



PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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POPS

VISITING THE PITTSBURGH
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ABOUT THE CONCERT
SENSORY FRIENDLY PRE-VISIT STORIES



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.

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HOLIDAY POPS

The concert will have music that celebrates Christmas and Hanukkah.

I can listen to the orchestra play music.

I can hear the singers sing songs about the Holidays.

Santa Claus will sing with the orchestra.

I can choose to sing along with the singers when they invite me to join.



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.



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.



LEAVING THE THEATER

When the concert is over, I will leave my seat and walk in the aisle to leave the theater.

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

I will walk slowly while leaving the theater.



SANTA CLAUS

I can see Santa Claus after the concert.

Santa Claus is a man with a white beard and a red suit.
He is a kind and happy man.

I can go up to talk to him, if I want to.

Or I can just wave at him or look at him from a distance.

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