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The Whale's Tale

Social Story



I am going to see a show for the Darwin Festival.

The show is called The Whale's Tale. The show is being performed outdoors at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.



This is outside the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. This is where I will arrive.



I will access the outdoor performance area through the Monsoon Garden doors.



I may have to queue or wait to go to the performance area. There will be other people waiting outside the entrance who want to see the show.

Before I go to the performance area, I can ask the person I am with to use the toilet. The toilets are inside the Museum and may be more cramped than outdoors.



I will see Front of House staff and volunteers working at the entrance of the performance area. They will all be wearing a t-shirt uniform. They are friendly and I can ask them for help.



To access the performance area, I will walk through the Monsoon Garden, through the gate and up the stairs to the grassy area.



I will be sitting on the grass to watch the show. I may have to wear a hat and sunscreen because it will be hot and sunny outside.

This is the performance area when there is no show happening.



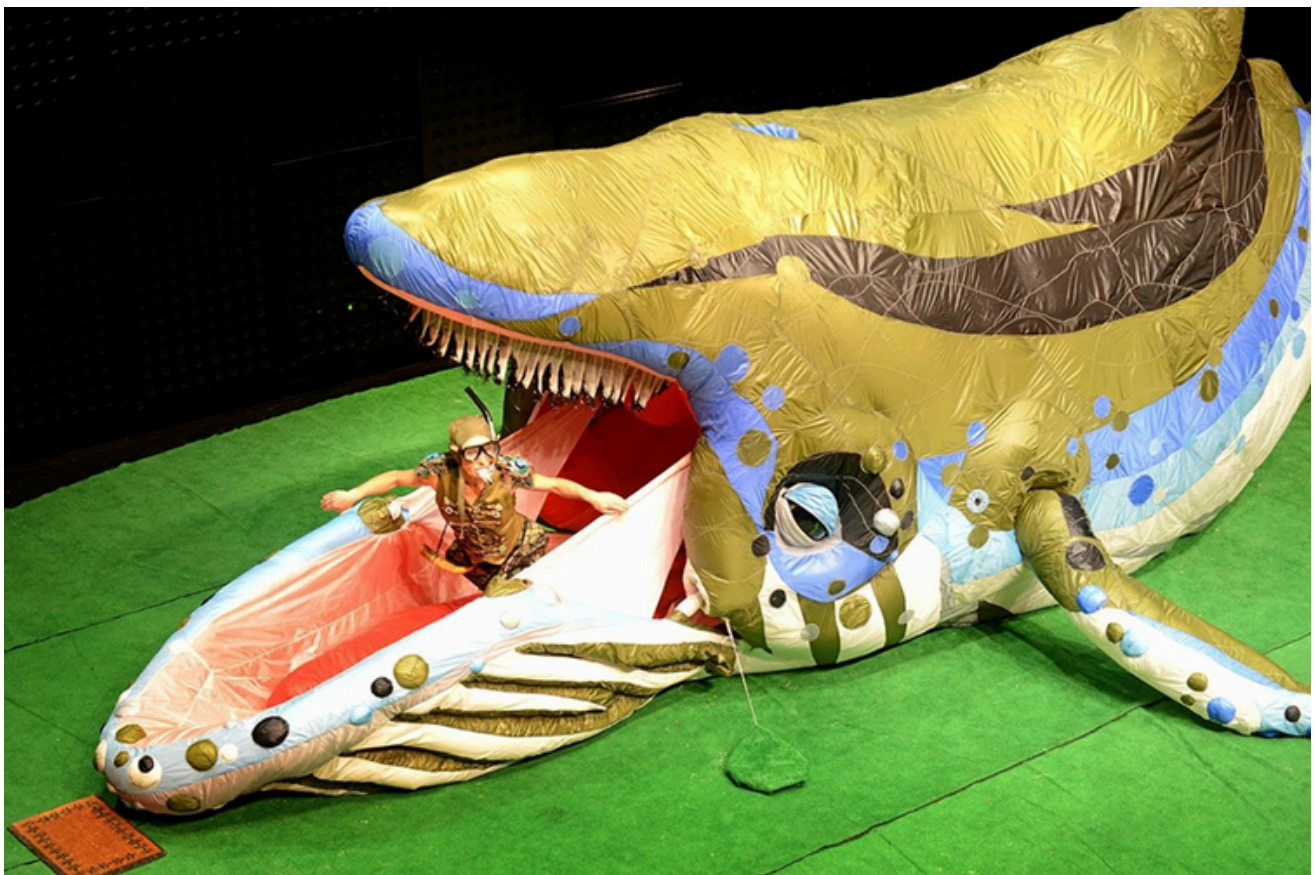
The show I am seeing is The Whale's Tale. There will be a big whale puppet on the performance grass area, which looks like this.



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

When it is time for the show to start the music will begin and the whale puppet will start moving its mouth.

A periscope comes out of the Whale's spout and looks around, the mouth will open and then the character called the Navigator will exit.



These are the actors who will perform in their character costumes.



Pictured left to right:

The Shark is our villain. He wants to make some fast cash which is what people used to do when they caught Whale's in the olden days.

The Navigator is the spirit of the Whale and the protagonist of the story. She is deeply worried about Manilayo the Whale and wants him to get better!

There is also pictured a boy from the audience. During the show, they will ask a child from the audience to take part in the show. I don't have to do this if I don't want to.

Dr Walrus is a fumbling doctor who is trying to find the cause of Manilayo the Whale's sickness.

If I see something that I like, or something I think is funny, I can clap my hands or laugh. Other people around me may laugh or clap.

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



During the show, there may be things that may make me nervous.

The Shark can interact with the audience, laugh in an evil way or shout. There will also be music through the show. If I don't like it, I can cover my ears, wear earplugs or headphones.



During the show, the performers may also ask some of the audience be part of the show and go inside the puppet. I don't have to if I don't want to.



I can leave the performance area if I feel uncomfortable. 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 performance area with my parent or guardian.

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