

I am going to a concert!

An experience guide to prepare for my visit to the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at Powell Hall at the Jack C. Taylor Music Center.



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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 performed at Powell Hall. Powell Hall is a large building where people go to concerts. I will enter Powell Hall through one of these entrances.

There will be lots of activities I can do before the concert. Since lots of kids will be doing musical activities, it 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 can even learn some dance moves or do an obstacle course!



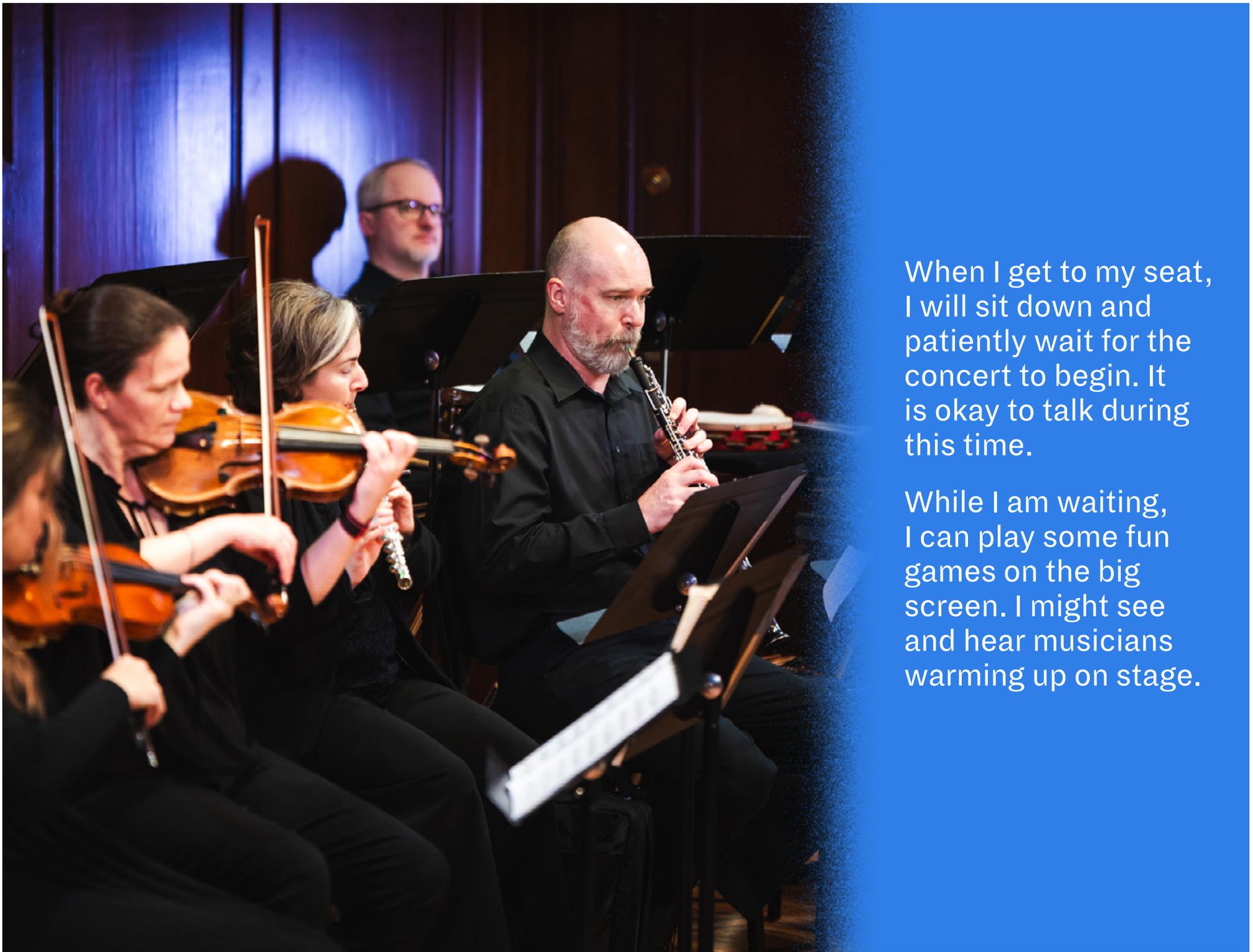
I can do the activities until I hear the chimes. When I hear the chimes, it means I have ten minutes to find my seat in the auditorium and get ready for the concert.





The auditorium is a large space with many seats and a big stage where the musicians will perform. When I enter the auditorium, this is what I will see!

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 walk on stage. I will clap for the concertmaster. Then they will 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 *Giraffes Can't Dance*. Her name is Ms. Michelle. Ms. Michelle and Ms. Sarah will also lead the movements. I can watch either of them to know how I can participate in the concert.



The musicians will tell the story of *Giraffes Can't Dance* 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.

I can watch Ms. Michelle and Ms. Sarah to know when I can be part of the concert. They will show me when I can pat, clap, or move to the music.



There will also be a dancer dressed like a giraffe who will act out the story.



Some of the music may sound loud at times. 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



3. Take a break

If I feel like I need to take a break from the concert, I can ask an adult to take me to the quiet room.

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 applause is done, the concert is over.

I will leave the auditorium and exit Powell Hall through the same doors I came in.
What a great time I had going to a concert and listening to the music of the St. Louis
Symphony Orchestra.

