

Relaxed Family Concert

Music Around the Globe



PRE-VISIT STORY



Orchestra Hall

I am going to the *Music Around the Globe* concert at Orchestra Hall.

This is where the Minnesota Orchestra performs music.



Music Around the Globe

The title of the concert is *Music Around the Globe*.

The concert is about how composers from around the world showcase the places they are from through their music.

The music on the concert is from China, Norway, Syria, Romania, Mexico, and the USA.

Some of the music is loud, and some is soft. Some of the music is fast, and some is slow.



Art activity

I can participate in an art activity before or after the concert.

The art materials I touch can be very different. Some materials will feel soft, and some will feel hard. Some materials will feel wet, and some will feel dry. I can pick the materials that I like.



Music activity

I can see, touch, and hear musical instruments before or after the concert.

I can sing, move, and dance to the music if I want to.

The music activity can be loud when the instruments are played.

If the sounds are too loud, I can cover my ears, wear headphones, or go to a quiet area.



Meeting musicians

I can meet musicians from the Orchestra and see or listen to their instruments.

I can ask the musicians questions about the instruments or the concert.

Other people will want to ask the musicians questions, too. I can wait my turn to ask my question.



Dance activity

I can meet dancers before or after the concert.

The dancers will be leading a movement activity.

The dancers will help me come up with my own dance moves.



Picture activity

I can take a picture in front of a photo wall so I can remember going to see the Minnesota Orchestra at Orchestra Hall.



Quiet areas

If I need to take a break, I will tell the person I came with.

I can leave the lobby activities or the concert anytime I want to go to a quiet area.

I can relax in the quiet areas. I can use the tools in the quiet areas to help my body feel calm.



Conductor

When the Orchestra is on the stage, I will see a person standing in front of the Orchestra.

This person is called the conductor. The conductor uses a stick called a baton to lead the Orchestra.

I will see the conductor move the baton in the air to let the musicians know how fast or slow to play the music.

The concert's conductor is Chia-Hsuan Lin.



Host

The concert has a host. The host tells us what will happen during the concert.

G. Phillip Shoultz, III is the concert's host.



Musicians

An orchestra is a group of musicians playing different instruments.

Sometimes the musicians play together and sometimes they take turns.



Instruments

I can watch videos of instruments online if I want to hear what they sound like before the concert.

All the instruments sound different. Some of the instruments are louder, and some are softer. Some of the instruments make high sounds, and some make low sounds.



Pictures

When I am in the concert hall, I will see white cubes on the ceiling and walls.

During the concert, the cubes will have pictures on them.

Parts of the pictures will move while the orchestra plays.



Audience participation

I can answer questions that the host asks the audience during the concert.

I can dance, clap, or conduct along with music.



Listening to music

Everyone attending the concert is here to experience music.

When I listen to music, I may feel an emotion. People often express feelings about the music by humming, singing, or waving their arms.

I can wear headphones or cover my ears if I like quieter sounds. If I am feeling overwhelmed, I can go to a new seat or a quiet area to listen to the music.



Finale

When the concert is over, the conductor and musicians will stand up and bow.

I can clap or say "Bravo" to let the musicians know I liked the concert.



Leaving

After the concert, I will leave my seat and walk in the aisle to leave the concert hall.

All the people will leave the concert hall at the same time. The aisles will be crowded.

I will walk slowly while leaving the concert hall.

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