

# **Social Story**

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- Read Social Story often and preferably 2 weeks in advance of visit.
- Social Story to be read and shared in an environment free of distractions.
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- · Help the participant comprehend key points and consistently monitor for level of understanding.
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I am going to Ulumbarra Theatre to watch a performance.



There are different types of performances that I can see at Ulumbarra Theatre.

#### I might see:

- a theatrical performance
- a musical
- opera
- comedy
- dancing
- singing.



It is important to remember to bring my ticket. My Ticket When I arrive at Ulumbarra Theatre, I might go to a foyer to wait for the performance to begin.

There might be lots of people waiting in the foyers.

I might hear background music.

It can be crowded and noisy.



To help with the noise, I can bring my ear defenders or ear plugs.

I can wait outside in one of the courtyards.



There are toilets at Ulumbarra Theatre.

My support person will be able to show me where they are.



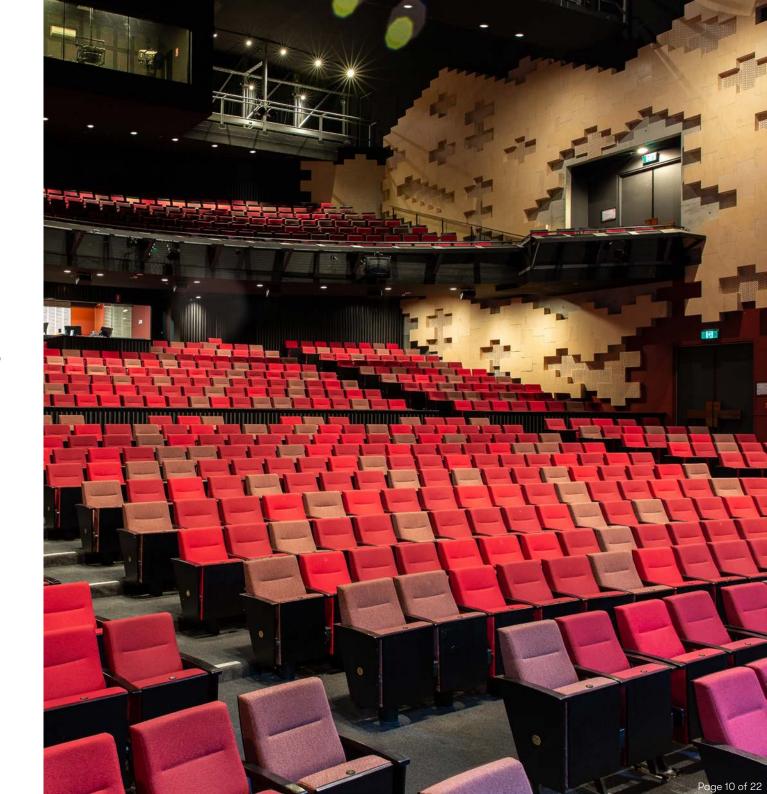
The doors to the auditorium will open before the performance time.

The auditorium is where I will sit to watch the performance.



There are four doors to the auditorium.

I can look at my ticket to see which door to go to.



I will see people standing at the doors of the theatre.

They are called ushers.

Ushers show people to their seats.

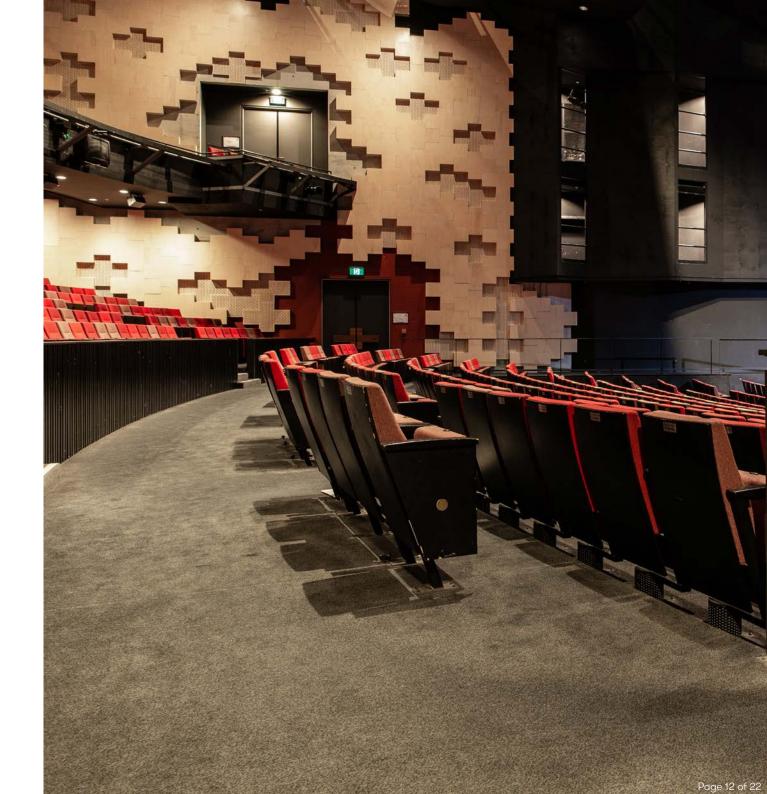
They will be wearing black clothes, a pink lanyard and name tags.



I will show an usher my ticket.

My ticket will have a row and seat number on it, to show me where to sit.

The ushers can help me to find my seat.



The lights in the auditorium will turn off when it is time for the performance to begin.

There might be loud music, singing or voices during the performance.

There might be bright or flashing lights.

There will be lots of other people watching the performance too.

There might be clapping and cheering.

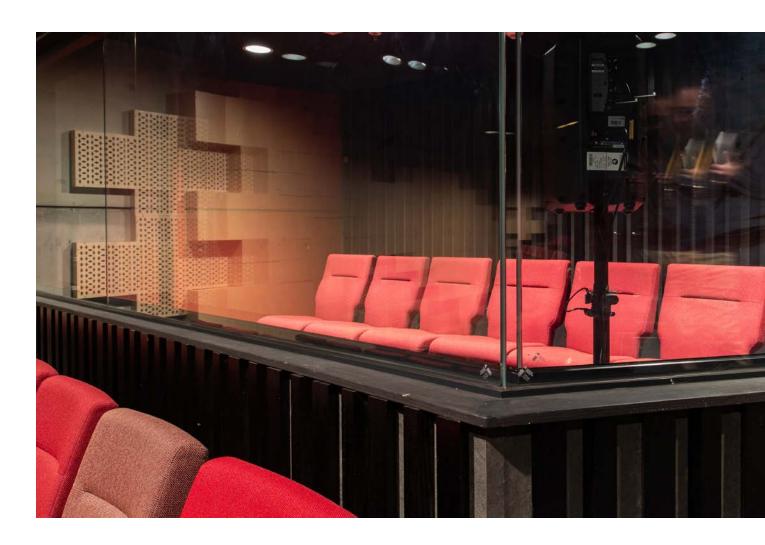


It might feel too noisy and crowded for me.

There is a Quiet Room in the auditorium.

This is a small room where I can sit, away from the noise and crowd.

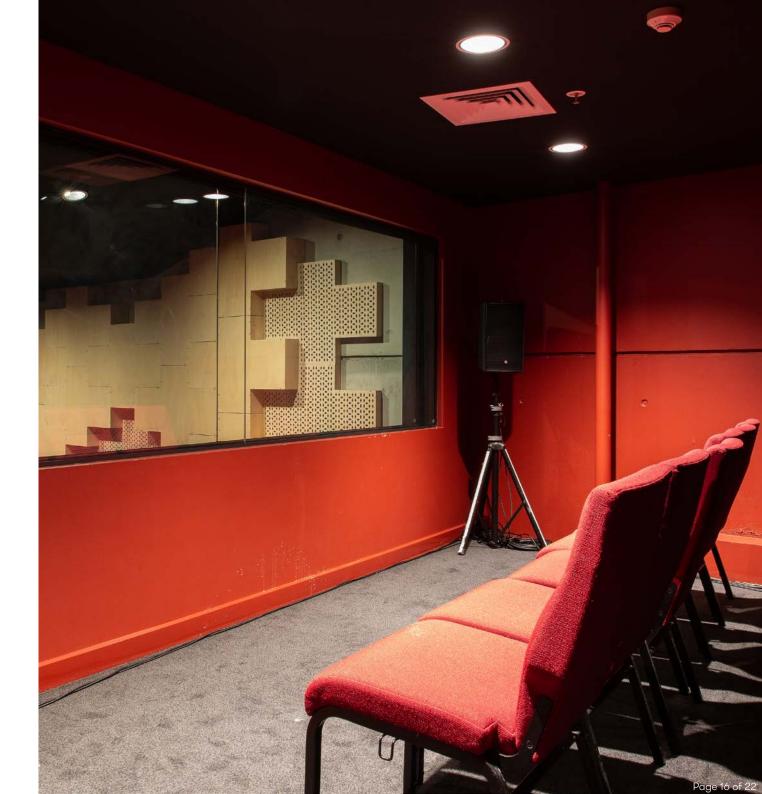
My support person or an usher can show me where the Quiet Room is.



I can still see and hear the performance from the Quiet Room.

I can turn down the volume to the performance on one of the speakers.

My support person can help me.



There might be a break in the middle of the performance.

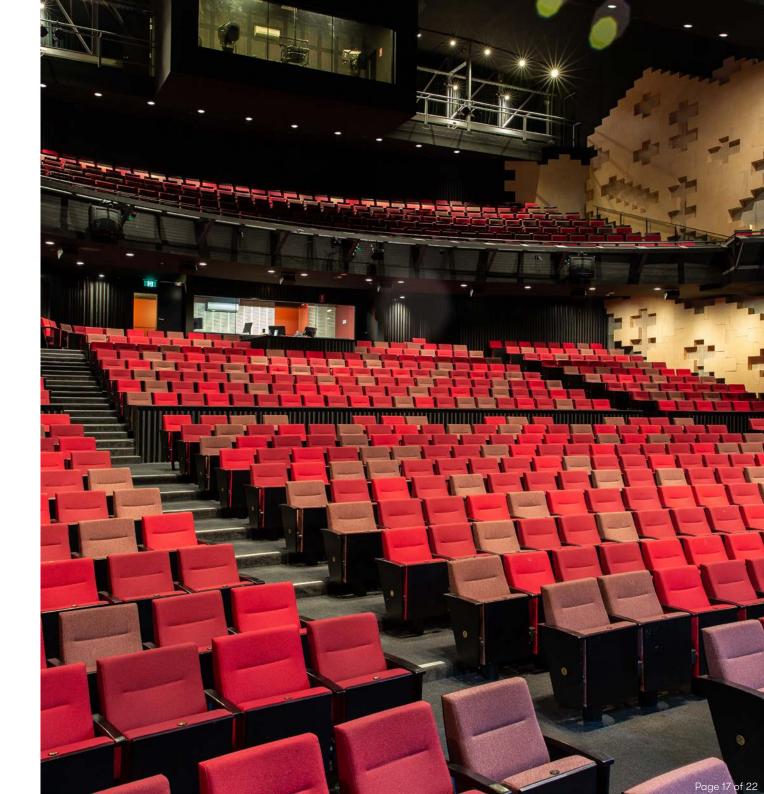
This is called intermission.

The lights will come on in the auditorium during intermission.

I might want to leave the auditorium to go to the toilet.

I might want to get something to eat or drink from the café or bar.

I might want to get some fresh air in one of the courtyards.



When intermission is over, I might hear an announcement, a chime or bell.

I might see ushers asking people to go back into the auditorium.

It is time to go back to my seat to watch the rest of the performance.



At the end of the performance, the lights to the auditorium will come on.

It will be time for me to leave the theatre.

There will be lots of other people leaving at the same time.



I might go through the courtyard doors to avoid the noise and crowds in the hallway.



Ulumbarra Theatre is a wonderful place to watch a performance.

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