

JANET'S VAGRANT LOVE

Visual Story



Sydney
Festival
2023

What is a Visual Story?

A Visual Story is a visual & written accessible guide to assist you with your visit.

Visual stories are used to prepare a person for and increase the predictability of a new environment or situation. This helps bring familiarity to a process and to reduce anxiety and stress.

This guide provides information on how to access the Afrique en Cirque performance, and what to expect when you arrive and who to ask for assistance.

About Sydney Festival

Janet's Vagrant Love is part of Sydney Festival 2023 program. Sydney Festival is a city-wide celebration of culture and creativity. From the streets to the beach, in stately theatres and in secret basements, it animates locations across Greater Sydney with a free and ticketed program of theatre, music, dance, visual art and live performance.

We welcome all visitors to Sydney Festival events and are committed to making the festival a safe and accessible space for everyone.

I can find more accessibility information about Sydney Festival here:
www.sydneyfestival.org.au/accessibility



Janet's Vagrant Love

Janet's Vagrant love is a performance about the hard-hitting truths raising young Blak men as a single mum, delivered in a beautiful blend of music, drama and wry wit.

Janet's Vagrant Love is a work 20 years in the making. Elaine Crombie (Pitjantjatjara, Warrigmai and South Sea Islander) delivers raw and intimate songs and experiences, punctuated with wicked one-liners and sharp observations. *Janet's Vagrant Love* is a refusal to lie down and be silent.



About the Venue

The performance of Janet's Vagrant Love will be held at Belvoir St Theatres. Located at: 25 Belvoir Street Surry Hills 2010

Based in an old factory on Gadigal land, Sydney, Belvoir is one of Australia's most celebrated and beloved theatre companies.

I can view a 3D map of the venue [here](#).

Belvoir St Theatres offer a range of accessibility services and facilities to make my visit as enjoyable as possible. I can find out more about accessibility [here](#).



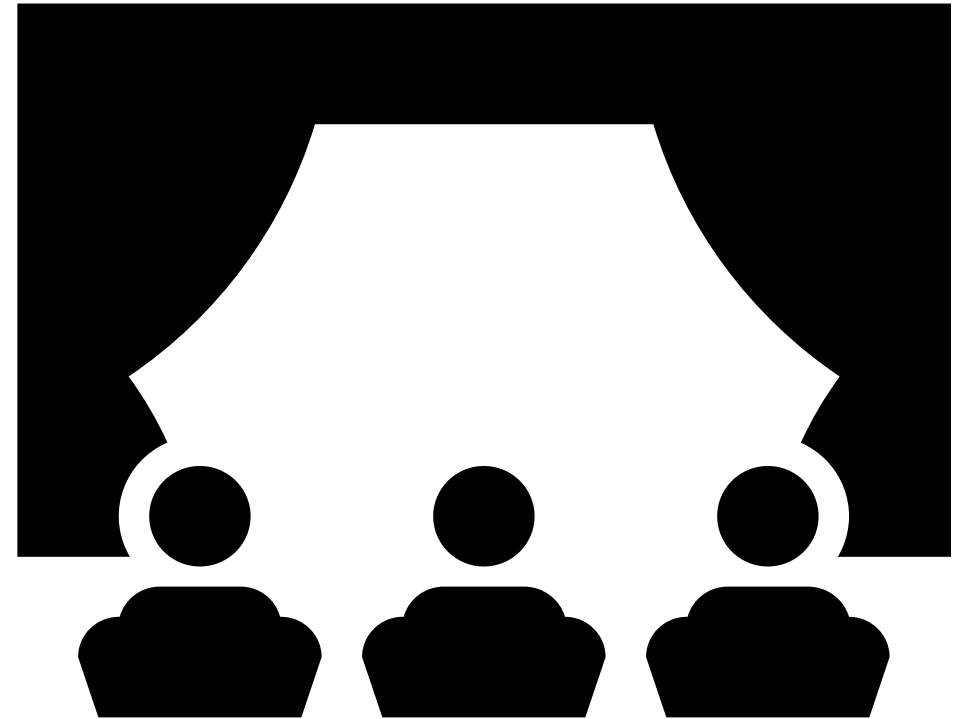
When is the performance on?

**Janet's Vagrant Love runs from Thursday
19th to Sunday 22nd January 2023.**

**Below are the show dates and times I can book
into:**

- Thu 19th Jan, 07:15pm
- Fri 20th Jan, 07:15pm – Relaxed Performance
- Sat 21st Jan, 02:15pm
- Sat 21st Jan, 07:15pm
- Sun 22nd Jan, 05:15pm

Relaxed Performances are designed for patrons who may benefit from a more relaxed environment. Relaxed performances usually have slight modifications to sound and lighting, support aids and an open-door policy with a dedicated quiet area.

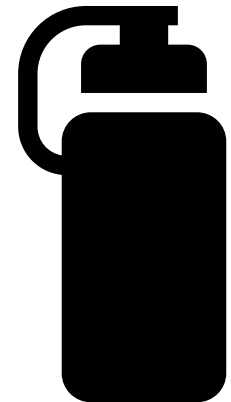
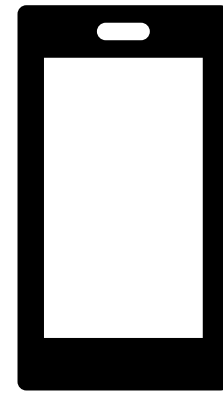


Things that I can bring

I can bring some things that help me feel calm and safe.

These might include:

- Noise cancelling headphones
- Sensory items
- Water bottle
- Mobile Phone/ipad



How to book my ticket?

I can book my ticket on the Sydney festival website here:

<https://tickets.sydneyfestival.org.au>

When I book into a session, I can select from a full price or concession ticket. For this performance, seating is general admission so I will have to get to the venue early for the best seating choice.

Colour chart for show date availability:

Black Line – Allocation Exhausted

Purple – Selling Fast

Teal – Available

1. SELECT A DATE

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● Selling Fast

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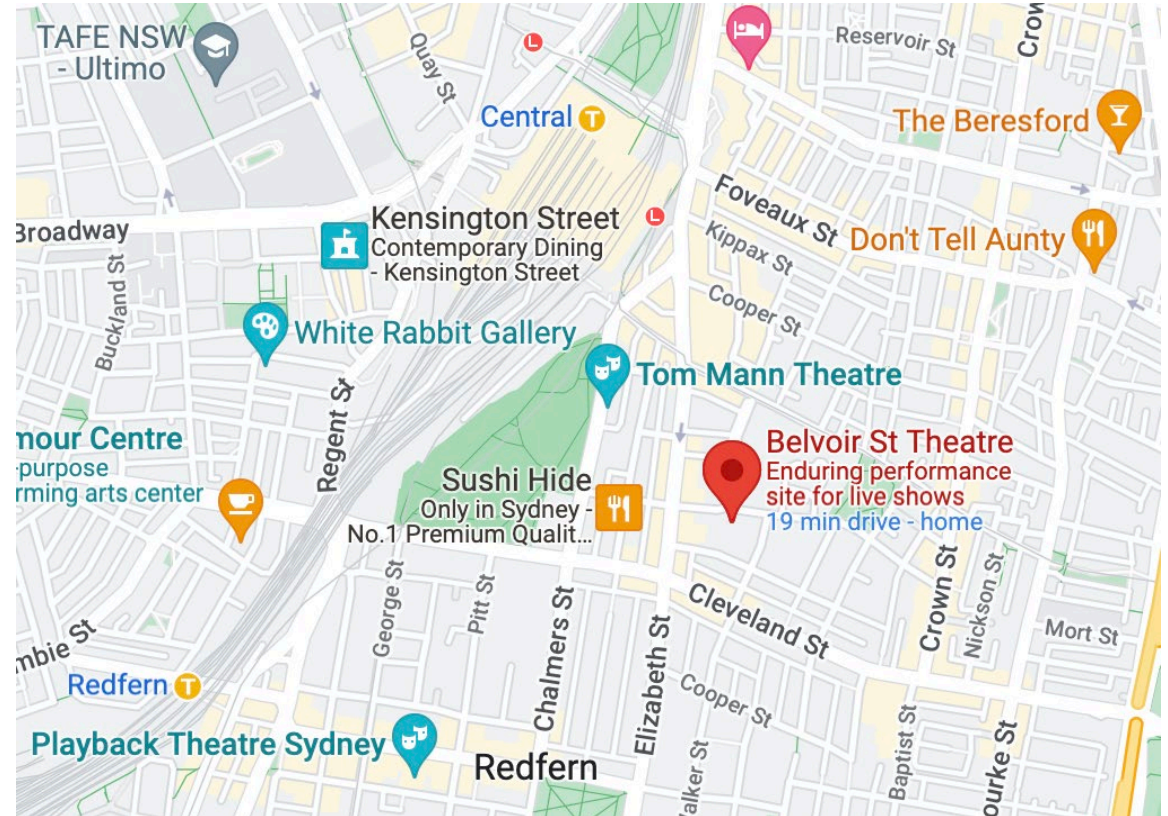
Getting there

The performance is located at: Belvoir St Theatre

25 Belvoir Street, Surry Hills. It is close to a lot of major public transport.

I can get to Belvoir by train, bus, walking, bicycle, taxi or by car.

Public transport is suggested due to traffic and no onsite parking.



Public transport/ Walking/ Taxi or Rideshare/Car

PARKING

There is no onsite parking, but limited timed parking is available on the streets around the theatre. Parking is unlimited on Sundays. It is strongly advised to use public transport if possible, for my journey to Belvoir.

TRAINS / LIGHT RAIL

Belvoir is a 5 minute walk from Devonshire St/Chalmers St exit of Central Station and Surry Hills Light Rail Stop. It takes approximately 7 minutes uphill walk from Chalmers Street Light Rail Stop. There are also buses along Chalmers St, Elizabeth St and Cleveland St. I can find out more about trains to Belvoir here: transportnsw.info

BUS

Buses travel along Chalmers St, Elizabeth St and Cleveland St.

BIKE

There are bike racks located outside the theatre where I can store my bike.

Ticketing and Seating

The performance is general admission, there will be a range of different seating options for me to choose from. I can ask a staff member for help finding a seat, I can also ask at the Box Office about accessible seating options.

I will need a ticket to see the show. My ticket will be scanned at the entrance to the performance. I can have the ticket on my phone or printed out.

Before the show starts, I might need to wait in the foyer. This is where I can relax with my family or friends until the performance starts.



Before the performance starts

When the show starts the lights will turn down, but it will not go completely dark, there will be stage lights highlighting the performer.

This is now the time I can sit quietly to listen and watch the performance. If I need to talk to my friends or family during the show I can whisper.

I will be seeing a live performance, not a movie. The performers might play music, sing, dance or tell me a story. They might wear costumes or make-up. This helps them to tell the story.



What to expect during the performance

The performance takes about 75mins.

Some things I will see and hear during the performance are:

- Coloured lighting
- Singing
- Loud Music
- Graphic Language
- Haze effects
- Strobe Lighting

Trigger warning – The performance contains potentially triggering content or themes, including violence, sexual assault or abuse and death.

If I arrive late, I will be admitted at an appropriate break in the performance.



Food & Drink

At Belvoir St Theatre, there is a bar called Hal Bar where I can choose from a selection of light meals, snacks and sweets. There is also a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available.

Food and drinks are available to me up to 60 minutes prior to each performance and during intervals.

I can view the food and drinks menu [here](#).



Toilets

I can find accessible toilets in the foyer area. I can refer to the map of the foyer area for more detail [here](#). The toilets will be clearly marked with a sign on the outside.

The staff at Belvoir St Theatre can help me find the toilets if I need help.

I should try to use the toilet before or after the performance, so that I don't miss out on anything exciting.



Who will I see, and who can help me?

If I need help, I can ask one of the Belvoir staff members who be working throughout the performance. They will be able to provide me with information and help with first aid.

Sydney Festival volunteers will also be working throughout the festival; I can identify them by their green t-shirts with the Sydney Festival logo.

Sydney Festival volunteers will be helping with audience flow, directions and any questions I have about the festival.



Quiet Spaces and Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Lanyard

I can access a quiet space by asking venue staff and I can exit the performance at any point if I need to.

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Lanyard

- The Sunflower is a globally recognised symbol for Hidden Disabilities.
- The lanyard is a way that people with Hidden Disabilities can indicate to staff that they may need extra support, time and understanding.
- If I have a Sunflower lanyard I can bring it with me, and the Front of House Staff are trained to recognise it.
- It is OK if I don't have a lanyard, I can still get help if I need.



Thank you for visiting



We hope you enjoy your visit to
Janet's Vagrant Love at Sydney Festival