

# State Theatre Centre – Heath Ledger Theatre

Visual Story

# State Theatre Centre of Western Australia

This venue guide is to help me prepare for my visit to the Heath Ledger Theatre in the State Theatre Centre.

This is a place I can go to watch people dance, act and sing.



# Before I leave home

I can wear whatever clothes make me feel comfortable so that I can enjoy the show.

Only small bags are allowed inside the Auditorium. Large bags can be checked or kept under my seat.



# When to arrive at the theatre

I should arrive at the venue at least 15-30 minutes before my show begins so I won't be late.

The show will begin at the time written on the ticket. I should be in my seat 10-15 minutes before the show begins.

If I'm late I might miss the show and I may not be able to enter until the interval. Some shows may allow me to enter within 10 minutes of the show starting but some may not allow me to enter at all. It is important to be on time!



# Preparing for my visit

I can call the venue before I arrive at the theatre on 08 6212 9200 if I have any questions.

I can also look at the venue's website for information.

<http://www.artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/venues/state-theatre-centre-of-wa/>



# Where is the State Theatre Centre?

The State Theatre Centre is located at 174-176 William St, Perth WA 6000.

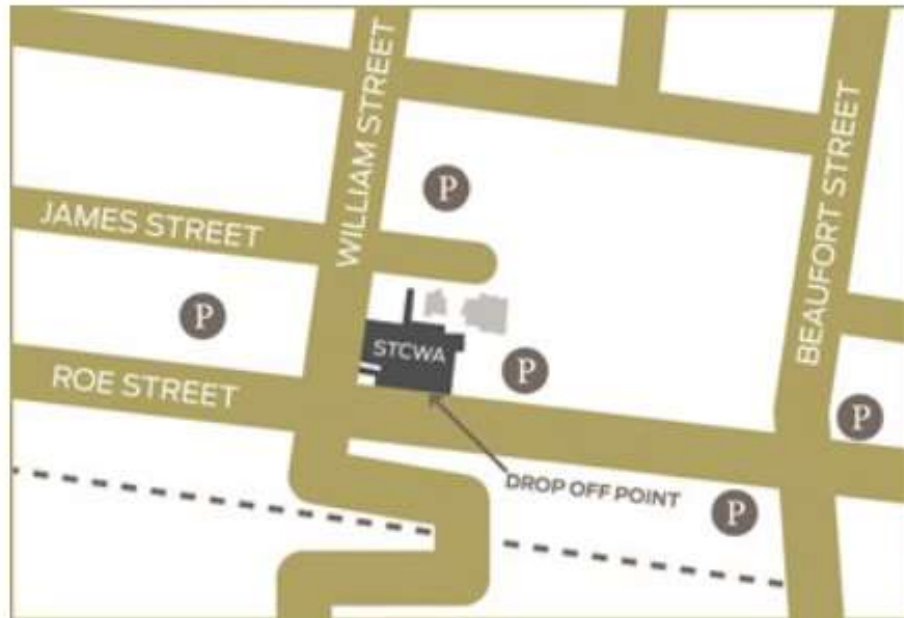
It is on the corner of William Street and Roe Street.



# Where can I be dropped off?

There are two drop off points to the theatre, one on Roe Street and one on William Street.

Drop off point 1



Drop off point 2



# Where can I park my car?

I can park my car at the CPP Library Car Park or the CPP Cultural Centre Car Park. Both have accessible bays.





# Catching the train to the State Theatre Centre

I could take public transport to get to the venue.

I can catch the train from the Eastern concourse or from the train station at the Wellington Street and Roe Street entrance to Platform 9.



# Catching the bus to the State Theatre Centre

The Transperth Blue Cat bus can take me from the Barrack Street Jetty to Northbridge.

The closest stop to the theatre is Beaufort Street (stop 7) or William Street (stop 15).

If I need help at the train and bus stations, I will contact Transperth on 1800 800 022 for more information or look at the

[Transperth website.](#)



# State Theatre Centre entrances

I can enter the building from the entrances on James Street, Roe Street or William Street. All of these entrances are accessible.



# The Main Foyer

When I enter the State Theatre Centre, I will be on the ground floor. The box office is on the ground floor.

There is a staircase and lift access up to the Heath Ledger Theatre.



# The Box Office

When I arrive, I might need to collect my ticket from the Box Office.

I can also go to the Box Office if I have lost my ticket.



# Bar

Once I enter the building, I can take the lift up to the first level and wait near the bar outside the Heath Ledger Theatre. I can buy food and drinks here if I want to. I am only allowed to bring bottled water into the theatre.



# Accessible Bathrooms

There are accessible bathrooms on Basement 2, Basement 1, Level 2, Level 4 and in the Courtyard.



# Access to the Auditorium

I can take the lift from the main foyer up to the Heath Ledger Theatre on level 1.

I can take the separate lift to the Upper Stalls and Circle seating areas.





# When should I enter the Auditorium?

I should enter the Auditorium when I hear a bell ring and see everyone move into the Auditorium.

The doors to the Auditorium usually open 30 minutes prior to the performance.

The bell will ring 20 minutes before the show and again 10 minutes and 5 minutes before the show.

I need to be in my seat before the ushers shut the doors to the Auditorium.



# Tickets

When I get to the doors of the theatre,  
I should show my ticket to the usher.

The usher will tell me which way my  
seat is. If I need assistance to my seat, I  
can let the usher know.



# Access inside the theatre

- Lift access to all levels
- Level access to the street level foyer and Courtyard
- Access to the Heath Ledger Theatre on the first floor via a wide staircase with handrail or lift
- Patrons sitting in the Upper Stalls and Circle will need to go up stairs to enter the Auditorium
- No stairs for row E and row O in the Stalls and row G in the Circle
- Wheelchair spaces within the theatre which must be booked in advance
- Infrared Hearing System Installation which can be collected from the Front of House staff



# Theatre etiquette and what to expect

I should check that I have turned my phone off or put it on silent.

The theatre doesn't allow us to take photos or videos of the performances.

I might see people on the stage, hear some loud noises and some soft noises, and see lots of different coloured lights.

After some acts in the show, we can clap with everyone to show we enjoyed the performance.



# Waiting for the show to begin

Once I am in my seat, I may have to wait until the show begins while everyone else finds their seats.

When the lights go dark, I need to be quiet. It may be dark for a few minutes while we wait for the show to start. From now on I will only whisper.



# What should I do if I'm uncomfortable?

If the lights or sounds are making me uncomfortable, I can close my eyes or cover my ears with my hands.

I can leave the theatre whenever I need to. If I need assistance to leave the theatre, I can raise my hand and an usher will come help me.



# Quiet places

There are quiet places in the venue I can visit any time I need.

I can tell the usher and they will take me to a quiet place where I can become calm.



# Intervals

Some shows which are long may have a break where the house lights will come on again.

During this time, I can leave my seat, speak loudly, have food or drink and go to the bathroom.

I will know to return to my seat when I hear the bell ring again and see people move back into the Auditorium.





# How do I know the show has finished?

At the end of the show, the performers might come out onto the stage and bow. We can clap again to show that we think they did a good job.

When the curtains close and the lights come on, I will know that the show has finished and I can leave.

It will be very busy because everybody is leaving the theatre. I can wait in my seat until everyone leaves so it is easier for me to leave the theatre.



# Don't forget!

Once the show is over, I need to remember to take all my belongings with me. I should check under my seat in case I've dropped anything or left something behind before exiting the venue.

If I've left anything in the cloakroom, I can present my ticket to the cloakroom staff and get my items back.



# What can I do once the show has finished?

If I want to get something to eat after the show has finished, I can look at the website below to see what restaurants are close to the theatre.

<https://www.artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/venues/state-theatre-centre-of-wa/food-and-drink/dining-around-the-venue/>

