



*going to see a*

# PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

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CONCERT PRE-VISIT STORIES

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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.



# waiting

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

My grown-up will give our tickets 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 grown-up 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 family 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 grown-up 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 family the seats where we will be sitting.

My grown-up 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 grown-up.

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 grown-up to go to the lobby.



# bathrooms

If I have to go to the bathroom, I will let my grown-up 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 grown-up.





# 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 grown-up to tell me when to get out of the chair.

I will follow the person in front of me.

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