

The logo for the Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) is positioned in the upper right corner. It features the letters 'ACO' in a large, white, serif font, followed by the words 'Australian Chamber Orchestra' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font stacked vertically to the right.

ACO Australian Chamber Orchestra

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a wooden pier extending into a body of water at dusk. The sky is a deep blue, and the water reflects the light from the setting sun. Several people are sitting on the wooden benches of the pier, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The building behind the pier has a corrugated metal facade and several windows, some of which are lit from within.

THE NEILSON, ACO ON THE PIER Visual Story

Your step-by-step guide to
attending an ACO performance.

Relaxed Performance Schedule of The Nutcracker

To help you plan your visit, here are the performances timings.

- 11am** The foyer will be open and you can buy a drink or a snack at the bar if you would like to.
- 11:45am** The theatre will open and you can find your seats.
- 12pm** The performance begins.
- 12.30pm** The performance will finish and you can make your way back to the foyer and then head home.

The ACO staff are there to help with any questions. You can contact us by phone on 1800 444 444 or email boxoffice@aco.com.au.

How to get to ACO On The Pier

The Australian Chamber Orchestra is located at ACO On The Pier, Suite 3, 13A Hickson Rd, Dawes Point.



You can find out more about visiting ACO on the website's '[Plan your Visit](#)' page and the '[Accessibility](#)' page.

Arriving at the ACO

The ACO is located at the far end of Pier 2/3. You can enter the Pier from either side.

A) The Western side of the Pier has a sign saying 'Pier 2/3'



You can walk through this entrance and walk along the ground level, past Bell Shakespeare Company, until you see a sign saying the 'Australian Chamber Orchestra'.



B) You can also enter from the Eastern side, where you will walk past the Australian Theatre for Young People and up the ramp or stairs.

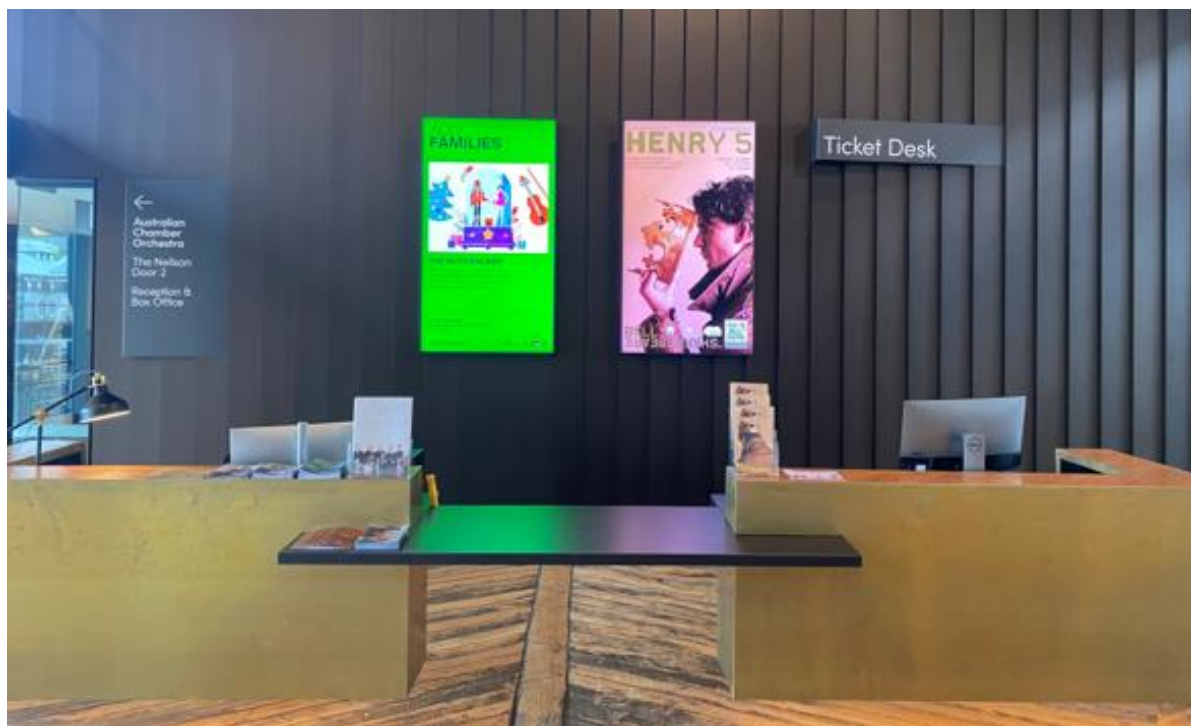


You can enter the building through the big glass doors on either side of the Pier and you will be in the **ground floor foyer**. You can then either take the stairs or the bronze lifts up to **Level One** where you will find the **ACO Foyer**.



Inside ACO On The Pier

Once you are on Level One, you can pick up your ticket from the **Ticket Desk** (or access the email ticket on your phone).



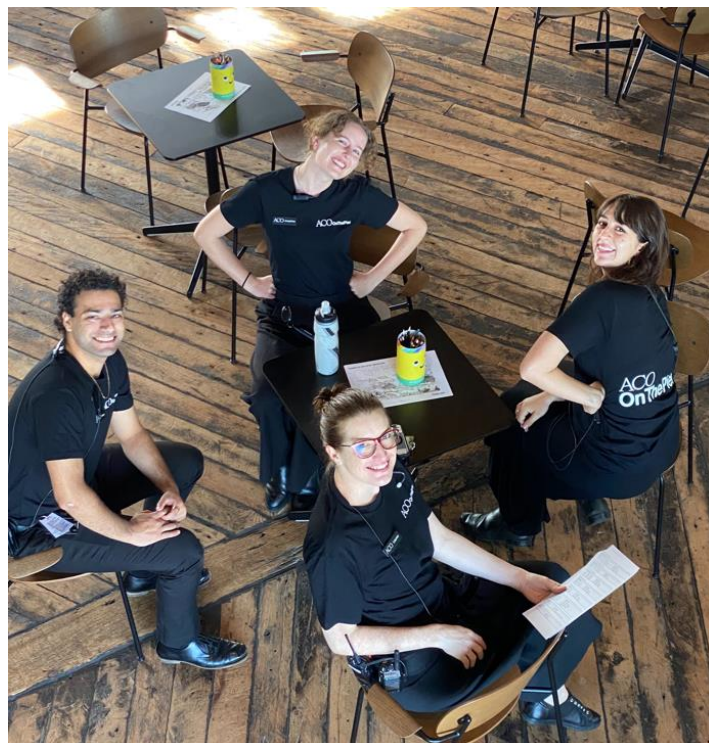
Before the performance, you can purchase drinks or snacks at the bar in the foyer.



You can find Accessible Toilets on all levels of this building.



If you need assistance with finding your way or anything else, you can ask an Usher for help. They will be wearing black t-shirts and an ACO badge.

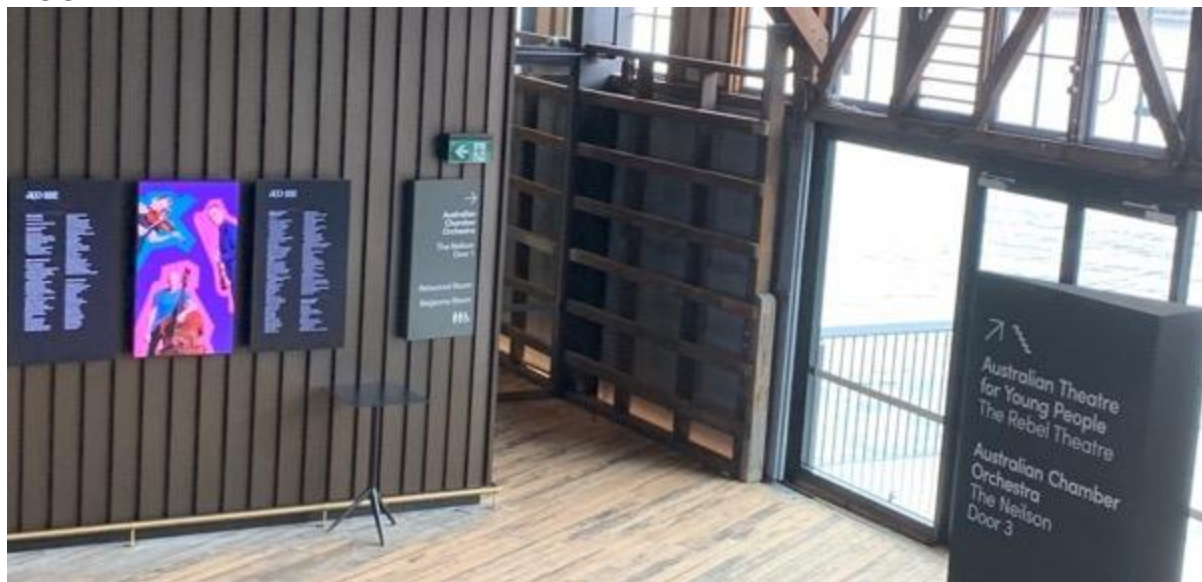


Entering the Performance Space

The performance will be in the ACO's theatre called **The Neilson**.

You will enter The Neilson via **Door 1** on the Eastern (right) side of the building. An Usher will show you the way.

Door 1



An ACO Usher will check your ticket as you enter The Neilson.

When you enter the performance space, you will be able to choose where you would like to sit. There will be fixed seats or the option to sit on the floor if you would like.



The Quiet Space

If you need a break from the performance at any time, you can leave The Neilson and go to the 'quiet space', down the corridor from Door 1.

An Usher will help you find your way.



The Quiet Space will have chairs, rugs and cushions.

The Performance

The performance will start at 12pm. The orchestra musicians will enter the stage, which signals the beginning of the performance.



The musicians will be playing a few different pieces of music from The Nutcracker.

If you would like to move around during the performance, you are welcome to do so.

If you would like to leave the performance, you can exit through any of the doors. You are welcome to come back into The Neilson at any time. An usher will help you.

The performance will be approximately 30-minutes long and when the ballet dancers, actor and musicians take a bow at the end of the show, this will mean that the performance has finished. The performers will then leave the stage.

The ushers will then help all audience members leave the performance space.