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STORY STUDIO LIVE

BY CAPITAL E NATIONAL THEATRE FOR CHILDREN

WESLEY HALL

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What is this pack for?

This information pack is to help prepare you for your visit.



Front of venue

Wesley Hall is on Taranaki Street. Wesley Church is located one block away from Courtenay Place. The Hall is located behind the church. There is a parking space outside the front entrance for wheelchair patron drop off and pick up.







Inside

To get inside the hall, you will need to walk behind the church. When you are on Taranaki St you will find the Drama Christi Studio which is to the right of the church. This building has a red roof and its name is clearly visible from the street. Make your way towards this building.





When you get to the Drama
Christi Building, turn to face the right and you will see parking spaces with yellow lines. You will also see a building with lots of windows across the top.
Walk towards this building until you reach the window.



Once you reach the window, you will see that there are two signs above it. One of the sign says, 'Hall Chapel' and it is pointing to the right. If you turn to the right, you will see some glass doors with red and green wooden frames. This is where you will enter the hall.







How to get to the hall ▶

Once you've made your way through the green glass doors, you will enter a large hallway with brown shiny floors. To the right is a door marked Hall 2. This is where you will watch Story Studio Live!

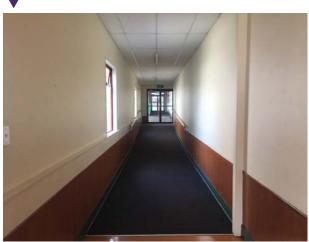




Where are the toilets?

When you are at the Hall entrance, you will see that there is a male and female toilet sign on the wall that is pointing to the left. If you turn left, you will see a long hallway that leads to glass doors. Go down this hallway and stop when you reach the doors.

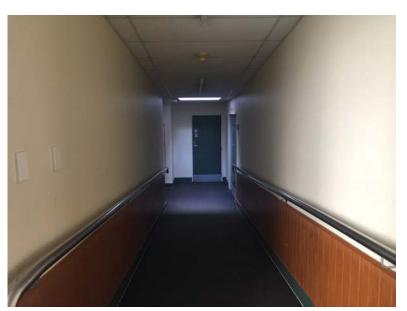






Once you are at the glass door, turn to the right and you will see that there is another long hallway. Walk down this hallway until you reach the green door at the end. This is the accessible toilet. In this toilet, there is also baby changing table for parents to use.







To the left of the accessible toilets are large green doors that lead to a different hallway. If you go through these doors, you will reach the other toilets. The male toilets are on the right and the female toilets are on the left.













Inside the theatre

When you walk into Wesley Hall you will see a space at the front, this is where the show will happen! There will be speakers on stands set up and a person operating technical equipment at one end. There will be lots of interesting items in the space at the front that will be used during the performance, and there will be people wearing white overalls talking to the audience as they sit down. These people are the performers. Other adults and children will be there too, everybody is there to watch the show and have a good time.

When everyone has sat down on mats on the floor, the performers will ask you all to be quiet and the show will begin. Now is the time to pay attention to the space at the front.







Show Details

The performers are playing characters called Smitty, Brent and Junior. The characters work for a sound company and they make sound effects for films. The performers are wearing small microphones so that their voices can be heard through the speakers.

They will ask the audience if anyone wants to volunteer to join them in the space in front to help make some sounds. This is called the Sound Lab. Don't worry if you don't want to take part, just say "No thank you" and they will ask someone else. They might not pick you, so if you want to volunteer and don't get picked, don't worry too much – as you'll still have lots of fun watching.

At the end of Sound Lab, you will be asked to close your eyes and listen to some sound effects. You will be asked to describe what sounds you thought you heard. The performers will then do the sound again and you can see how that sound is made using everyday objects.

The characters Brent and Smitty will indicate that it is time for their lunchbreak and start to walk away – until Junior finds some scripts and suggests that they read them.

All three performers then read the scripts and act out the stories, making sound effects live to the action that they are reading. Sometimes the sound effects used are the sounds that the audience made at the beginning! These recorded sound effects come out of all four speakers around the hall, so it might seem like the sound is coming from behind you or to the side.

When the show has finished, people may clap their hands. You can clap too if you liked the show!



The Performers



Barney plays Smitty



Hannah plays Brent



Neenah plays Junior



Thomas is the Sound Engineer/Technician

Thanks for watching, we'll see you next time!