Relaxed Family Concert

Juneteenth: Celebration of Freedom

PRE-VISIT STORY
I am going to the *Juneteenth: Celebration of Freedom* concert at Orchestra Hall.

This is where the Minnesota Orchestra performs music.
The title of the concert is *Juneteenth: Celebration of Freedom*.

The concert is about how composers use instruments and the sounds they make to tell stories and set moods.

The music was chosen to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday, which marks the freedom of the last enslaved African Americans in Texas on June 19th, 1865. It is a good way to learn about the history of this country.

Some of the music is loud, and some is soft. Some of the music is fast, and some of the music is slow.
I can participate in an art activity before or after the concert. I can color a Juneteenth flag or create my own and add decorations.

I can take home Juneteenth coloring pages if I want to continue coloring at home.
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.
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.
I can dance and move my body with teachers from the YWCA.

The teachers will help me come up with my own dance moves!
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.
The conductor is the person standing in front of the orchestra.

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

G. Phillip Shoultz III is the concert’s host.

Justice Alan Page will narrate Lincoln Portrait. He will tell us some history about President Abraham Lincoln during that piece and say words that Lincoln wrote and spoke.
An orchestra is a group of musicians playing different instruments.

Sometimes the musicians play together and sometimes they take turns.
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.
I can answer questions that the host asks the audience during the concert.

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

People around me may also be clapping.

I can wear headphones or cover my ears if I like quieter sounds.
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.

If I am feeling overwhelmed, I can go to a new seat or a quiet area to listen to the music.
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.
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