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How The Birds Got Their Colours Access Guide

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Introduction



Image Description: Group acrobatic stunt on a beach with one person elevated mid-air, ocean and city skyline in the background.

How the Bird Got Their Colours is an Indigenous-led performance blending traditional First Nations dance, storytelling and contemporary circus in a visually stunning outdoor spectacle.

It is suitable for all ages.

The performance takes place outside at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT) Amphitheatre.

To attend, you need to purchase a ticket.

Arrival



Image Description: Exterior of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), featuring a white modern facade, palm trees, and a large banner.

Free parking is available at MAGNT.

From the car park, there is a short walk to the entrance to MAGNT.

Entrance



Image Description: Entrance to MAGNT with glass doors and windows featuring white nature-themed illustrations and signage for "Monsoon Garden."

As you arrive outside the entrance to MAGNT, to your left you will see the Monsoon Garden.

Enter through this door for the performance. There may be a queue of people lining up to see the performance.

Tickets



Image Description: Two people in purple shirts with name tags hold green and white wristbands

To enter for the performance, you must have a ticket.

Please have your ticket ready. You can print your ticket out, or have it on your phone.

There will be Darwin Festival staff as you enter the Monsoon Garden who will scan your ticket.

Toilets



Image Description: Restroom area with labeled doors for unisex and male toilets; the middle door is open, showing cleaning equipment and a caution sign.

Toilets are located in the foyer of the main entrance to the Museum.

To access, enter Museum through the main doors to the right of the Monsoon Garden.

If you need to use the toilet during the show, speak to a Darwin Festival or MAGNT staff member or volunteer who will show you where they are.

Inside the Monsoon Garden



Image Description: Outdoor pathway leading to a building entrance, with a pond and lush greenery on one side and a bench near a curved stone wall.

When you enter the glass doors, you will walk through the Monsoon Garden.

Walk through the gate and up the stairs to the grassy area.

Darwin Festival staff will be there to guide you.

Amphitheatre



Image Description: Outdoor amphitheatre with a grassy field, surrounding trees, and a concrete path with stairs leading down to the seating area.

The performance will take place at the Amphitheatre.

To watch the show, you may sit on the concrete steps or the grass.

As the performance is outside we recommend you wear a hat and sunscreen.

If attending the show in the evening, you may like to bring insect repellent.

The performance



Image Description: Performers in black outfits with colorful wing-like accessories dance on a beach with the ocean in the background.

The performance will take place on the grass area of the Amphitheatre.

When you enter, you will see it set up ready for the performance.

When the performance begins, the performers will enter the stage and the audience will go quiet.

During the performance, there will be music, singing and talking, which may be a little loud.

The performers will pretend to be different characters and wear costumes like the ones they are wearing in the photograph above.

The performers will also perform circus tricks, which may mean they stand on top of each other and perform backflips.

At the end of the performance the performers will take a bow and the audience will clap.

After the show

You will exit the way you entered.

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