

MINNESOTA  ORCHESTRA

Relaxed Family Concert
Lunar New Year

福虎迎春



2022

PRE-VISIT STORY



Orchestra Hall

I am going to the *Lunar New Year* concert at Orchestra Hall.

This is where the Minnesota Orchestra performs music.

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Lunar New Year

The title of the concert is *Lunar New Year*.

Lunar New Year is a festival that encourages family and friends to gather together.

The music on the concert is from China, Korea, Singapore and Vietnam.

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



Art activities

I can color a Lunar New Year coloring page before the concert. The art materials that I touch can be very different. I can pick the materials that I like.

I can take home a Chinese paper cutting activity. I can cut out a paper tiger at home.



Dance performance

I can watch a traditional Chinese dance performance in the lobby before the concert.

The dancers will move to recorded music. If the music is too loud, I can cover my ears, wear headphones, or go to a quiet area.

I can move to the music if I want to.



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.

I will wear a mask while I am getting my picture taken. I will wear my mask to keep myself and other people safe from COVID-19. A new virus makes people sick with COVID-19.



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.

Today's conductor is Junping Qian.



Host

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

Roz Tsai is today's host.



Musicians

An orchestra is a group of musicians playing different instruments.

Sometimes the musicians play together and sometimes they take turns.



Duet

There is a duet performance during the concert. A duet performance is when two musicians play a special part of the music. Zhengang Xie and Mei Hu will play a duet for jing hu and yue qin.

During the duet, the featured musicians will sometimes play by themselves. At other times, they will play with the full orchestra.



Instruments

I can watch videos of the jing hu, yue qin, or orchestral instruments online if I want to hear what they sound like before the concert.

At the concert, 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.

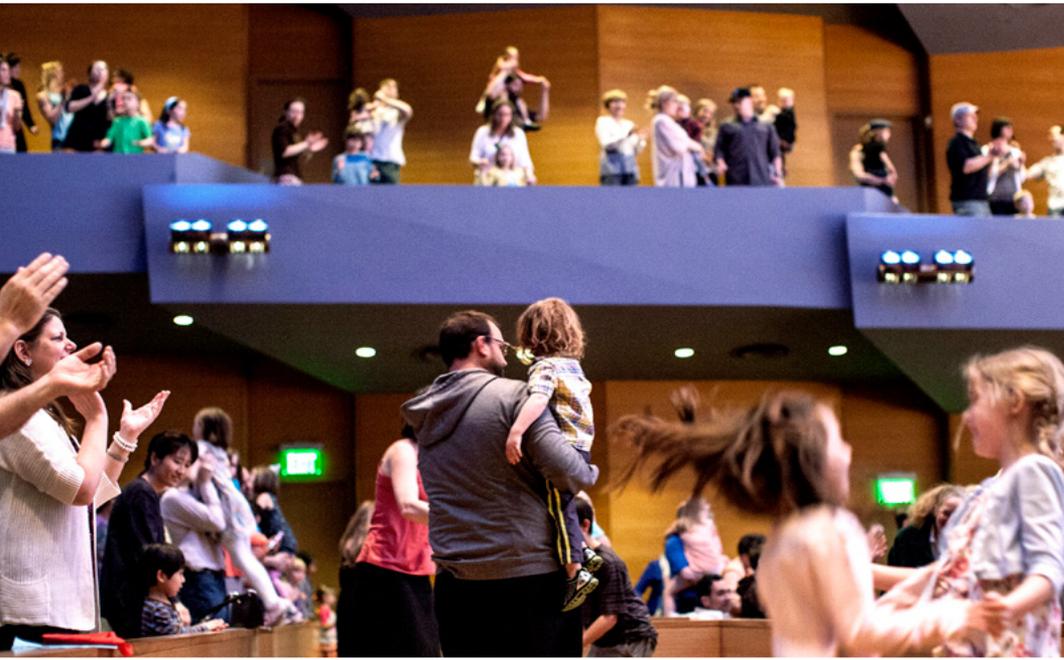


Pictures

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.

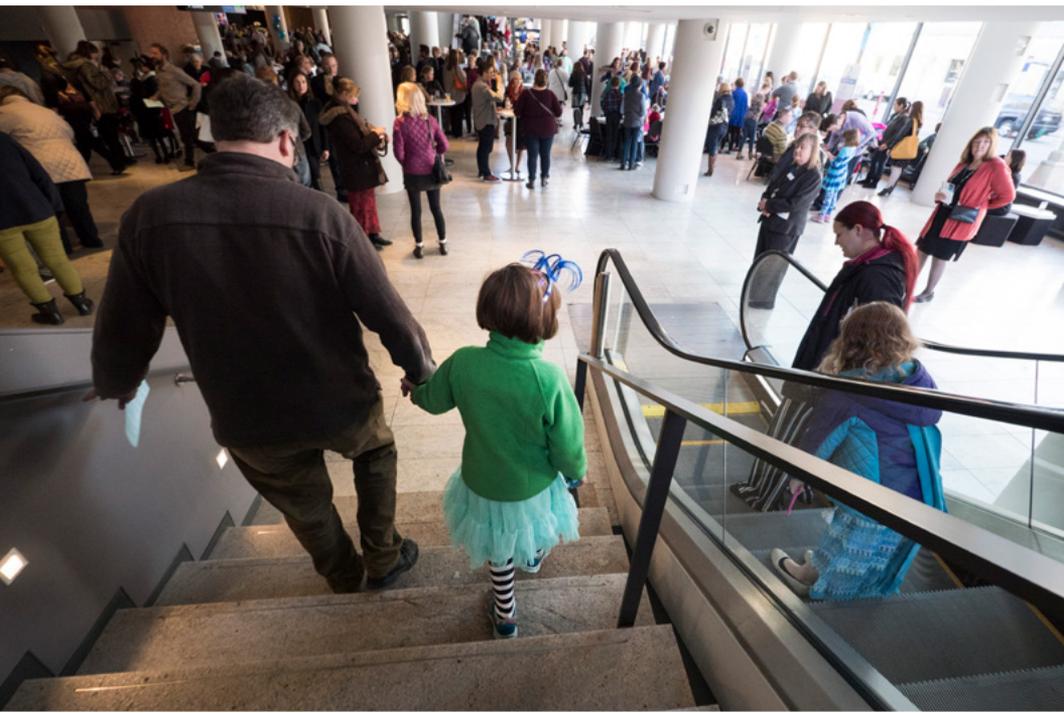
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Finale

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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