to welcome you to Nashville, the capital city of the State of Tennessee, and famously known as Music City USA and the Athens of the South, for the 39th IEEE Real-time Systems Symposium (RTSS 2018) to be held from Dec 11-14, 2018 at the Hilton Downtown Hotel, Nashville, TN, USA.





The conference information booklet is available online at <http://2018.rtss.org/program>. A printed copy will also be handed out to the attendees. Below you will find some useful information during your stay.

Transportation From/To Airport/Hotel

The hotel is located less than 10 miles from the Nashville International Airport (Airport code: BNA). Ground transportation is available at the lower level (one level below baggage claim). Flat rate to/from downtown to airport on taxis is US \$25. Uber and Lyft are also available. The Nashville Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) operates Bus number 18 (<http://www.nashvillemta.org/maps/route18.pdf>) between the airport and downtown. Travelers board the bus at the airport stop (number 7 on the map) and get off at Music City Center (number 2 on the map) and vice versa. The conference venue and hotel are only 0.2 miles walk from the music city center bus stop.

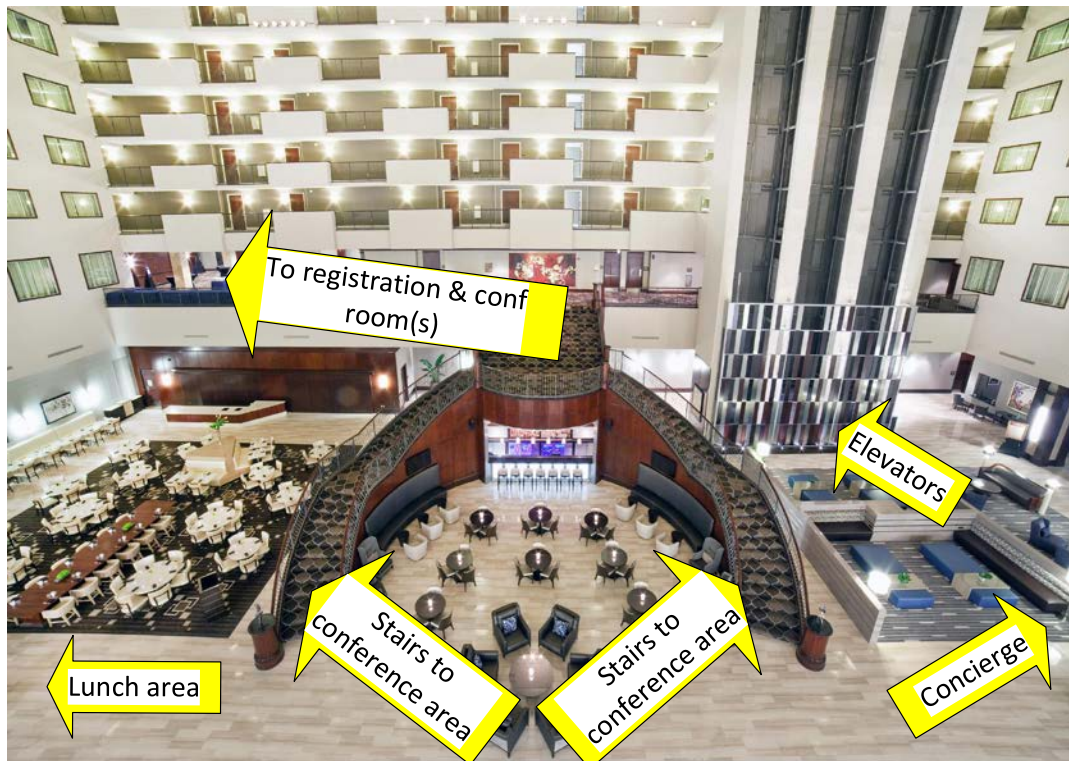
Weather Forecast (both in Fahrenheit and Celsius)

The following is taken from the 10-day forecast available on www.weather.com. We are expecting the first half of the conference to be dry and then showers are likely. Snow is predicted Sunday evening through Monday morning. Hopefully, it does not cause travel problems for those arriving on Monday. Slight warmup is expected thereafter.

DAY		DESCRIPTION	HIGH / LOW		PRECIP	WIND	HUMIDITY
			Fahrenheit	Celsius			
SUN DEC 9		Light Rain	40°/30°	4°/-1°	90%	NNE 10 mph	85%
MON DEC 10		AM Rain/Snow	38°/25°	3°/-4°	50%	NNW 8 mph	80%
TUE DEC 11		Sunny	45°/27°	7°/-3°	10%	W 6 mph	65%
WED DEC 12		Partly Cloudy	49°/42°	9°/6°	20%	S 9 mph	68%
THU DEC 13		PM Showers	55°/45°	13°/7°	40%	SSW 12 mph	71%
FRI DEC 14		Showers	50°/36°	10°/2°	60%	WSW 13 mph	74%
SAT DEC 15		Showers	49°/37°	9°/3°	40%	SW 8 mph	65%
SUN DEC 16		Showers	50°/36°	10°/2°	40%	SSW 10 mph	64%

Finding your way to the Conference Room(s) inside the Hotel

The following shows a picture of the lobby as you enter the hotel from the main entrance. Locations of the conference and lunch are shown. Go up the stairs or take elevator to mezzanine floor and turn left.



Turn left after climbing up the stairs or after stepping out of the elevator. Following is the view as you walk toward the registration area and workshop/conference rooms.



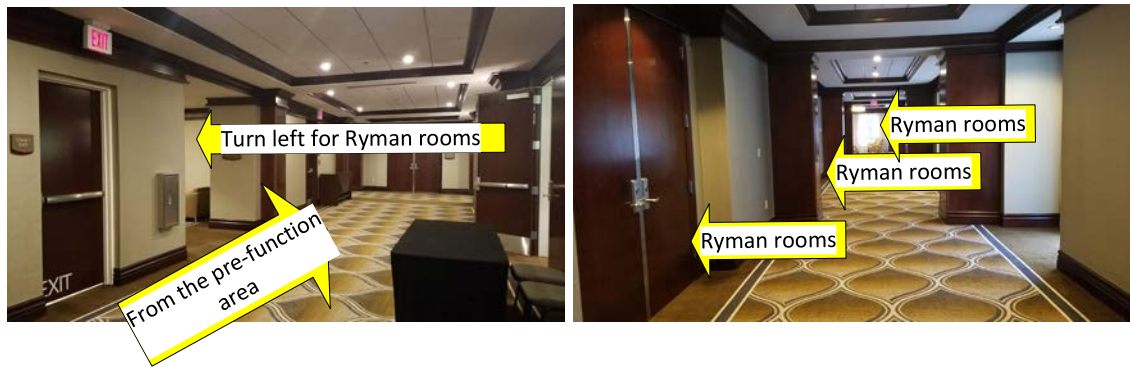
Following is the view of the pre-function area where coffee and other refreshments will be served during the breaks. The location of the registration booth is shown. The directions toward workshops and the main conference rooms are also shown.



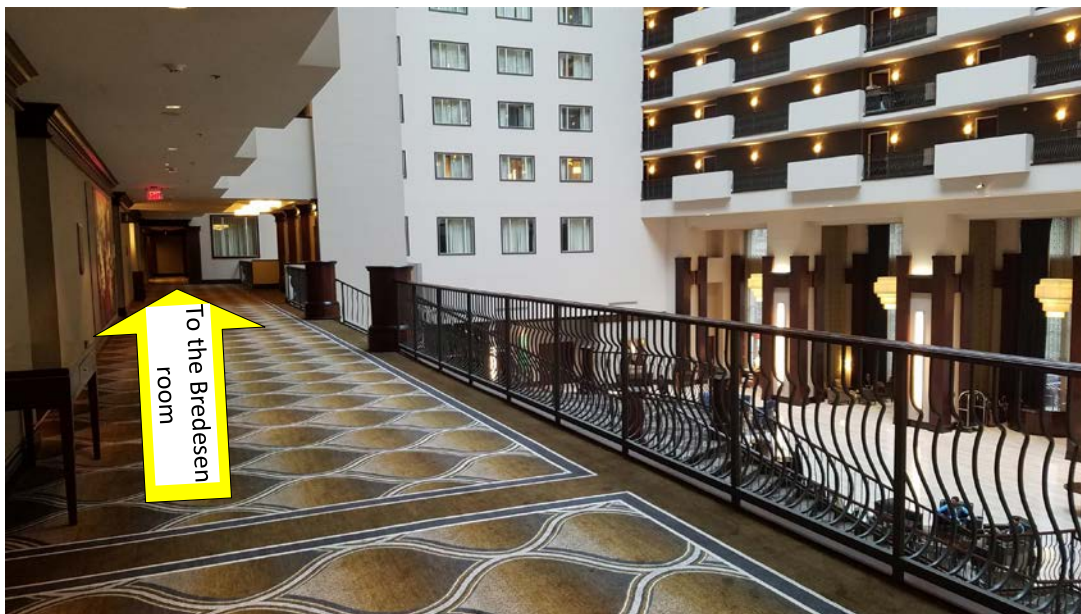
Following is a view of the Crockett room (as seen from the Pre-function area) where the main conference will be held until Friday afternoon. For the last session of the conference, we will move to the Bredesen room. Adjacent to Crockett is the Boone room where the Workshop day reception will be held Tuesday evening, and Demo/Posters and Reception will be held on Wednesday evening.



Following shows the directions to the Ryman rooms (1, 2 and 3) for RTSS workshops on Tuesday Dec 11, 2018.



For the final session of the main conference (on Friday), we will move to the Bredesen room. For that, walk in the direction away from the pre-function area and to the other side of the stairs that you took. The Bredesen room is at the other end.

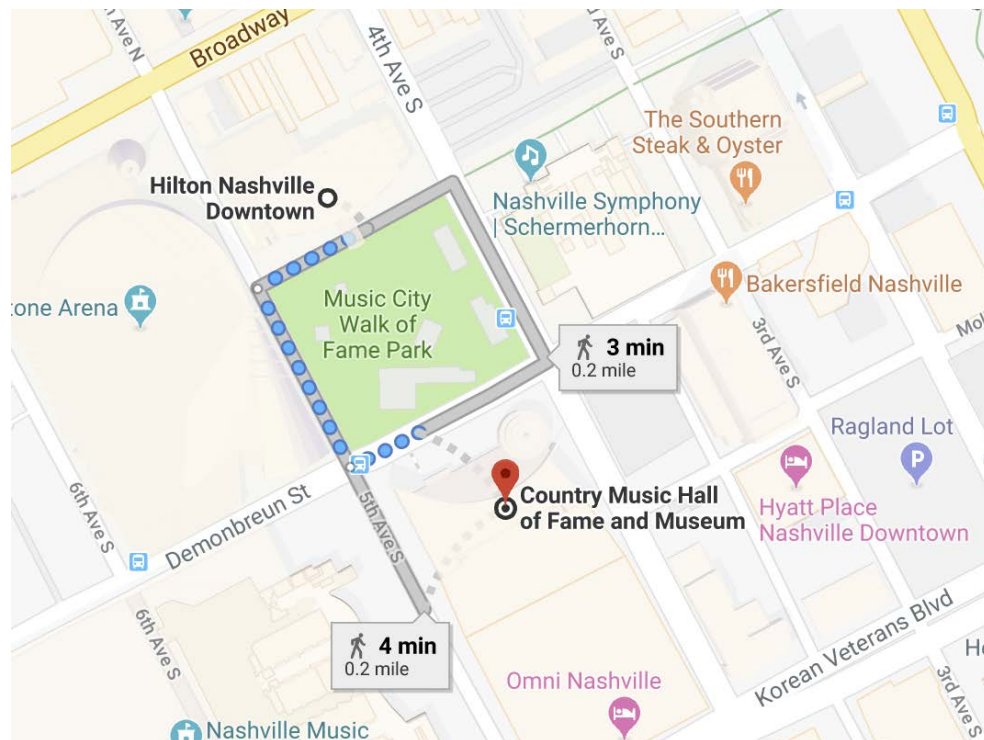


Workshop Reception on Tuesday Dec 11th along with Workshop Challenge

All participants (conference+workshops, workshops-only, and conference-only) are invited to the reception that takes place the evening of the workshops. During this reception we will introduce first time attendees of RTSS to the community. Thereafter everybody is invited to join the workshops challenge. Based on the experience conducting the *highest workshop challenge of 2017*, everybody may join a team from this year's workshops to compete for the « *largest workshop challenge* » of 2018. The challenge will be defined on the day. No previous experience is needed; only your imagination.

Banquet at the Country Music Hall of Fame (just across the street from the Hotel) on Thursday.

Banquet will be held on Thursday Dec 13, 2018 starting at 6:30 pm. Attendees can assemble in the hotel lobby by 6:25 pm and we will walk over to the banquet venue. The banquet session will begin with a tour of the museum followed by the banquet itself. The banquet venue is just across the street as you step out of the hotel's main entrance, which is shown in the map below.



We look forward to welcoming you at RTSS 2018. See you soon. Safe travels.

The Local Organization Committee

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