

# DARWIN FESTIVAL

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## POD

## Social Story



I am going to see a show for the Darwin Festival.  
The show is called POD.



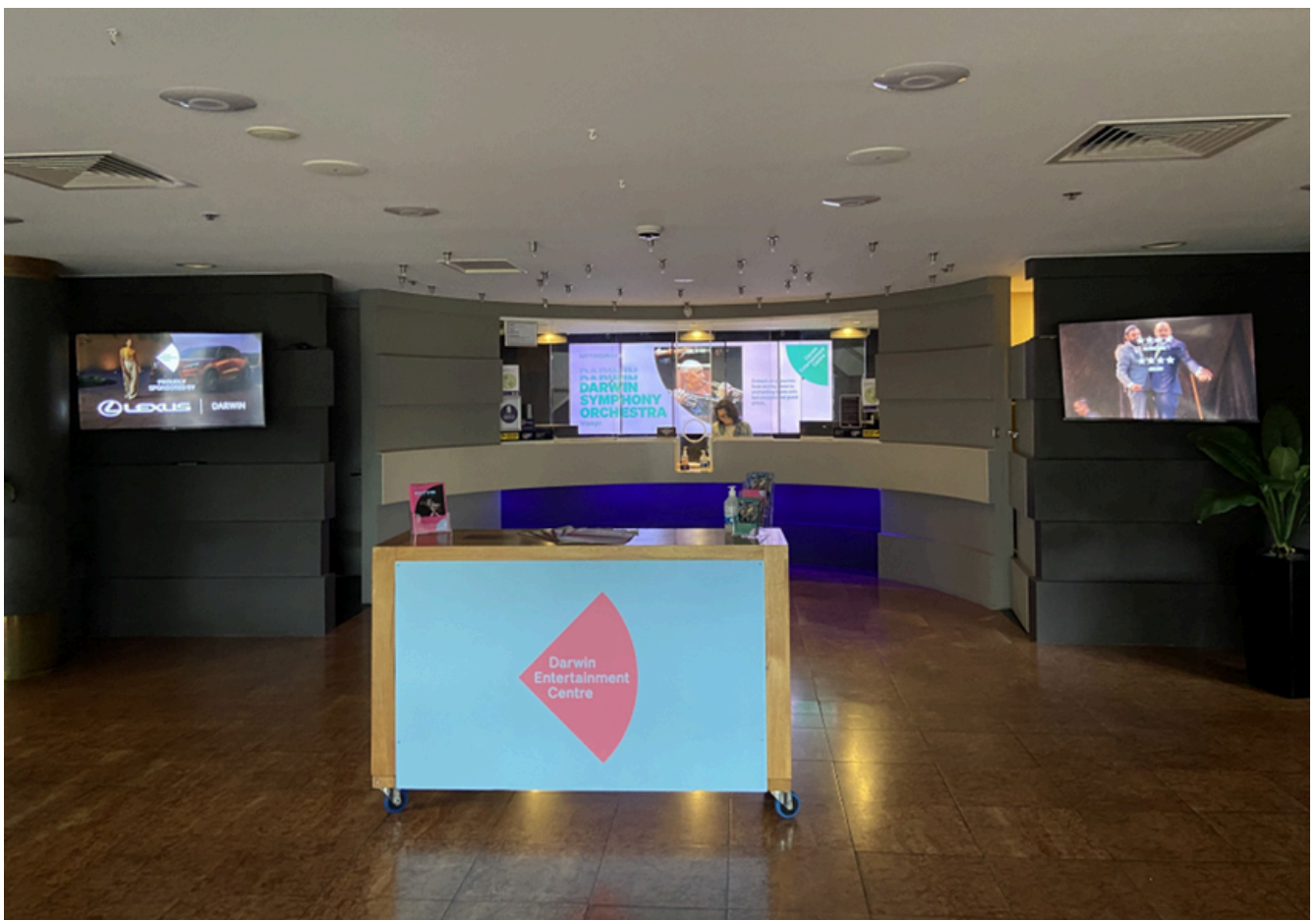
The show is being performed at Darwin Entertainment Centre in their Studio Theatre.

This is outside the Darwin Entertainment Centre. It is a big building with two theatre spaces and a Box Office.



When I arrive at the Darwin Entertainment Centre I will show my ticket to the staff at the front door to enter the foyer.

Inside the foyer, the people at Box Office can help me to pick up my tickets if I haven't already got them.





There will be other people seeing the show. I may have to queue or wait to go in.

The show is happening in the Studio Theatre. Before I go inside, I can use the toilets if I need to. These are located on either side of the Box Office.



We will enter the theatre through this entrance and find our seats inside. Someone will show us where we can sit.



There will be other people sitting close to me who I don't know and it may be busy. Everyone who is sitting watching the show is called the audience.

There will be music playing as we walk in. We will be facing the stage which has big curtains and lights. They will look like a bit like this:





There will be performers will be on stage before the show starts. They will be pulling ropes with different illuminated pods rising and falling.

The audience will be invited to help raise and lower the pods by pulling on the ropes if they would like.



Then lights will go down and the show will begin.



The performers on stage will use puppets, light projection and music to tell the story. The puppets will all look different.

The main character in the story is POD. POD will go on a journey and meet lots of different plants and animals.

As the story goes on, POD will change and look different. Sometimes POD will look like this:



This is the Nature Guardian. They will have a light on their forehead, like this.



The Nature Guardian will protect POD.

The performers will move the puppets around the stage to represent animals and plants.



These flower puppets will open and close.



This puppet is a grass tree.





This puppet is a kangaroo.



This puppet is the green tree frog.



This puppet is the Storm Cloud Horse. You can pet them if you would like.



During the storm, a monsoon storm washes POD out to sea. You will hear some mild thunder sounds and see some lighting flashes. POD comes out of the water onto the beach. POD is safe.



This character is a rain cloud.





The performers will also use lights and projection to tell the story. They will make shadows using puppets like this:



The performers will use lights and fabric to make the illusion of fire.



These puppets, lights or sounds may make me nervous. If so, I can cover my eyes or cover my ears, wear earplugs or headphones.

I can also move around during the show if I would like to.



If I feel uncomfortable, I can leave the Studio Theatre. A Front of House staff member or my parent or guardian will help me exit safely.



When the show is finished, the performers may take a bow. The audience will clap to say thank you to the performers. I will then leave the theatre with my parent or guardian.