

## Familiarisation Visit Guide

### Visit the theatre before the show day for a private guided tour



The familiarisation visit is a private guided tour of the PumpHouse Theatre, where the Tim Bray Theatre Company's sensory relaxed performance will take place. These visits are available in the two weeks leading up to the sensory relaxed performance, and may be booked by calling Tim Bray Theatre Company on 09 486 – 2261 or emailing [katie@timbray.org.nz](mailto:katie@timbray.org.nz)

The tour will last fifteen minutes, and will begin in the theatre box office. To find the box office, go past the theatre with the lake on your right side, and turn to the left into the theatre courtyard. You will see a sign pointing you into the open doors of the box office.

In the box office, you will meet Katie, the show stage manager. Katie will be your familiarisation visit guide and will show you around the theatre. You will explore the box office, foyer, and the theatre. Katie will help you find your allocated seats so you can see where you will sit for show day. You will be able to see the set on the stage and learn which areas are for the audience and which areas are just for the actors. Next, you will exit the theatre with Katie into the courtyard, where she will show you the toilets, and answer any questions you may have.

## **What will be different**

Some spaces require special setting up for the sensory relaxed performance, so they will look different during your visit. Katie will explain all of the differences as she guides you through the spaces. Some differences will be:

- In the theatre, there will be chairs set up in the flat floor area during your visit. During the sensory relaxed performance, these chairs will all be removed, and beanbags and cushions will be in that area instead. Please view the welcome video for an example of what the space may look like.
- The foyer will be set up as a chill zone during the sensory relaxed performance, with beanbags and a TV showing a silent live stream of the performance. The chill zone won't be set up for the visit, but Katie will tell you what it will look like.
- The quiet room for relaxing breaks during the sensory relaxed performance will not be available to view during the familiarisation visit. The room we are using is an office and will be in use during the visit. It's ok to look in the window, and Katie will describe how the room will be set up for the performance.

Feel free to arrive early to explore outside the PumpHouse Theatre, to check out the carpark, the lake, and the café on your own before beginning your 15 minute tour with Katie.

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