

Venue Information for Band Events

A & B Grade – BNZ Theatre Due Drop Events Centre

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 July 2024

The vehicle entrance is via the Main Gate off Great South Road, between the Centre and the Ramada Hotel.

Bus and Band drop-off: The drop-off point is on **Pacific Events Centre Drive**.

Buses can stop briefly close to the arena's entrance, unload band people, and then move around this drive, which loops around the south car park. There is limited bus parking at the end of Pacific Events Centre Drive.

Other vehicles

Parking is available in the North Car Park or South Car Park.

Competing Bands:

- Enter the Due Drop Events Centre by the Main entrance south end by Pacific Events Centre Drive.
- Make your way into the Arena. Each band will be allotted an area to store their instrument cases.
- From there, you will be taken by stairs or lift to the Panasonic Suite, where you can warm up. This will happen approximately 30 minutes before you are due to perform. Music stands, and chairs will be in this area, and bands can warm up as a band blowing.
- Approx. 5 minutes before the end of the preceding bands' performance, bands will be escorted down to the backstage area. No blowing is permitted in this area.
- Please ensure you have a set-up crew to arrange the chairs/stands on stage and assist your percussion team.
- On completion of your band's performance, the whole band exits by the right side of the stage; please assist your percussionist and return to the Arena and your instrument cases.
- Collect all your belongings and leave this area as quickly as possible. Another band may be waiting to move in. You can stay in the Arena and check out the Trade stands.

If a band performer has difficulty moving up to the Band warm-up area, it will be by stairs or lift. They can go directly to the band's backstage area and wait for their band if they wish.

*Band photo:

If you have booked a band photo session on Saturday. After your Own Choice performance, you will return to the arena, collect your cases and belongings and move to the Lion Foundation Foyer. For a photo, bands can now book and pay directly with the photographer—Chris Street at chris@upandup.co.nz or Ethan Harris at ethan@upandup.co.nz. No photo will be taken on the day if your band hasn't booked and prepaid.

Entry for Audience: BNZ Theatre

Entry into the BNZ Theatre is from the Auckland Airport Foyer.

Trade Stands and refreshments

Trade stands will be in the area. Live streaming on Saturday.

Percussion unloading and collection.

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The loading bay entrance into the BNZ Theatre is via the Main Gate of the Due Drop centre. Use the left-hand entrance that goes into the North Car Park.

The loading bay is on the north end of the venue and leads into a large area where percussion instruments can be stored. Loading and unloading can happen at any time.

Separate internal doors lead onto the stage. During the breaks between band performances, these internal doors will be opened to load and unload percussion instruments onto the stage area.

Please ensure that enough people move your percussion instruments safely and efficiently.
Please label all your percussion instruments with a name.

Food and Drink options at the Due Drop Centre

A Coffee van will be in the Foyer daily from 8:30 am.

Natalia's Food Journey, <https://www.nataliasfoodjourney.co.nz/>, has a great selection and will be on-site from 11:00 am. to 7:00 pm. on Friday ONLY.

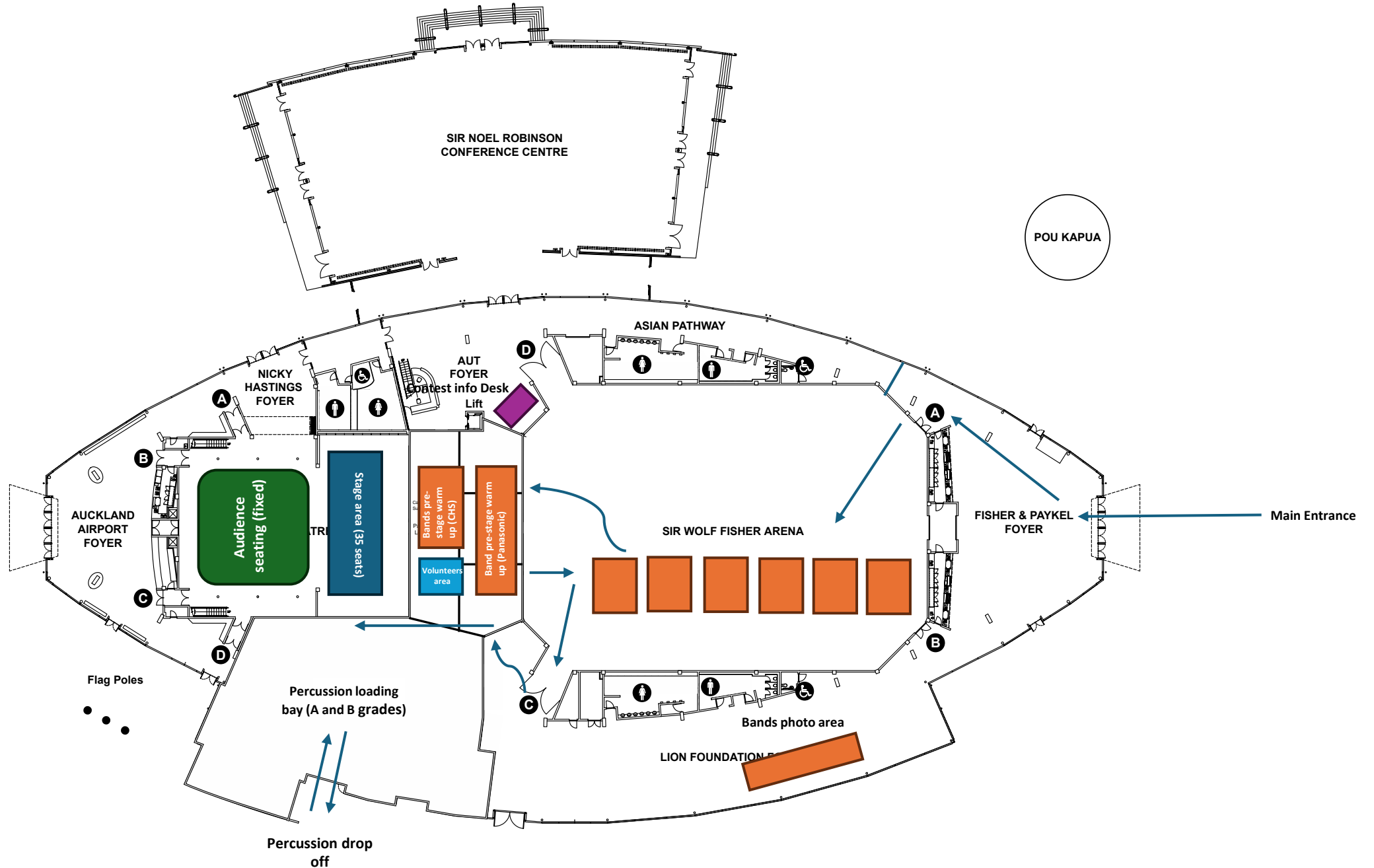
Collective is the contracted caterer and will have its retail bar open.

Wednesday, 4:00 - 8:00 pm: coffee, snacks, pies, and a selection of beer and wine, including Waitoa Beer.

Saturday, 1:00 pm -1:00 am: Same food and drink, but more hot food options 5:00 -9.00 pm.

**Day 3 and 4 – Band Flow
A & B Grade – ON STAGE**

1. From the instrument bays, bands move to the 2nd floor warm up rooms (Panasonic Suites), using the bleacher stairs on the right (disability access is available to members through the D exit, using the lift on the right)
2. After warm up, bands make their way down using the opposite bleacher stairs
3. Exiting through the C exit (stanchions will be placed here to separate oncoming C/D/Youth Grade traffic), bands will pass through the backstage hallway (volunteers to guide, and (stanchions will be placed in this corridor to separate oncoming traffic)
4. Bands will go on stage from stage left



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- 1. Bands will exit stage right, and come out into the AUT Foyer
- 2. Bands will reenter the arena through the D exit.
- 3. Once inside, bands can make their way back to the instrument bays to collect their cases and belongings and move out of the bays

*Bands taking photos may go through to exit C and go into the Lion Foundation Foyer.

