

# AUCKLAND March ARTS FESTIVAL 11–29 2020

Social Story Booklet

## About you

Name:

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What do you feel excited about?

What do you feel nervous about?

When are you visiting the Auckland Arts Festival?

How are you getting there?

## What is Auckland Arts Festival?

Welcome to the Auckland Arts Festival!

We aim to inspire the people of Tāmaki Makarau and our many visitors with the arts.

Coming to an event in the festival doesn't need to be daunting. We hope this social story will give you an idea of what you might experience when you participate.

**Tāmaki Makaurau is the Māori name for Auckland.**



The Festival begins on Monday, 9 March and goes until Sunday 29 March 2020.

## Where is the festival?

Festival events take place in over 20 venues across Auckland.

Some of these are in traditional theatre spaces in the central city. Some are in open public areas like Aotea Square.

There are some events in art galleries, hotel rooms and even some shows touring schools.

When you choose what you would like to see, the venue will be listed in the information.

## Things you can expect to see during the festival in Auckland

### Crowds and queues



### Costumes



### Performances in public spaces



## Be Prepared

- It will be very busy, so expect a lot of people and different noises.
- You could be walking around Auckland for long periods of time. Make sure you wear comfortable footwear.
- Noises you may hear in the city: car horns, construction tools, cars backfiring, people speaking different languages.
- Remember that there are a lot of shows on during this time, so plan to arrive early. This makes your visit run smoothly.



## Getting around Auckland

Train, bus, taxi or walking? For bus, train and ferry timetables go to [Auckland Transport](https://www.aucklandtransport.co.nz/) or phone 09 366 6400.

- If you are planning to use public transport, you can get a AT HOP card. Once you have put credit on this, you can use it to travel on all train services, all public bus services and most ferry services within Auckland. You can buy them for \$10 at most convenience stores in Auckland CBD.



- You could contact a community support person to see if there is a group you can travel with. Try the Auckland office for Autism NZ.

## Where to Find Drinking Water

- Most performance venues will have a water cooler you can help yourself to.
- All licensed premises (places that serve alcohol) are required by law to provide free tap water.

## First Aid

- Each individual event and venue has a person in charge of first aid. If you need help during an event, go to the box office at the venue and they will be happy to help you.

## Toilets

- You can find public toilets at each festival venue.
- During the festival, there will be a disability toilet at the Spiegel tent in Aotea Square for use when shows are on at the Spiegel tent.
- There are also accessible toilets in Aotea Centre or the Auckland Town Hall.

## Venues in Auckland Arts Festival:

### Auckland Arts Festival Aotea Square Ticket Booth





## Venues in Auckland Arts Festival:

### Artspace Gallery

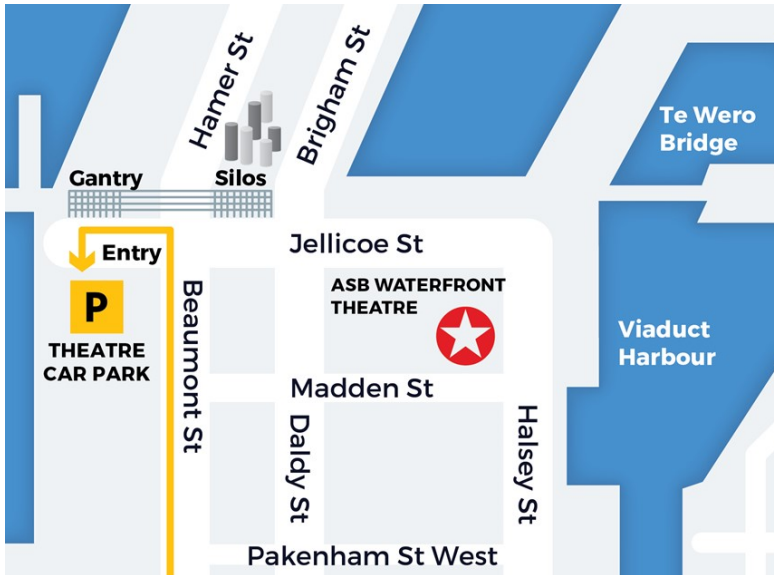


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## Venues in Auckland Arts Festival:

### ASB Waterfront Theatre



#### **Parking:**

You can pre-book a parking space through the 'Car Park' section of the theatre website.

Vehicle entry to and from this secure car park is at 94 Jellicoe Street. An ASB Waterfront Theatre front of house team member will be onsite at the entrance to assist you.

## Venues in Auckland Arts Festival:

### Q Theatre



The best parking for this venue is the Civic carpark (see below).



## Venues in Auckland Arts Festival:

### Auckland Town Hall

The Great Hall and Concert Chamber are both in this building.



You can take a virtual tour of the Town Hall [here](#)

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## Venues in Auckland Arts Festival:

### Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre in Aotea Centre



You can take a virtual tour of the Kiri te Kanawa Theatre [here](#).

This used to be called the ASB Theatre, but has changed its name.

The best parking for this venue is the Civic carpark (see below).

## Venues in Auckland Arts Festival:

### The Civic Car Park

The Civic Car Park is closest to Aotea Centre, Auckland Town Hall, Aotea Square and Q Theatre.

A limited number of pre-paid parking spaces are available on Level 2 of The Civic car park. You can book these when you buy a ticket through Auckland Live.

Entry is via Greys Avenue or Mayoral Drive.



The Civic car park has 20 mobility spaces available. First 2 hours are free, then usual rates apply. After 6pm and weekends free. One entry and exit per period. Take your mobility card and entry ticket to a pay machine and press the help button for instructions.

For general parking, usual rates apply.

## Venues in Auckland Arts Festival: Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna



You can take a virtual tour of the Bruce Mason Centre [here](#).

The Bruce Mason Centre has a quiet space on the first floor for audiences who need a break or are feeling overwhelmed.

## **Buying tickets:**

You can go online to [aaf.co.nz](http://aaf.co.nz)

Or email us at [access@aaf.co.nz](mailto:access@aaf.co.nz)

## **Relaxed Events**

You might find some festival events overwhelming. If this happens, you might prefer to go to a relaxed performance.

In these performances, there's a relaxed approach to noise and movement, and a supportive environment.

The auditorium will have fewer people in the audience so patrons will be able to move around more easily.

Relaxed performances can be a great way to welcome all people and their families.

Have a look at our [Easy-Read Event Guide](#) for more information on accessible shows.