

RELAXED PERFORMANCE | THE NIGHTINGALE

11am Sunday 4 October 2020

His Majesty's Theatre Perth

What is a relaxed performance?

A relaxed performance is aimed at creating a welcoming environment designed for but not limited to audiences with autism, sensory and communication needs and learning disabilities. At a relaxed performance, audiences are allowed to move around and make noise within reason when watching the performance. Conventional theatre rules are relaxed, and audiences are given permission to make themselves comfortable during the performance. Lighting and sound levels will be augmented to make the theatre experience more pleasant for audiences with sensory sensitivities. Front of House staff will also be trained to ensure they are equipped to facilitate a welcoming environment for audiences.

What can I expect?

- Theatre doors will remain open throughout the performance
- Lighting will be dimmed
- Sound will be moderated
- Pacing areas will be situated at the back of the auditorium in both the Stalls and Dress Circle
- A Quiet Area with bean bags and art materials will be available for audiences who may want to leave the auditorium to relax. The performance will be streamed live in the Quiet Area so they do not miss out on the performance.
- Audiences may exhibit comfort behaviors such as fidgeting, stimming, pacing, rocking or make noises during the performance
- Audience members are free to enter and exit the venue throughout the performance

Relaxed Performance FAQs

The Performance

- 1. Are there content warnings available prior to the performance?**
Yes. Content warnings on the performance will be available on the West Australian Opera website prior to the performance.
- 2. When will His Majesty's Theatre and auditorium doors be opened prior to the performance?**
His Majesty's Theatre main doors will be open at 9:30am and the auditorium doors will be opened at 10:30am
- 3. Can I leave the theatre during the performance?**
You can leave the auditorium at any time during the relaxed performance.
- 4. Where can I go during the performance?**
If you need to relax, you may pace at the back of the auditorium or head down to the quiet area on Level 1 where beanbags and art materials are provided. There will be DADAA staff at the Quiet Area who can assist you if you require.
- 5. Will the Front of House staff be available to assist me if I require help?**
Yes. Front of House staff will be dressed in black and red uniforms ready to assist whenever needed.
- 6. Can drinks be consumed in the auditorium during the relaxed performance?**
Bottled drinks with lids can be consumed during the relaxed performance.
- 7. Where is the nearest restroom?**
Restrooms are situated on every level of the theatre. Accessible toilets are situated on the ground level.

Accessibility

- 1. How can mobility impaired people access the theatre?**
Audiences can easily enter the theatre through the main entrance.
- 2. Where is the nearest ACROD parking?**
The nearest ACROD parking is in front of Cloisters Square on Hay Street, situated 100 metres west of His Majesty's Theatre.
- 3. Where is the nearest car park?**
The nearest car park is 50 metres west of His Majesty's Theatre.
- 4. Where is the nearest bus stop and train station?**
The nearest bus stop is situated on St Georges Terrace - Before William Street, located 280 metres east of His Majesty's Theatre.
The nearest train station is Perth Underground, situated 400 metres from His Majesty's Theatre.
- 5. Are companion cards accepted?**
Yes, companion cards are accepted.