



General Information

Every year the Western Australian Government Schools Music Society (WAGSMS) runs a series of Concerts at the Crown Theatre and Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.

General information and requirements of schools in preparation for these WAGSMS Concerts include:

- Group Size:** There is an absolute limit of 80 children in an item. The preferred maximum number is 60 – 70 to accommodate school seating requirements on the night of a concert.
- Item Length:** These are limited to 7 minutes, maximum, on stage. For Band items: 9 minutes from curtain up to curtain down. Please consider selections and arrangements based on this ruling.
- Rehearsal:** The entire concert will be rehearsed in 3 hours on the morning of your performance – your students will not be required to be present for the whole rehearsal. It has two major aims:
 - Firstly to enable Crown staff to set sound and lighting levels and position stage equipment/props.
 - Secondly, to familiarise students with all facets of the venue.There will not be time to stop, redo, relocate children etc. Performance issues need to be settled at school prior to rehearsal.
- Disabled Access:** Wheelchair access is available.
- Tickets:** Tickets sold online through Ticketmaster.
- Stage Size:** Stage plans are sent out and returned later in the year through the Concert Manager.
- Piano:** The piano (if required) has only one position.
- Music Tracks:** *Instrumental only.* CD's (if used) must only have the track(s) your item will use. No vocals on backing. Instrumental backing only. Student voices where voices are used.
- Copyright:** It is imperative that your item does not infringe copyright.
- National Anthem:** This will be played by the school performing first on the concert night.
- Concert Teachers:** School staffs who accompany the children to the rehearsal cannot claim teacher relief from WAGSMS.
- Teacher Relief Claims:** Schools employ their own relief should it be required.
- Duty of Care:** The organizers, managers and venue operators all have a duty of care but the ultimate duty of care rests with the school as it does in any school excursion.
- Item information:** The music teacher or item director must provide details of the composer and arrangement for each item, to satisfy licensing and performance requirements. This is a legal (not merely a WAGSMS) requirement that must be followed.
- Equipment** While all care is taken, the society cannot insure against loss or damage to instruments.

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