# What to Expect (with visuals) for audience members with diverse needs

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Nº EXCUSES 0 IMITS ILL-ABILITIES 16 APR 2023, FRI – SUN SINGTEL WATERFRONT THEATRE AT ESPLANADE

#### **Singtel Waterfront Theatre**

The performance takes place at the Singtel Waterfront Theatre at Esplanade.

This is the Singtel Waterfront Theatre, a building along the Esplanade waterfront.



#### Accessibility features for this performance

This performance welcomes wheelchair users. There will be a dedicated row reserved for them.

This performance also welcomes audience members with guide dogs.

This is a Relaxed Environment performance. We embrace everyone's diverse needs and expressions. You may also exit and enter the theatre when you need to. However, do be careful as it will be dark.

### da:ns focus – EveryBody

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EveryBody 14 - 16 Apr 2023

Focusing on dance with inclusivity, diversity and participation, EveryBody encourages "everybody" and "every body" to experience dance.

dancing into focus This performance is part of Esplanade's *da:ns focus* – *EveryBody* weekend on 14 – 16 Apr 2023.

*EveryBody* celebrates inclusivity, diversity and participation. The weekend features dance performances by differently-abled performers and some others who dance as a hobby. There are also workshops and dance lessons for you to dance and have fun.

*EveryBody* aims to share the love of dance to everyone.

# What to expect at the performance

# Who are ILL-Abilities?

ILL-abilities consists of seven performers from different countries. There are six dancers and one music DJ.

They are all differently-abled, and they have all won awards!

They are very talented dancers striving to inspire and spread positive thinking through their unique dance moves.



# No Excuses, No Limits by III-Abilities

This performance is about 60 minutes long. It is performed by ILL-Abilities, with six dancers and one music DJ.

ILL-Abilities will perform a kind of dance called "breaking" on stage – sometimes alone, other times in pairs; and sometimes, they dance as a whole group.

The dancers will share where they are from and tell stories on how they become professional dancers. They also share their dreams with the audience.



# What is "breaking"?





"Breaking" is a style of street dance. It is acrobatic and the dance often happens on the floor. Dancers may spin on their heads, back or heads.

### Music

Pre-recorded electronic music is played in the performance.

There is a DJ who uses turntables on stage to play the music. Sometimes, the DJ will play a sound effect, like the sound of an air horn.

Sometimes, the music is fast and energetic; other times, the music is slow and dramatic. Sometimes, the music includes spatial, rhythmic sounds to match the choreography's tone.



# Light

Lighting is used in the performance to help set the mood of the dance. Sometimes, the stage is bright. Other times, there is dramatic stage lighting that uses a stark contrast between darkness and a spotlight to highlight a dancer.

There are small spotlights on stage that pulse on and off when the performers ask the audience to participate from their seats.



# Video projection

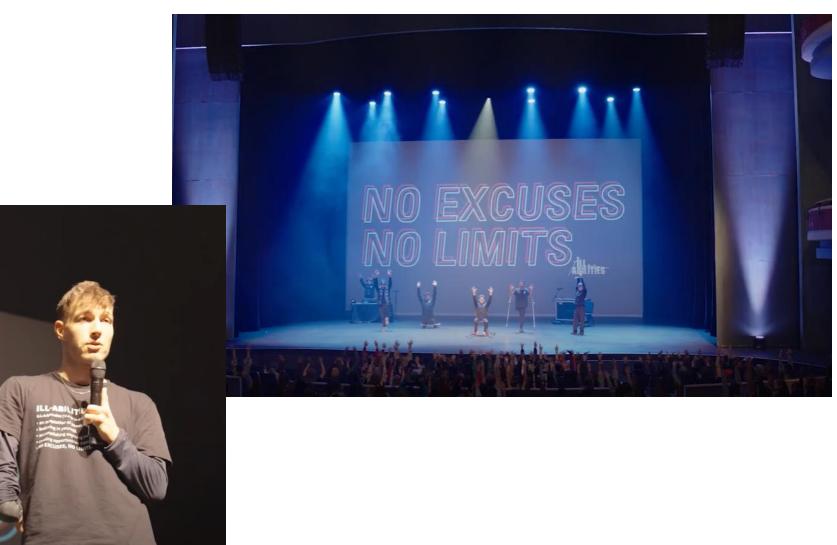
There is a large video screen as the backdrop of the stage.

At the beginning of the performance, a video showcasing the different performers will play on the screen.



#### Audience interaction

The performers may ask you to clap or cheer or say a phrase from your seat. You can participate if you want. If you do not feel comfortable that is alright too.



# Making yourself comfortable

Feel free to make your experience more comfortable.

Please bring your own noise-cancelling headphones, sunglasses or visors, fidgets, and communication devices.



## **Calm Space**

Alternatively, if you need a quiet space when the performance is happening, you can let our usher know.

The usher will bring you to the Calm Space located at the venue.

You can go back to the performance anytime when you feel ready.



#### See you soon at Esplanade.

#### Don't forget to enjoy and have fun!

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