



going to see a

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Heinz Hall

I am going to Heinz Hall in the city of Pittsburgh.
Heinz Hall is a theater where the Pittsburgh
Symphony Orchestra performs musical concerts.



buses

I will travel to Heinz Hall on a bus.

When I get off the bus with my classmates, the police will tell us where to stand.

I will have to walk in a line and wait for an adult to tell us where to go next.

An adult will tell me and my classmates when to walk into Heinz Hall.

I will walk in a line and listen to my teacher when I get inside Heinz Hall.



waiting

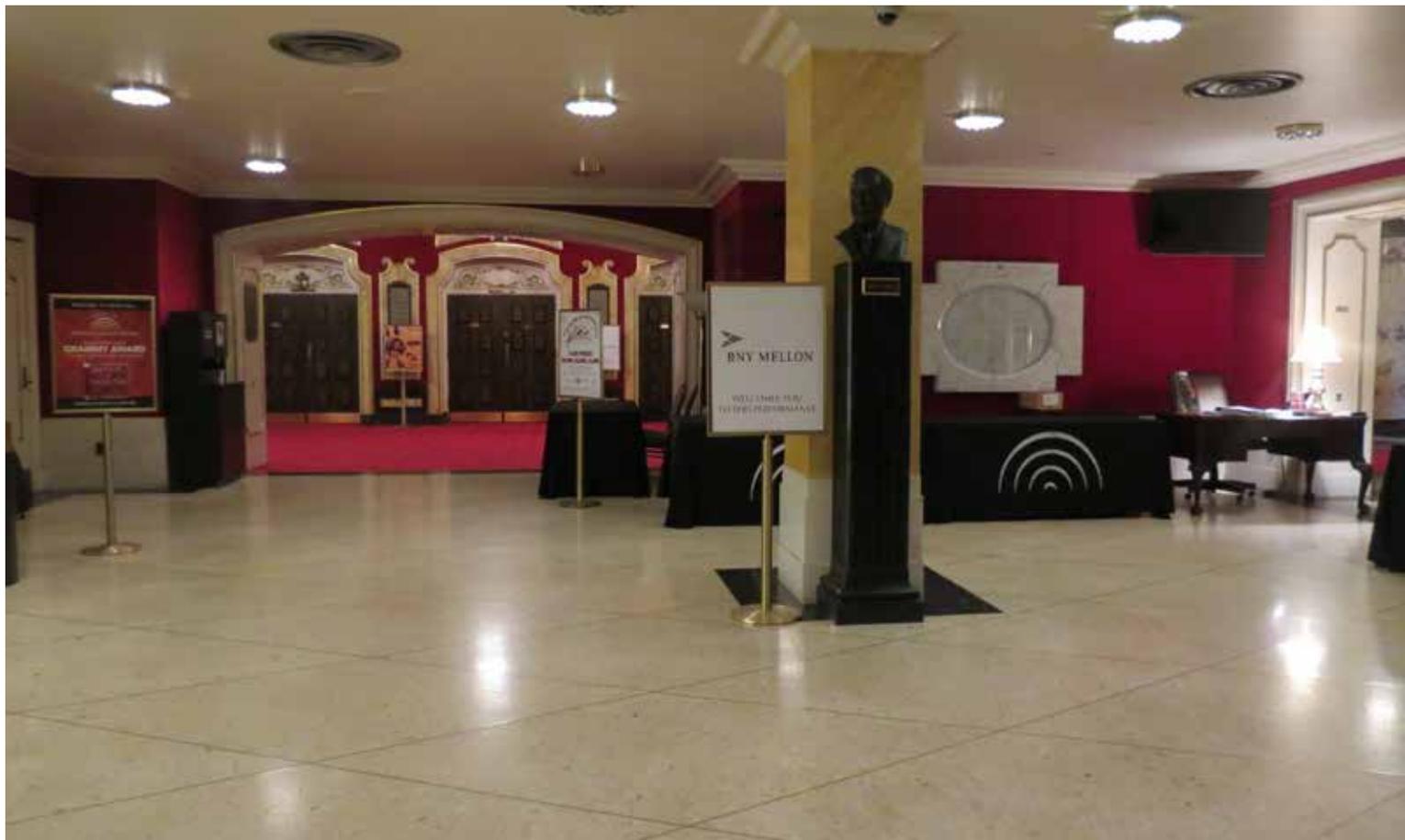
When I go into the theater, I will listen to my teacher and walk in the line and follow the person in front of me.

We do not need to give a ticket to the usher.

When I go to Heinz Hall, I may have to wait in a line to enter.

I might have to wait in line to get to my seat.

I might have to wait in line in the bathroom.



lobby

When I enter Heinz Hall, I will enter into a big lobby.

The lobby might be crowded and noisy.

If I don't like the lobby, I can go to a quiet area in Heinz Hall.

I will ask my teacher to go to the quiet area in Heinz Hall.



people

Many people will be at Heinz Hall to see the concert.

The theater and lobby may be crowded.

I will stay close to my teacher and classmates when I am in the crowds.

If I want to get away from the crowds, I can go to the quiet areas in Heinz Hall.

I will ask my teacher to go to the quiet area in Heinz Hall.



usher in aisle

If I need help to find my seat, I can ask the usher.

If I need help to find the bathroom, I can ask the usher.

If I have a question about Heinz Hall or the concert, I can ask the usher.

The usher has many jobs to do during the concert.
I should keep my questions short.



finding my seat

The usher will show me and my classmates the row of chairs where I will be sitting.

The teacher will show me where I will be sitting to listen and watch the concert.

I will sit down and wait for the concert.

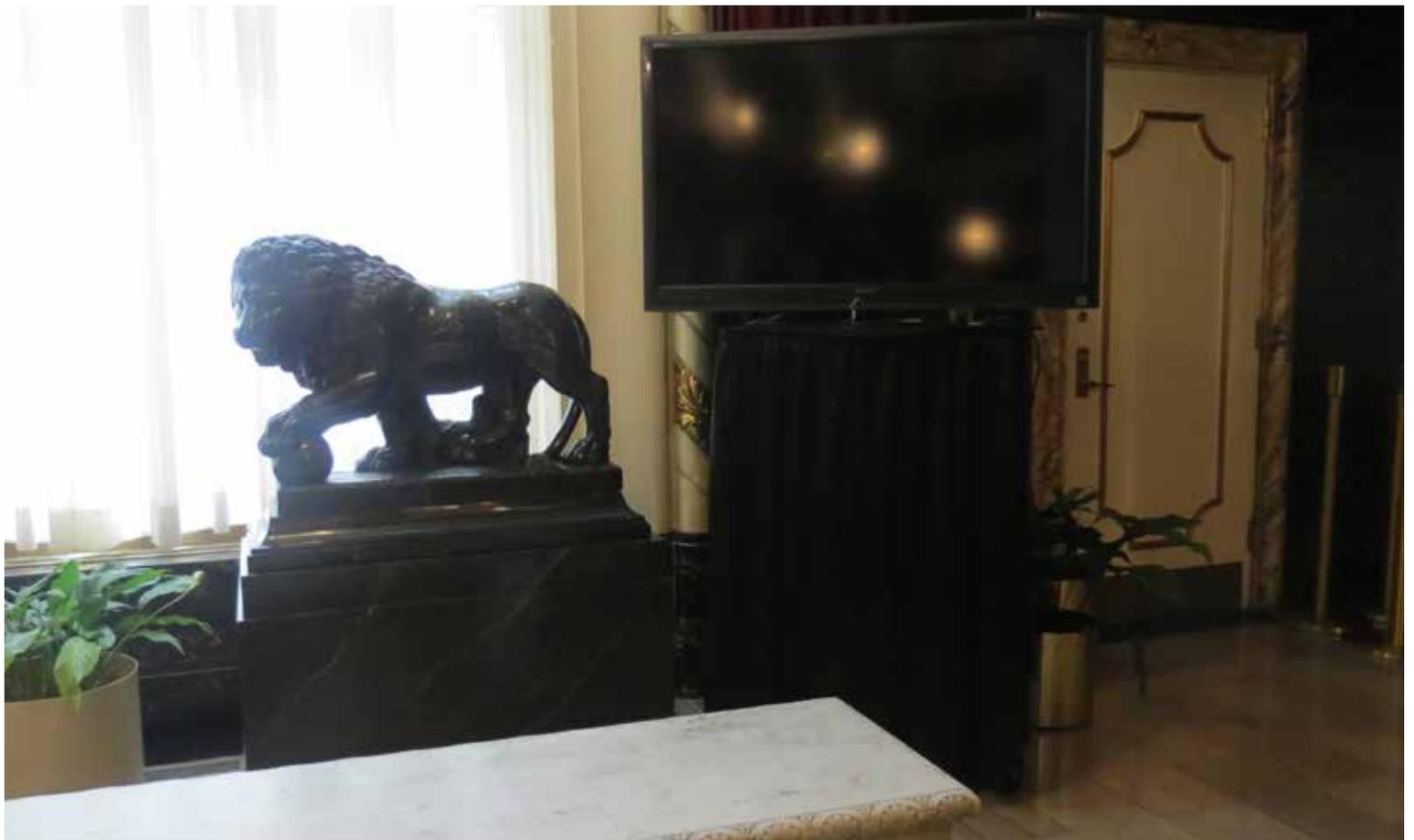


quiet areas

If I need quiet time, I will tell my teacher.

I can leave the concert to go to the quiet areas in Heinz Hall.

I can relax in the quiet areas or walk around the lobby.



video monitors

If I need a break from the concert, I can go to the lobby.

I can still listen and watch the concert on a TV monitor in the lobby.

I will ask my teacher to go to the lobby.



bathrooms

If I have to go to the bathroom, I will let my teacher know.

I can go to the bathroom any time I need to.

The toilet will flush when I stand up.

The sound of the flushing toilet can be loud and flush more than one time but it will only be for a short time.



concert

A concert is a musical performance.

The music will get louder and softer at different times during the concert.

The music will get faster and slower at different times during the concert.

I might feel excited when the music gets faster or louder.

I might feel calmer when the music gets slower or softer.

If I don't know what is happening I can whisper questions to my teacher.



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 leads the orchestra.

I will see the conductor use 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 the speed of the music.



musicians

An orchestra is a group of musicians playing different instruments.

Sometimes, I will see the musicians playing at the same time.

At other times, I will see the musicians playing at different times.



clapping

People clap when they like what they are hearing or seeing.

I can clap if I like what I hear or see.

People clap only for a short time and then the clapping is over.

If the clapping sound is too loud for me, I can cover my ears until it is over.



leaving theater

When the concert is over, I will stay in my chair and wait for my teacher to tell me when to get out of the chair.

A person on the stage will tell my teacher when my class will leave the theater.

When my teacher is told we can leave the theater, my teacher will tell my class to walk in a line.

I will follow the person in front of me.

I will walk to the bus to go back to my school.

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