

Dazzlehands

The Ballet



James Hay Theatre

Relaxed Performance Information Pack

Who is this pack for?

This information pack is to help prepare you for your visit to the James Hay Theatre to see Dazzlehands!



Dazzlehands Relaxed Performance

Lights

The house lights will remain on through the entire show so you will not be in complete darkness at any time. You will be able to see what is happening and if you want to leave at any point throughout the show, it will be safe to do so.

Sound

The sound volume and intensity will be lessened. It will be gentler and less likely to shock or agitate you.

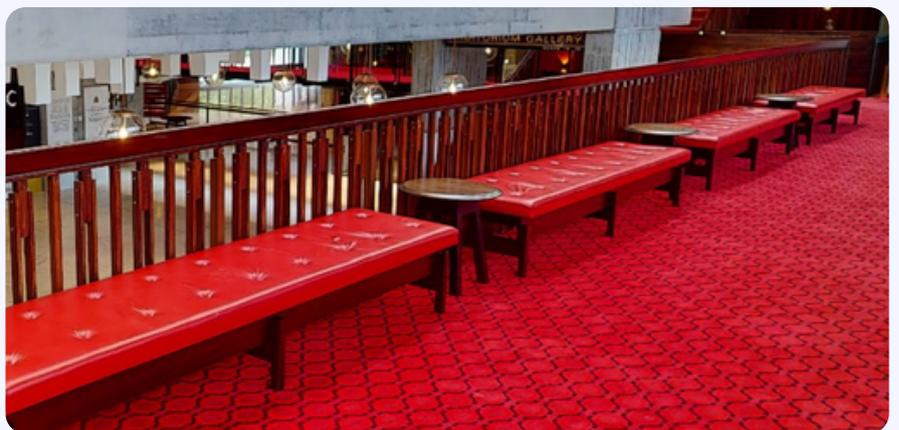
The Characters

In this pack are photos of the cast as the Dazzlehands characters and as themselves. They are real people underneath their big costumes and makeup!

Chill Zones

In the Level One Foyer, there are seated and open areas which are safe spaces you can go to calm down or take a break. These spaces are available at any time, even in the middle of the performance.

Some foyer seating options...



What to expect at the James Hay Theatre



The James Hay Theatre is located inside the Christchurch Town Hall. When you arrive, you can go inside the building straight away.

You can sit down, go to the bathroom, or explore the different foyer areas.

When the theatre doors open you can go into the performance space and there you will be shown to your seats.

Please make yourself comfortable and you are welcome to get up at any time to go to the bathroom or the chill zones in the foyer during the performance.

We encourage dancing, joining in on the animal sounds and singing along in your seats!

We do require you to stay off the stage during the show.

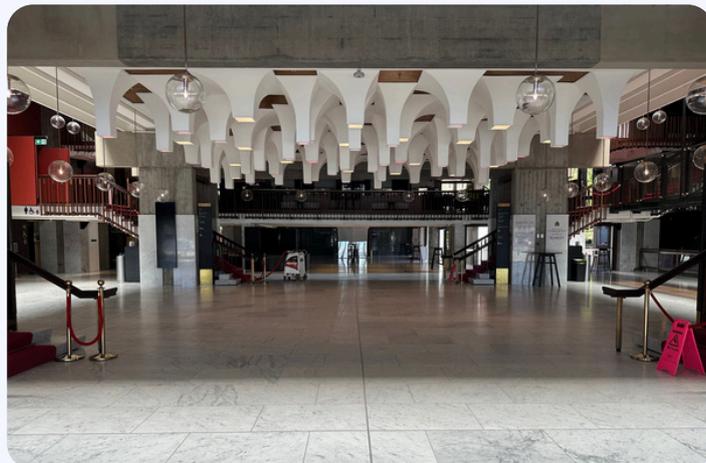
► This is the main entrance to the theatre



Ground Floor Foyer

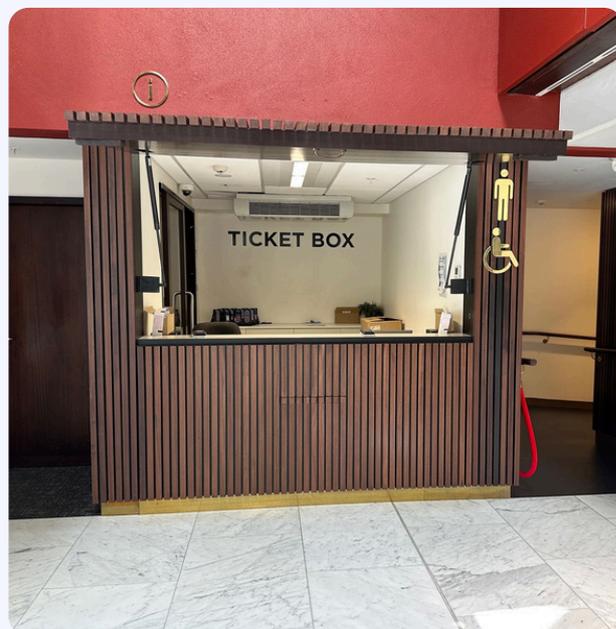


This is the Ground Floor Foyer. There will be lots of people in this area, but helpers are always around if you need any assistance.



▶ If you look left and right, you'll see some comfy red **couches**. You can sit here while you wait for the show to start.

On your left, past the couches, you will find the **ticket box**. If you need to pick up your tickets for the performance you can get them from here. They can also offer assistance with your tickets if you have any issues or questions.





▶ To the right of the ticket box are the ground floor **toilets**.



Next to the toilets there is a bar, which will be selling **food and drinks**. You can ask them for some **water** too.



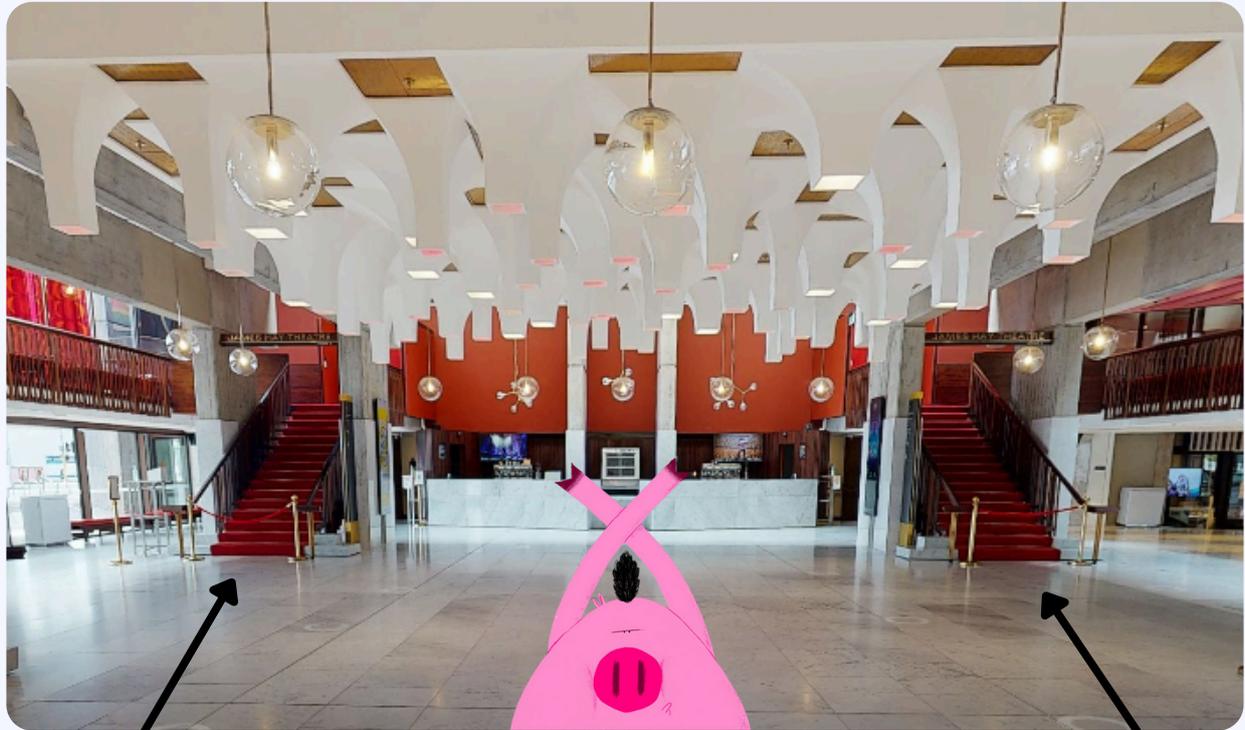
Across the room from the bar, there is the **lift** which can take you to the Level One Foyer.



Getting Upstairs



If you need to get to the Level One Foyer, you can use the lift located across from the bar on the ground floor, or there are two staircases.

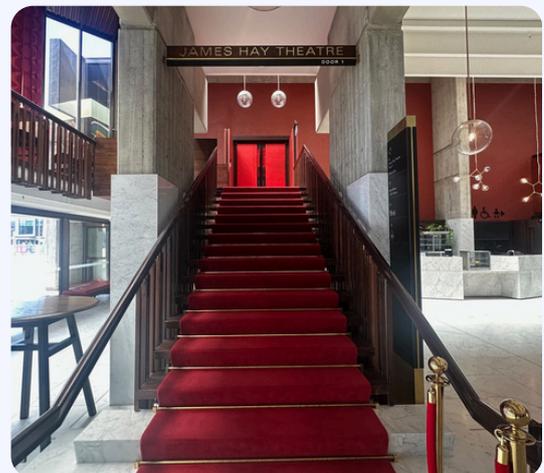


The **Door 1** staircase is located on the left, near the main entrance

The **Door 2** staircase is located on the right, past the bar

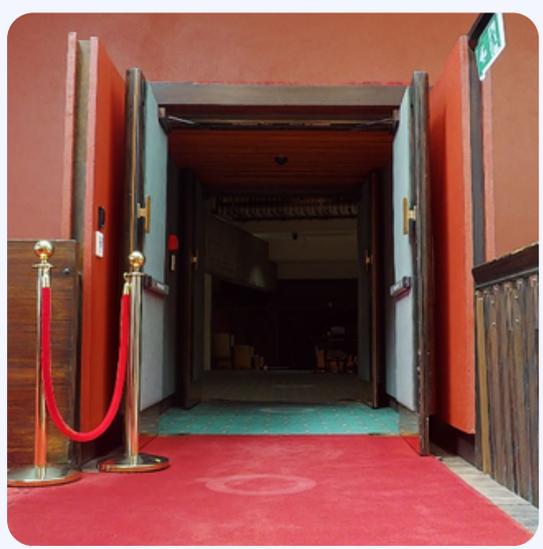
Check your ticket to see which door to use!

There are 16 stairs leading up to the James Hay Theatre, and handrails you can hold onto for extra safety.





Level One

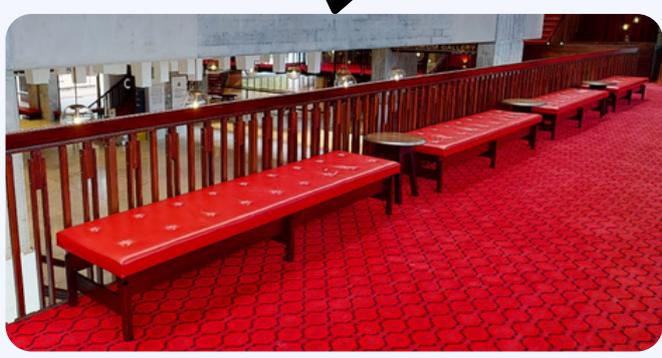
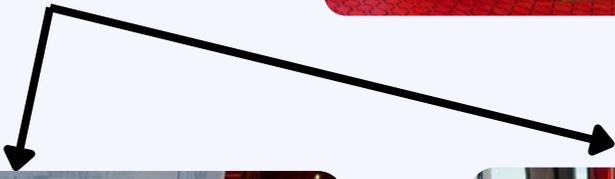
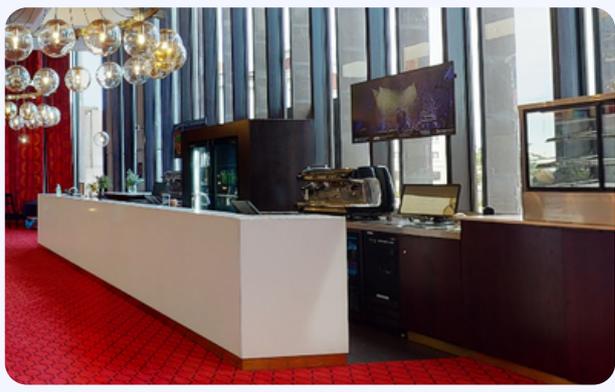


▶ At the top of the staircase will be a set of doors. You'll go through here to find your seats in the theatre.

There are no toilets upstairs, so you'll have to use the ground floor toilets.

▶ If you turn the corner, you will find another **bar** selling food and drinks and some comfy seats.

These are **chill out zones**. You can come and sit out here at anytime before during or after the show



Getting into the theatre



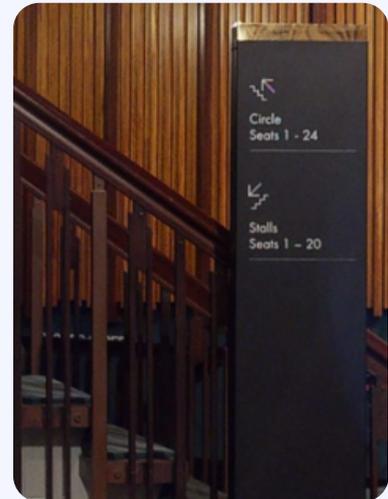
It's time to sit down and get ready for the show!
Go back to the door at the top of the stairs that leads to the theatre.



When you enter, you'll see seats in front of you and more staircases on the left and right. Check your ticket to see if you are in the **stalls** or **circle**, and what your **seat number** is.



There will be signs telling you which way to go, and people around who can help you find your seat.



- ▶ For the stalls, you'll go straight ahead to find your seat.
For the circle, you'll go up another flight of stairs.



Meet the characters



In a theatre performance, people pretend to be other characters. It is important to remember even if a person acts like a naughty or a scary or silly character they are just pretending. They are not like that in real life.

Pig

Jake Gisby



ON STAGE

REAL LIFE

Cow

Hannah Thomson

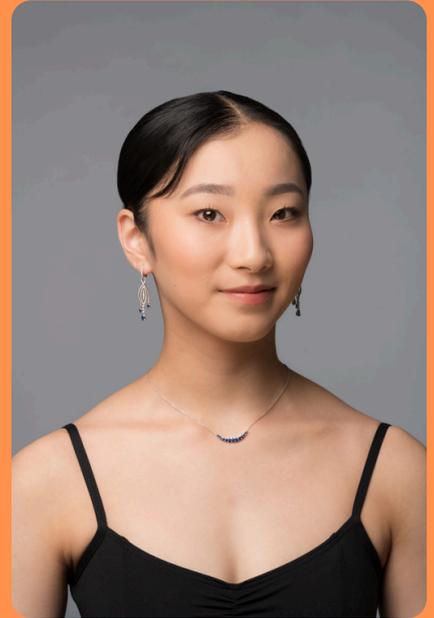
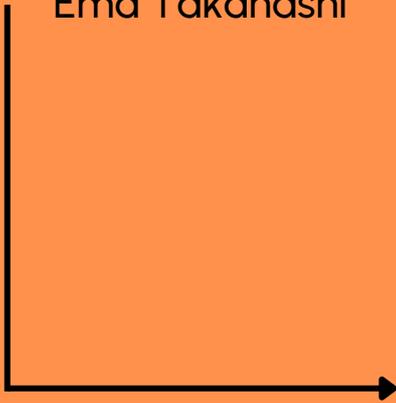


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Chicken

Ema Takahashi

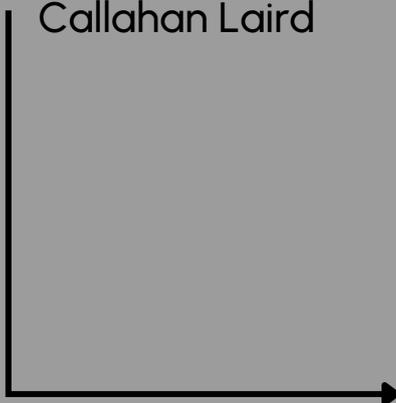


ON STAGE

REAL LIFE

Sheep

Callahan Laird

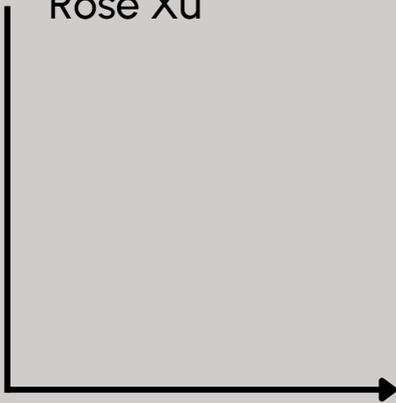


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Flamingo

Rose Xu

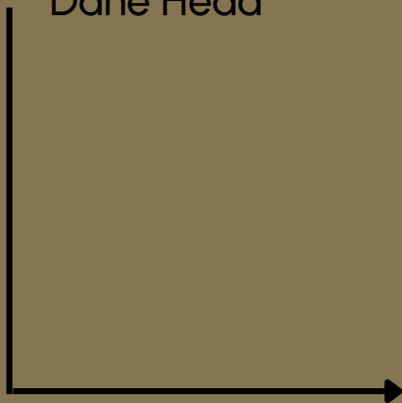


ON STAGE

REAL LIFE

Farmer

Dane Head



The Show



The performance is set on a farm, and on the stage you will see a big barn, a bright blue fence and various farm accessories like brooms, rakes and lots of bundles of hay.

The show begins with the Farmer coming on stage and inspecting the farm. He brushes some imaginary dirt on the stage and dances around before welcoming each animal onto the stage.

Each animal then performs a short solo to introduce themselves to the audience. Firstly Cow, then Chicken, Sheep and lastly Flamingo. These solos help describe the animals' personalities.

The Farmer quickly moves onto doing a Roll Call before Pig can have his introductory solo. Farmer lines all the animals up and gets them to make their sounds. Feel free to join in on this part!

Last up to make his sound is Pig, who instead of oinking like he should, breaks into some Train hands, Rain hands and Fly it like a Plane hands! The Farmer is confused about what the Pig is doing and leaves the stage.

The Flamingo and Sheep perform a duet together, where they try out some dazzling hands like Pig.

Then the Farmer decides to try the Roll Call again, but this time Pig goes into Smooth hands, Move hands, and Rolling Disco Groove hands! The Farmer is starting to get annoyed with Pig.

The Chicken and Cow do an angry dance with Pig, which has some tango inspired dance moves. They try to make Pig stop doing his Dazzlehands.





They think they've got Pig sorted, so Farmer tries Roll call again but to no avail. This time Pig does Cross hands, Floss hands, and Work it like a Boss hands! This makes the Farmer really angry and he performs a solo where he dances around furiously.

The other animals on the farm then try to teach Pig how to oink to please the Farmer. They show him various props including books, pinboards, and posters and try to demonstrate how a pig should roll in the mud. Pig then performs a sad solo where he tries to hide his Dazzlehands and do what the Farmer is telling him to do, making him feel upset and deflated.

Convinced that Pig is going to get it right this time, the Farmer tries Roll Call one last time. Pig tries his best to oink... but he can't help himself and his Dazzlehands come out once again!

The Farmer eventually realizes that Pig is right and all the animals end up discovering their own dazzle. They come out with sparkly accessories and perform an energetic finale together where they all do Dazzlehands.



End of the Show

At the end of the performance, the performers will bow, and everyone will clap. This may get quite loud with clapping and cheering.

After the performers exit the stage, everyone will begin to leave their seats and go to the foyer. You will need to leave the theatre too so it can be prepared for the next performance. You can leave the same way you came in.

Need more information?

Please contact education@rnzb.org.nz if you have any further questions or concerns.

