



MEDIA STATEMENT

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In positive news for the arts industry and wider community, the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) will re-open its Lyric Theatre this Friday 18 March for the first time since the Brisbane floods forced its closure more than two weeks ago.

The Centre was inundated with water through its basements and carparks impacting critical building services and access vital to its operation, and recovery is ongoing due to impact assessments and repair work required.

In what will be a staged approach to reopening, QPAC's Lyric Theatre will return first with Disney's blockbuster production of *Frozen the Musical* on Friday 18 March. *Frozen* will only be in Brisbane for another seven weeks, before having to continue with its Australian tour.

Minister Enoch welcomed audiences back to the Lyric Theatre for its first weekend of activity since the floods.

"QPAC is a leader in presenting exceptional performing arts, and I know that Queensland audiences will be keen to return to see Disney's *Frozen the Musical*," Minister Enoch said.

"I would also like to acknowledge the round-the-clock work from the QPAC and Arts Queensland teams, contractors, and all who have worked to get us to this stage."

Unfortunately, ongoing repair work is required to reopen the Concert Hall, Playhouse and the Cremorne Theatre and a reopening date for these venues yet to be determined.

Any performance cancellations have been and will continue to be communicated directly with ticketholders providing details for transfers or refunds. All *Frozen the Musical* ticketholders have been offered the opportunity to transfer to performances later in the season.

Whilst QPAC's Performing Arts (P1) carpark remains closed due to flooding impacts all patrons are encouraged to park at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) with pre-paid carparking vouchers honoured by BCEC.

Further general updates will be communicated via QPAC's social media channels and website. Any ticketholders impacted by flood-related changes will be contacted directly via email.

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