

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra



Peter and the Wolf

MSO Relaxed, Sensory-Friendly Performance

Saturday 8 May 2021 / 1.30–2.20pm
Arts Centre Melbourne, Hamer Hall

Welcome!

This visual story is designed especially for you, the audience of the MSO's relaxed, sensory-friendly performance of ***Peter and the Wolf***. It describes the kinds of things you will experience at this performance.

About the Performance

It is going to be really fun! You are going to see a specially curated program performed by the full MSO orchestra.

It will be a musical journey and you will meet a whole range of curious and wonderful characters.

Relaxed performance

This performance is relaxed with various elements adapted to reduce surprise, anxiety and make concert more welcoming. You can expect:

- Friendly, trained MSO and Arts Centre Melbourne staff here to support you throughout your visit
- A relaxed attitude to noise and movement during the performance
- Theatre doors stay open through the performance so you can come and go as you please
- Lighting and sound levels during the show have been adjusted
- A designated 'Quiet Area' is available for anyone who feels overwhelmed, so you can take a break from the show
- The lights in the auditorium will stay on throughout the performance

If you would like any additional information in the lead up to your visit, please contact our friendly and knowledgeable MSO Box Office staff.

Phone: (03) 9929 9600 10am–6pm, Monday to Friday

Email: boxoffice@mso.com.au

Content Warnings

- Sometimes, there will be pictures of animals on the big screen at the front. Some of these animals might look scary, but don't worry they can't hurt you, they are just images.
- Puppets will make guest appearances during the performance.

Theatre Guidelines

- Photography and mobile devices are not permitted during the performance, however if you need to use a device (like an iPad) to communicate or the enjoy of the show, please inform the ushers. It's always fine to use a device in the foyer or Quiet Areas.
- During this performance a relaxed attitude is taken to movement, noise and eating/drinking in the auditorium.
- If you need to take a break during the show, you are welcome to come out into the foyer area. A Quiet Space will be available, with low lighting and sensory items.



The Theatre

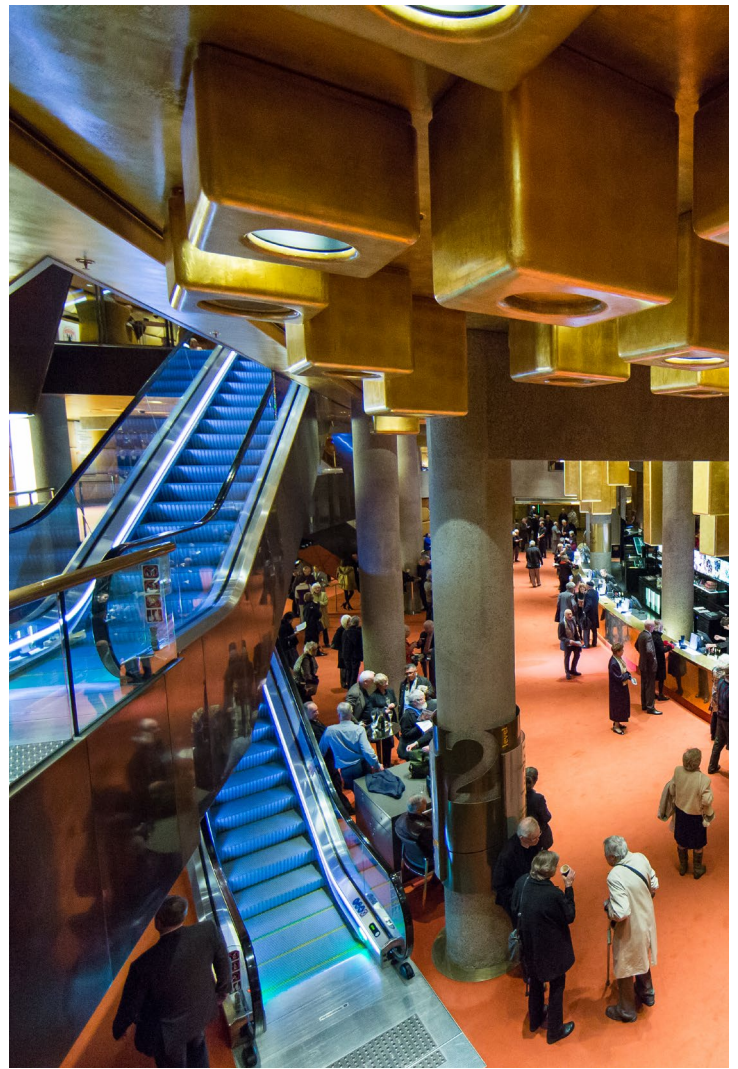
Peter and the Wolf is being performed in Hamer Hall, a concert hall on the banks of the Yarra River.

It is big and round like a donut!



The Building

When you enter Hamer Hall, there may be many other people in the foyer area. There will be staff wearing black uniforms. They can help you find some important things like the auditorium, where you will sit, the toilets and the Quiet Area.



Before the Concert

Before you go to the auditorium, you will need a ticket. You may already have your ticket(s), or you may need to collect them from the Box Office.

There are many doors into Hamer Hall. Check your ticket and follow the signs, or ask staff, to find which door you will enter. To get to the door you we will travel down the lifts, stairs, or escalators.

Before going inside the auditorium, you may like to get something to eat or drink, or use the toilet.

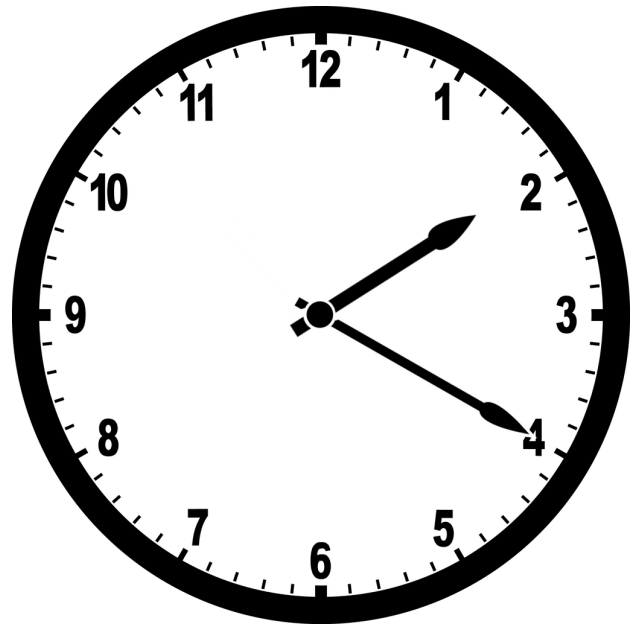
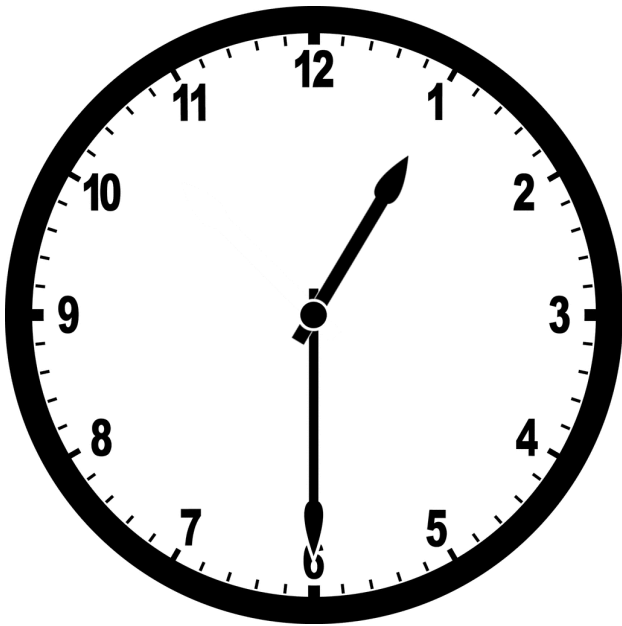


Seating

You can go into the auditorium and find your seat early, if you like. The doors will be open about 30 minutes before the show starts.

Before you go into the auditorium, you will need to show your ticket to the usher. Your ticket will tell you the row (letter) and seat (number) you will be sitting in for the whole play.

The seats are red and orange and feel nice and soft. If you use a wheelchair, there will be a space for you to park your wheelchair.



During the Performance

The show will go for approximately 50 minutes and has no interval. The show will start at 1:30pm and will finish at 2:20pm.



There is a screen in the auditorium, it's a bit like the cinema! The musicians will play the music and we will be able to watch them up close on the screen. Sometimes, there will be pictures of animals on the screen too. Some of these animals might look scary, but don't worry they can't hurt you, they are just images.



If you need to take a break during the show you are welcome to leave the auditorium and come out into the foyer area with your parent, carer or teacher. A Quiet Area with some comfortable beanbags and nice lighting will be available for you to relax in if you'd like to. You can return to the auditorium whenever you feel ready.



Who You Will Meet

Here is a picture of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. At the performance, we will see lots of people on the stage playing all kinds of different musical instruments!

*Have you ever been to see an orchestra play?
What do you remember about the performance?*



This is a picture of Nicholas.

Nicholas is the 'Conductor'. His job is to keep everyone in time by moving his arms and body along to the music. Nicholas will welcome you and during the performance let you know some interesting things about the music and the orchestra.

*Can you move your arms and body along to the music?
Don't forget to have a go at conducting during the performance!*



This is a picture of Sophie.

Sophie plays the violin and is what we call the 'Concertmaster'. Her job is to lead the orchestra and make sure everyone is playing together.



This is a picture of Richard.

Richard is the 'Presenter'. His job is to tell the story of the concert and to be our guide on the musical adventure. He will be talking to us during the concert and telling us interesting things about music and the different characters.



Final Experience

At the end of the performance, we can clap our hands to say “thank you” to the musicians.