



Excursion Information

Playhouse Theatre

IMPORTANT:

- **Non ticketed, general admission performance**
- Whether you are in the circle or stalls is determined by your order date
- We admit schools into the theatre on a first-come, first-served basis. The sooner your group is ready (fed, watered, toileted), the sooner you will enter the theatre
- Please ensure phones are off. Photography is strictly prohibited during the performance

DURATION OF PERFORMANCE

- 60 minutes, no interval. Pre and post show discussions included in this duration
- If booking a return bus allow an additional 15 minutes to exit the theatre

VENUE

- Playhouse Theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne (under the Spire)
- The theatre is split into Stalls and Circle levels

ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

- Contact schools@artscentremelbourne.com.au or 03 9281 8394 if you have not already advised of any special access requirements. Eg. wheelchair access, assisted listening devices
- Suitable seating or assistance is not guaranteed if not given adequate notice
- **Access to the Playhouse Theatre is down sets of stairs.** If you or a student have mobility issues or are on crutches:
 - Contact schools@artscentremelbourne.com.au or call 03 9281 8394
 - Arrive early to allow for the extra time it may take to get to your seats

ARRIVAL AT ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE

- Arrive at Arts Centre Melbourne's forecourt in front of the Theatres Building (under the spire) **30 minutes prior to the scheduled performance time**
- Approx 850 students will enter the theatre in just 15 minutes so it is essential that you are ready when the doors open
- Do not bring additional students on the day unless approved in writing

ENTERING THE THEATRE

- Form students into a single line
- Distribute teachers amongst the students as you enter



CLOAKING BAGS

- There is limited space for school bags so please leave at school or on the bus
- If this is not possible, bags will be left in the foyer and attended to by an usher

LUNCH

- The lawn area between the Theatres Building and Hamer Hall or in the Queen Victoria Gardens opposite Arts Centre Melbourne
- In case of rain students may eat lunches in the theatre foyers.

TRANSPORT ACCESS

- Drop off points for chartered buses are located in the (city-bound) service lane of St Kilda Road outside NGV and Hamer Hall
- Note there is no parking permitted at these locations.
- Two hour bus parking is available opposite Arts Centre Melbourne along St Kilda Road and is regulated by the Melbourne City Council. For more details visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au or call 03 9658 9658.

LATE ARRIVALS

- **Call 03 9281 8298 to inform us of your estimated arrival time**
- We may need to commence the show before your arrival. In this instance we will seat your school in the closest available seats at a suitable point in the performance

TEACHERS' RESOURCES

- Teachers' resources for this performance can be found on this [webpage](#)

THEATRE ETIQUETTE

- We encourage the students to respond naturally, however speaking with neighbours can be very disruptive
- Please discuss appropriate theatre etiquette with your students to ensure that everyone can enjoy the performance. Information on theatre etiquette can be found on the FAQ's page
- Ensure staff mobile phones are on silent
- No photography or recording is permitted

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