TĀWHIRI WAREHOUSE

We are very excited to welcome artists and audiences to the Aotearoa New Zealand Festival of the Arts new venue, Tāwhiri Warehouse.

The Tāwhiri Warehouse is a pop-up venue (that was once an indoor sports centre) and with that comes awesome flexibility in how we present performances and how audiences can experience work. However, it also means the space doesn’t look or feel like a traditional theatre or performance space. With that in mind we wanted to share some information to give you a heads up of what to expect ahead of your arrival:

Location

The venue is located outside of Wellington city centre in the suburb of Newtown, just behind Toi Whakaari and NZ School of Dance. It’s on a major bus route with easy access for patrons and performers. There is a slight uphill walk from the bus stop to the flat ground outside the main entrance to Toi Whakaari/NZ School of Dance. Keeping the main entrance to your left, keep walking and within a minute you will be at the entrance to the Tāwhiri Warehouse, also on your left. If you are travelling by taxi, ask the driver to take you all the way up to the entrance of the Warehouse. There will be signage to direct you where to go. There is scaffolding around the venue which will be in place for the duration of the Festival. If you are driving, you will find reserved access parking right outside the venue. General public parking is in the large carpark next to the venue.

Temperature Control
 Tāwhiri Warehouse does not currently have air-conditioning. It is an open warehouse space with a tin roof which means the space can get warm. Please make sure that you are well hydrated and feel free to take a break and leave the space if you need some fresh air and that you are wearing clothing appropriate for the warmth.

Food and Beverage
There is a bar inside which be selling non-alcoholic drinks and snacks. This is open before the performance begins. There is free water available.

Bathroom Facilities
Audience bathrooms are located downstairs at Capital Gymnastics. These can be accessed from inside the Tāwhiri Warehouse with signage showing you where to go. There is 1 accessible portaloo located in front of the Tāwhiri Warehouse.

Box Office

There is a box office in the foyer of the Warehouse. This will open one hour before the performance.

Foyer

The foyer is the first place you will experience when entering the Warehouse. It has a bar, box office, some coat racks, chairs and tables.

Future plans for the Tāwhiri Warehouse

Tāwhiri Warehouse is a pop-up performance space for this year’s Aotearoa New Zealand Festival of the Arts, meaning everything there is temporary. We are currently raising funds to turn the venue into a flexible performance and rehearsal venue, including backstage and front of house facilities, air-conditioning, toilets, staging, seating and equipment. As we continue developing the venue over the next few years, we will be taking advice from accessibility consultants to make sure we fulfil our aim for it to be a truly and fully accessible venue for artists and audiences.