

Mildura District Orchestra presents

A Carnival of Animals

Visual Story



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Introduction

Welcome to A Carnival of Animals! This visual story has been created to help audience members know what to expect before they see the show.

The Show

A Carnival of Animals is an animal themed orchestral performance. It will run for an hour. The music will be performed by Mildura District Orchestra. Dancers from Mildura Ballet and Dance Guild will dance to the music. Poems will be read before each piece of music by Russ Gittins.

The Venue

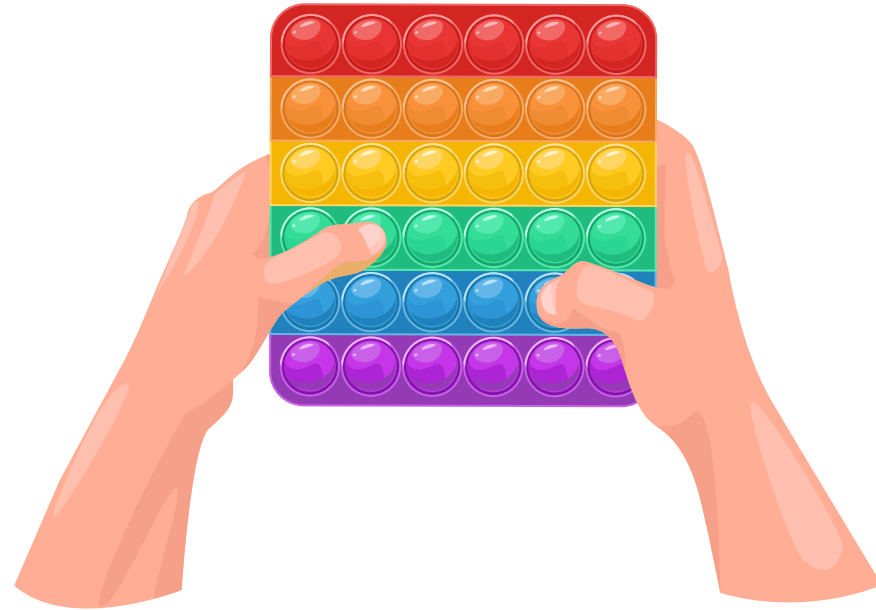
The show will be held at the Mildura Arts Centre in the main theatre.

What is an orchestra?



An orchestra is a group of musicians. They are led by the conductor, who stands at the front. There is a string section, woodwind section, brass section, percussion section and for this concert there will be two pianists.

Sensory Supports



You may like to bring some things from home to help you during the performance. Some parts of the show might have loud music. You can bring noise cancelling headphones. You can also bring sensory toys to help you enjoy your experience.

Drinks and food are allowed in the theatre.

Outside the Theatre



When you arrive at the theatre, you may wait outside in the grassed area. There are some other buildings, a driveway and some sculptures. To go inside the theatre, you go in the glass doors.

Inside the Foyer



Photo Credit: Robert Klarich for Hands Up Mallee – ChangeFest24

The foyer is where people wait to go into the theatre. There are tables and chairs you can sit at. You might collect your tickets from the box office or go to the toilet. Sometimes people buy food and drinks.

There will be a chiming sound when it is time to go in.

In the Theatre



The lights will be on when you arrive in the theatre. An usher will direct you to your seat. The music stands and instruments will be set up on the stage. If you need to go out during the show, an usher will help you with their torch.

Opening



When the show is about to start the theatre will go dark. An Acknowledgment of Country will be played through the speakers. The orchestra will walk onto the stage. The audience might clap. The orchestra will sit down. The conductor raises his baton and the orchestra start to play their instruments.

The Frog King



The orchestra will play a song that sounds a bit like a frog. There will be artwork displayed behind the musicians. A poem will be read before the musicians play.

The Thievish Magpie



All the musicians play in this piece. It is longer than the other songs. It is about a magpie. There will be artwork displayed behind the musicians. A poem will be read before the musicians play.

Flight of the Bumblebee



This is a very fast song! It will feature different instruments. It sounds like a buzzing bumblebee. There will be artwork displayed behind the musicians. A poem will be read before the musicians play.

The Grasshopper's Dance



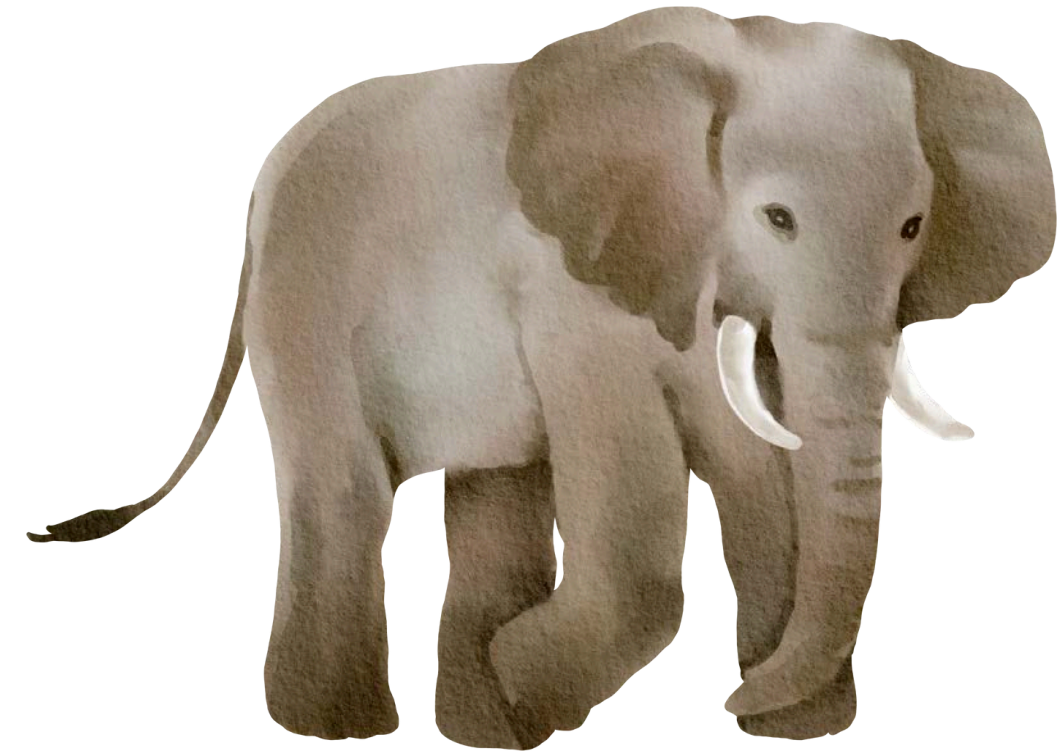
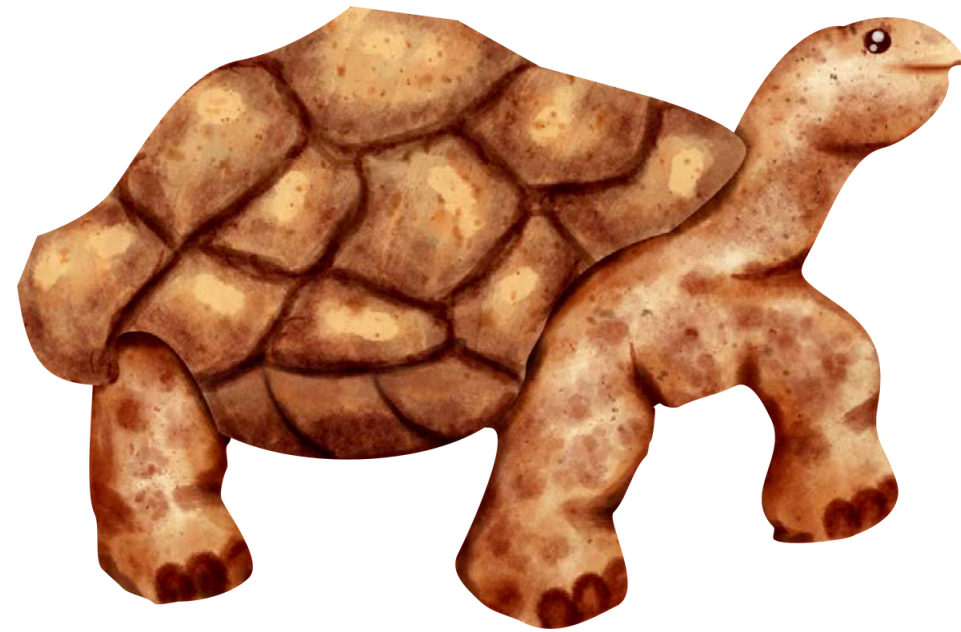
The orchestra will play a song that is about a dancing grasshopper. There will be artwork displayed behind the musicians. A poem will be read before the musicians play. Children will be tap dancing to the music.

Wombat Shuffle



The brass, woodwind and percussion sections play a song about a wombat. There will be artwork displayed behind the musicians. A poem will be read before the musicians play.

The Carnival of the Animals



The orchestra will play 10 short pieces of music from The Carnival of the Animals. The songs are about lions, tortoises, elephants, fish, donkeys, cuckoos, fossils and swans. Before each song, Russ will read a poem. There will be artwork behind the musicians that will change. Some songs will have dancers dancing.

End of Concert



The last piece of music will be announced. When it is finished, the musicians will stand up and bow. The dancers will bow or curtsy. There will be clapping.

Encore



When the clapping is finished, the musicians will sit down. An encore will be announced. This means that the orchestra will play an extra song as a surprise for the audience. When this song is finished the musicians will stand up to bow again. The audience will clap. The lights will then come on in the theatre.

After the Show



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After the show has finished the audience come back out to the foyer and outside the theatre. Then it is time to leave. The show is finished.

More Information

Here is a link for all of the music that will be played during the show if you would like to listen before the concert.

<https://m.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeUgM3LL7wi9SGppppchI354EpS7sCGMFj>



Thank you for coming to watch!

We hope you enjoyed the performance. See you again soon!



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