

MINNESOTA  
ORCHESTRA

RELAXED FAMILY CONCERT

# Rhythm in Motion

Saturday, July 26, 2025 2pm



PRE-VISIT STORY



## Orchestra Hall

I am going to the *Rhythm in Motion* concert at Orchestra Hall.

This is where the Minnesota Orchestra performs music.



## *Rhythm in Motion*

The title of the concert is *Rhythm in Motion*.

At this concert I will learn how music can be inspired by dance. I will hear pieces of music by Dvořák, Ginastera and many other composers. Composers are often inspired by dance and movement, from the percussive sound of tap shoes to elegant ballet combinations.

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



## Art Activities

I can participate in an art activity before or after the concert. I can create my own special dance shoes that either I can take home or add to a collaborative stage of dance shoes created by others.





# 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.



## Quiet Area

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



## Conductor

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 Samuel Lee.



## 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.



# Audience Participation

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

I can dance in my seat, 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.



# Experiencing Music

Everyone attending the concert is here to experience music.

When I experience 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.

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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.

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