

A stylized illustration on the left side of the page. At the top, a grey rabbit's head is shown with large, upright ears that have pink and yellow inner linings. The rabbit has a large, white eye with a purple pupil and a pink nose. Below the rabbit is a green frog with a yellow and blue patterned body and a green, diamond-patterned hat. The frog has a white eye with a purple pupil and a yellow belly.

I Am Going to a Concert!

An experience guide to prepare me for my visit to the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

March 29 Sat at 12:00pm and 3:30pm

Doors open one hour before each performance for pre-concert activities



St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

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I am going to an orchestra concert. A concert is a musical performance given by many musicians.

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra is the group of musicians who will perform for me. A musician is someone who sings or plays an instrument.

The concert
will be at
The Sheldon.



I will enter
The Sheldon
through this
entrance to
the Emerson
Center.



As I enter the building, this is what I will see.



There will be lots of activities I can do before the concert. The activities will be in the Konneker Room and the Art Gallery.

These spaces may be noisy. There will be a lot of people at this concert, so it is important that I stay with my family or group.



I may get to play instruments.



I can pretend I'm a conductor and use a baton to lead the orchestra.



I may participate until I hear the chimes. When I hear the chimes, it means I have ten minutes to find my seat and get ready for the concert.



An usher will lead me to the auditorium when it is time to find my seat. An auditorium is another word for a concert hall. Before I enter, the usher will scan my ticket.



This is what I will see!



The auditorium is a large space with many seats and a stage where the musicians will perform.

An usher will take me to the seat where I will sit for the concert.



When I get to my seat, I will sit down and patiently wait for the concert to begin. It is okay to talk during this time.

While I am waiting, I can play some fun games on the big screen. I might see and hear musicians warming up on stage.



I will hear an announcement at the start of the concert. This means it's time to be quiet.

Then the concertmaster, a musician who plays the violin, will stand up to lead the orchestra in tuning.



Mr. Kevin is the conductor or the leader of the musicians. The concert will begin when he uses his arms to tell the musicians that it is time to begin playing.



There will be a narrator who will tell the story of *The Tortoise and the Hare*. Her name is Ms. Michelle. Ms. Michelle and Ms. Laura will also be leading the movements. I can watch either of them to know how I can participate in the concert.





The musicians will tell the story of *The Tortoise and the Hare* with music. Once the music begins, I will try to be as quiet as I can so everyone can hear the music and the story.



If I want to, I can be part of the concert. I can pat, clap, or use my scarf to move with the music. I can watch Ms. Michelle or Ms. Laura so I know what to do.

There will also be two dancers dressed like a tortoise and a hare on stage who will act out the story.



Some of the music may sound scary or unsettling at times. If the music becomes too loud, hurts my ears, or makes me feel nervous, there are a few things I can do. I can...



1. Cover my ears



2. Ask for headphones

If I feel like I need to take a break from the concert, I can ask to leave the auditorium and go to the quiet room. An adult will need to go with me.

I can stay in the quiet room until I feel better and I am ready to go back to my seat in the auditorium.

Quiet Room

If I need to use the restroom while at the concert, I will tell an adult who will take me.





When each piece of music is finished, everyone will clap (also known as applause). Clapping is a nice way to let the musicians know that I liked the music.

After the last piece of music, when the applause is done, the concert is over.



I will leave the auditorium and exit The Sheldon.

What a great time I had going to a concert and listening to the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

