

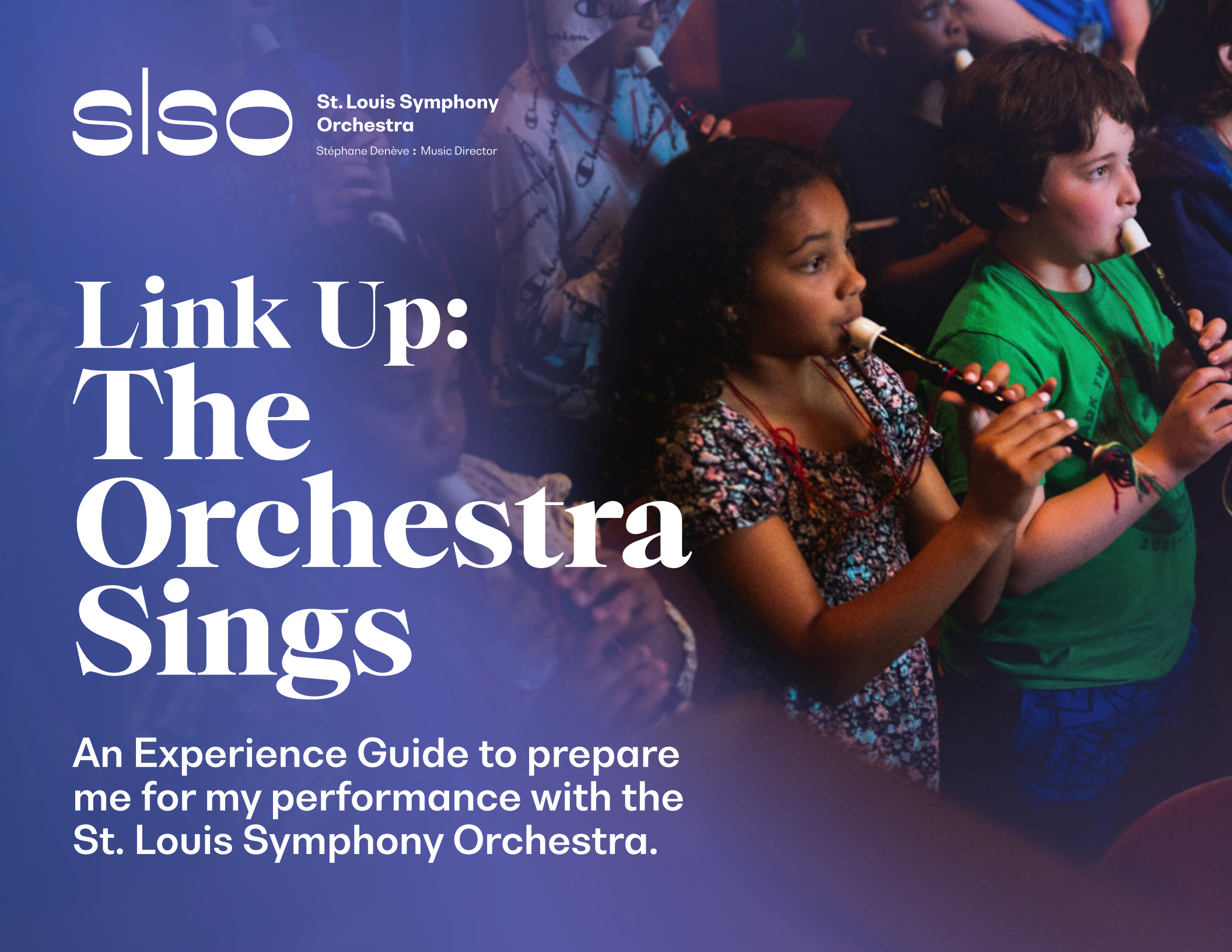


St. Louis Symphony
Orchestra

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Link Up: The Orchestra Sings

An Experience Guide to prepare
me for my performance with the
St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.



Link Up is special because sometimes I will be an audience member, and sometimes I will perform. The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra is the group of musicians playing at the concert with me.





I will perform at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Missouri—St. Louis.



To get to the concert, I will take a bus. The bus will pick up me, my classmates, and my teacher at our school.

When our bus pulls up to the Touhill Performing Arts Center, a helper (also called a volunteer) will greet us and show us the way.



We will enter the Touhill Performing Arts Center through the front doors.

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



There will be many other people from other schools, so it is important to stay with my group.

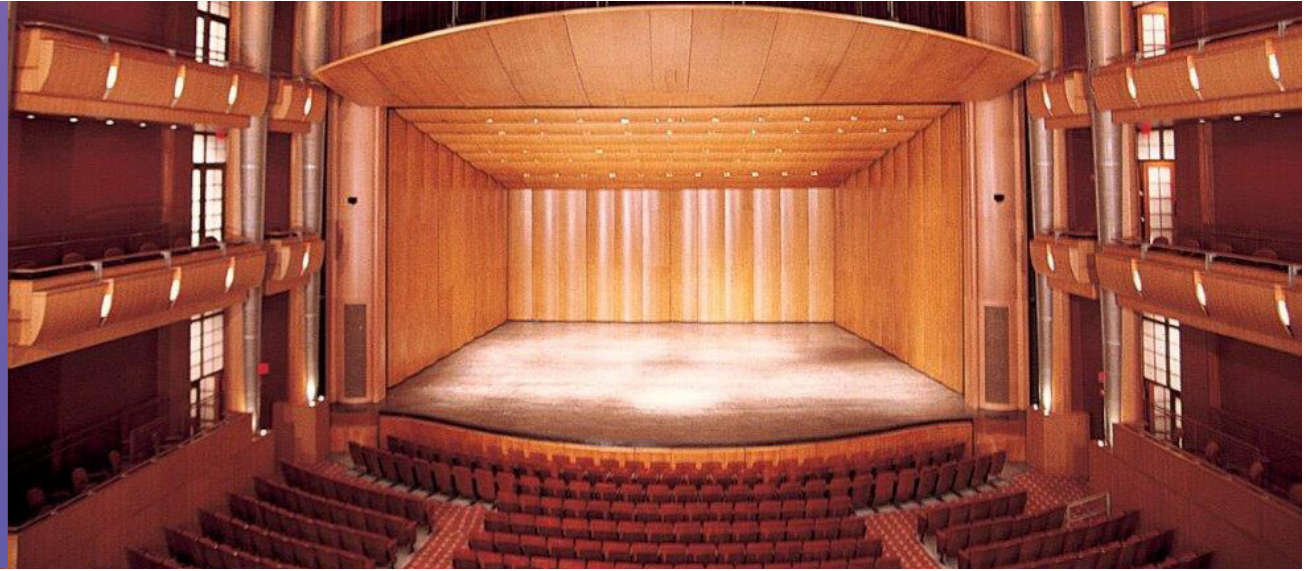
When we walk into the building, an usher will lead us to the doors to enter the auditorium. An auditorium is another word for a theatre or concert hall.

An usher is someone who takes people to their seats.



This is what I will see!

The auditorium is a large space with many seats and a big 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. While I wait, trivia questions will be projected on a screen above the stage. If I know the answer, I can quietly tell the person sitting next to me.

I might see and hear some of the 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 walk on stage. I will clap for the concertmaster. They will lead the orchestra in tuning first and then lead everyone in the audience, including me.



The concert will begin when the conductor, who is the leader of the musicians, comes on the stage. I can clap for the conductor. His name is Samuel.



There will also be a host. Her name is Nadia.

Erin will be the vocal leader.



Emilee will be the recorder leader.

I can follow Erin and Emilee so that I know what to sing and play during the concert.



The music and lyrics will be on the big screen above the orchestra, so I can participate, too.

Once the music begins, I will keep my voice quiet when I'm not singing so everyone can hear the music and concentrate on their performance.



Link Up concerts can get very loud. If the music becomes too loud, hurts my ears, or makes me feel nervous, there are a few strategies I can use. 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.

If I need to use the restroom while I am 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 clapping is done, that means the concert is over and it is time to get back on the bus to go back to school.



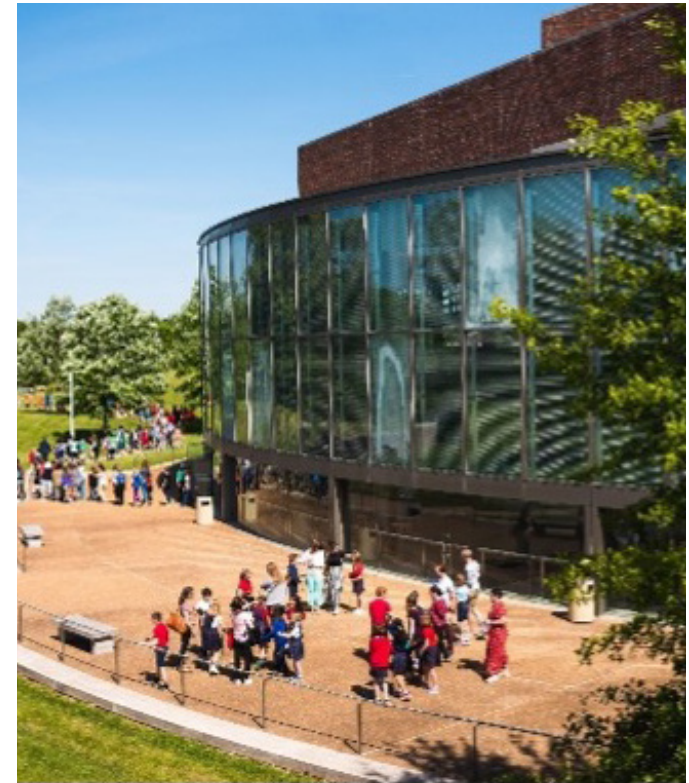
Our bus will be in a different place than where it dropped us off, so helpers will show us where to find it.



We will exit the auditorium ...



And head toward the big glass doors that will take us outside ...



Then we will follow the sidewalk to the parking lot where our bus will be waiting.

I will tell our helpers “thank you” before I get on the bus.



Back to school I go!

What a great time I had performing with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

