

2019 CAPITALE national arts FESTIVAL

Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus

BY CIRCA

THE OPERA HOUSE

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What is this pack for?

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

How to get to the theatre

The Opera House is on Manners Street, opposite Te Aro Park.



Inside

When you go into the Opera House, you will be in the foyer. There are black and white tiles on the floor and a marble staircase. On either side of the staircase is a box office where people can buy tickets.



You will be shown how to get into the theatre.

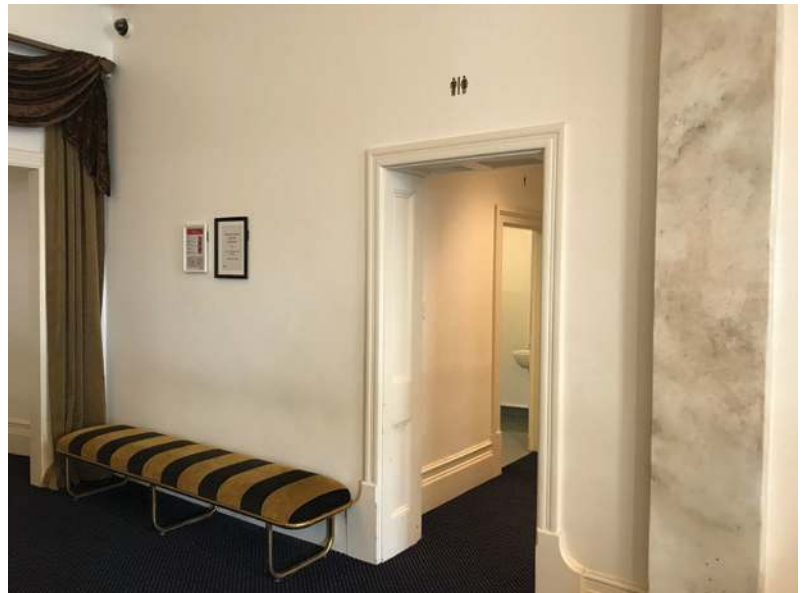


Where are the toilets?

From the ground floor, the toilets are on the right hand side of the foyer (if you were facing the stairs). There is an accessible toilet here as well.



Upstairs, the toilets are on the right hand side (if you are facing the stairs).



Inside the theatre

When you arrive in the theatre the lights will be on so you can see where to go. Other adults and children will be there too, everybody is there to watch the show and have a good time. Once everyone has found their seats, the lights will change to be less bright so you can see the stage better and some music will begin to play. The show is going to start! It's time to sit, listen, and watch the stage.

The theatre is very old! Above you are domed ceilings. There are lots of seats facing the stage at the front. The stage has a black floor with a rug in the centre of it. To the left of the stage there is a household door and to the right of the stage there a fridge door. There are also see three chairs, two tables and a birthday present! There is a line of light which traces an outline along the floor, over the household and fridge doors. This line of light will change colour throughout the show.

Show Synopsis

A woman named Kat is getting ready for her birthday party. She opens her present: it's a Mozart record! She plays the record; it is quiet, slow and relaxing music.



Smoke appears from the fridge – and out comes Wolfgang! He and Kat play with light and shadow from a torch.



A man with an accordion also appears from the fridge and begins to play music. Kat and Wolfgang dance to his music and begin performing acrobatics, climbing and jumping over each other to the rhythm of the music.



Wolfgang is given a scrap of paper by the accordion player. He twirls it around his finger and shows it off.

While Kat performs acrobatics, Wolfgang gets on a bike and leaves through the fridge with the accordion player. The record begins to repeat because it is stuck. When Kat realises her friends are gone, she is sad. She turns over the record to play the music on the other side. Her friends burst in through the door! Wolfgang is wearing small shorts and long socks and is still riding on his bike.

Wolfgang gets dressed while riding his bike, with help from Kat. Kat and Wolfgang begin to play football with a spotlight. When Wolfgang gets his hand stuck in a music stand, Kat tries to help him pick up his sheet music and he accidentally hits her in the face. As they move in slow motion, she shows how angry she is and kicks him. The accordion player gets them to say sorry to each other.

Wolfgang has a baton. He tries conducting, but his baton won't work. He gets frustrated and gives Kat his baton, wig and jacket and leaves through the fridge.

Kat asks for a volunteer from the audience. Please raise your hand high in air if you'd like to help Kat. Only one person can help Kat on stage but she'll need everyone's help soon. Kat dresses the audience volunteer in Wolfgang's wig and jacket and gives them a lesson in using the baton. With everyone's help, this will convince Wolfgang to return to stage.

Wolfgang returns and they have a party with the accordion player. He begins piling up the tables and chairs and balances on top of them in an acrobatic style.

Kat blows out the candle on her cake, and all the lights go dark.

When the show has finished, people may clap their hands. You can clap too if you liked the show! The lights will come back on and everyone will stand up and collect their things and leave the theatre.

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