



DEVONPORT JAZZ

# The Cope Street Parade

Relaxed Performance  
Visual Story

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# HELLO

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Relaxed Performance from The Cope Street Parade, as part of Devonport Jazz. We hope you are excited to see the show!**

**This pack is designed to give you a bit more information about the performance ahead of your visit.**

## WHAT IS A RELAXED PERFORMANCE?

**Relaxed Performances are open to everyone but are especially tailored to support audiences with additional needs who may benefit from a more relaxed performance environment. This may include children, young people and adults with neurodivergence, such as autism, learning difficulties and other sensory or communication needs.**

**We want theatre to be available for everyone.**

**In our Relaxed Performance you can expect:**

- The show you come to see is the same quality as other performances at Devonport Jazz.**
- Minor changes are made to sensory elements of the show, such as reducing bright lighting or loud noises.**
- There is a relaxed attitude to noise and movement.**
- You are welcome to bring in and use stimming devices.**
- The theatre doors will remain open and the house lights will remain on, but dimmed.**
- You can leave the venue at any time and there is a chill out area available.**

# ABOUT THE VENUE

**The paranable arts centre is located in Market Square, Devonport. The Multi-level Car Park, with entrances off Best Street and Fenton Way, offers direct access to Market Square and includes multiple accessible bays on all levels. Saturday parking is \$2 all day.**

**The entrance to the paranable arts centre has yellow all around the glass doors so it's easy to find when you are in Market Square.**

**There are stairs and a ramp that go to the glass doors. They are automatic, so they will open when you get close to them.**

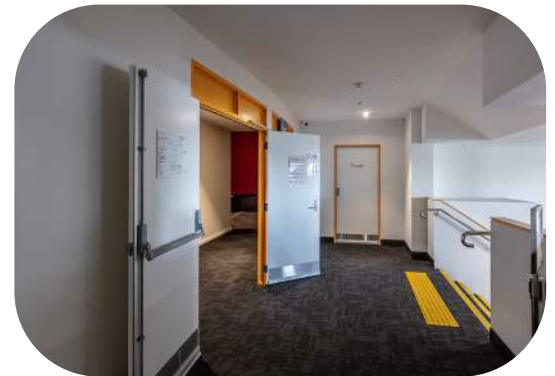
**Inside the glass doors, in the foyer is the Box Office. The Box Office is a place where you can pick up your ticket from a member of staff. If your tickets have already been collected you probably won't need to go to the Box Office.**



**As you go through the foyer and into the auditorium you will see a table where you can buy a program with information about all the people that helped to make the production.**



**At the end of this corridor is the lift and stairs if you need to go to the toilet or you want to sit on the couches.**



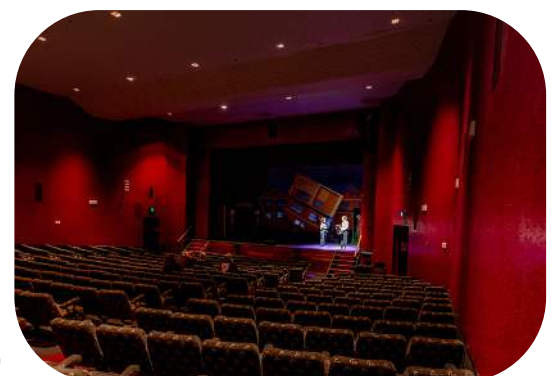
**When you turn left at the end of the corridor, you will find the entrance to the auditorium. A staff member will be there to check your tickets.**

**The staff members who check your tickets and help you to find your seat are called ushers.**



**The auditorium is the part of the theatre where the audience sit when they are watching the performance.**

**Inside the auditorium there are spaces at the top for wheelchairs and there are lots of rows of seats. An usher will help you find your seats.**



**If you are uncomfortable where you are sitting and there is room in the auditorium, you can ask the ushers if it's okay to move to a different seat.**



**You might want to eat something before or during the show. The Theatre Bar and Kiosk is located on the lower ground floor. You can either take the stairs or use the lift. You can take your food and drinks into the auditorium, although hot food and drinks are not allowed.**



**If you want to leave the auditorium at any time during the performance, there is chill-out area in the down-stairs foyer. You can go there to relax if you need a little break before going back in to watch the show. If you need to, you can ask the ushers where the chill-out area is and they will show you the way.**



**If you need the toilet take the stairs behind the bar to the first to the lower ground floor. You can also take the lift if you would like to avoid stairs.**



**There are separate male and female toilets.**

**! There is a large mirror just inside the door of the female toilets, which can give a bit of a fright if you're not expecting it.**

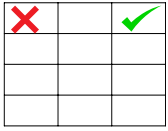
**There is also a unisex accessible toilet in the same area. You can ask the staff to help you find the way.**



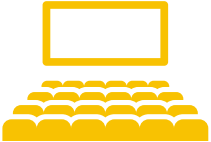
# USEFUL INFORMATION FOR THE DAY



The show will be 45 minutes long. There is no interval, but you can move around at any time.



Communication boards will be available for non-verbal communication.



During the show, the lights in the auditorium will stay on, but they will be dimmed slightly to help you see the stage more clearly.



You are welcome to bring in and use stimming devices.



It's okay if you make noise or you have to move around a bit. We will also leave the auditorium doors open so you can come and go if you want to.



If you think the show might be too loud, there will be some EMS headphones that you can borrow for the performance.



There will also be a small collection of other things that might help you feel more comfortable like tangles, weighted lap pads, move n sit cushions and ankle resistance bands. You can borrow these for the performance if you need to.



The paranapple arts centre has installed an induction (hearing) loop for this performance. Please let the box office know if you require a headset to access this facility.



If you want to leave the auditorium at any time during the performance, there is a chill-out area that you can visit. You can go to this area to relax if you need a little break before going back in to watch the show. If you need to, you can ask the ushers where the chill-out area is and they will show you the way.

# THE MUSICIANS

**This Relaxed Performance features The Cope Street Parade.**

**Formed in 2009, The Cope Street Parade blend spicy rhythms with unique song writing that span the genres of folk, pop, gypsy and swing. This is Australian swing music. The hot sounds of gypsy swing mixed with element of New Orleans traditional jazz meld together to create a style of music that sounds both new and old yet always uniquely Australian.**



**This ensemble is made up of four musicians:**

Justin plays the  
**Saxophone**



Aaron and Ben each play  
**Guitar**



Sam plays the  
**Double Bass**





# THE REPERTOIRE



The first piece in the concert is called *Poncha* and was written by one of the ensemble members, Ben Panucci. It is about a famous drink on the Island of Madeira in Portugal.



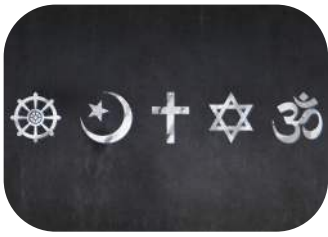
The next piece was written by Justin Fermino and is called *Bubbles*. It has two parts: the first sounding bubbly like a fizzy drink and the second is like watching a lazy bubble floating in the air.



The third piece in the concert was written by Aaron Flower while the group were touring Italy. The song, *130 Clicks* is about feeling a little homesick for family in Australia.



The next piece is called *Caffè Corretto* and was written by both Ben Panucci and Will Henderson. *Caffè Corretto* means 'Corrected Coffee' and is an Italian drink that grown-ups can sometimes have in the morning.



The fifth piece in the program was written by Ben Panucci and called *Atheist Blues*. In Australia we are very lucky to have many different religious beliefs. Sometimes people can even choose to have no religion. This song is about what it is like to be an atheist.



The sixth piece in the concert is called *Cope Street Candy Store* and was written by Justin Fermino. The song is about the group imagining how great it would be to run a candy store.



The next piece is one that a lot of people will know - the *Hokey Pokey*. It was written by Larry LaPrise and is a classic song for little kids and all the big kids too. If you feel like dancing, you can join in.



The last piece in the concert is called *Ice Never Gets Hot*. It was written by Ben Puccini who found it strange that ice can never get hot, because it turns into water before it does. The group often like to start a conga line when they play this song!

# HOW YOU CAN HELP?

**This is the first time that the Devonport Jazz has done a Relaxed Performance. We still have a bit to learn to help people feel comfortable in the theatre.**

**If you have any suggestions or feedback, we'd love to hear from you.**



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