

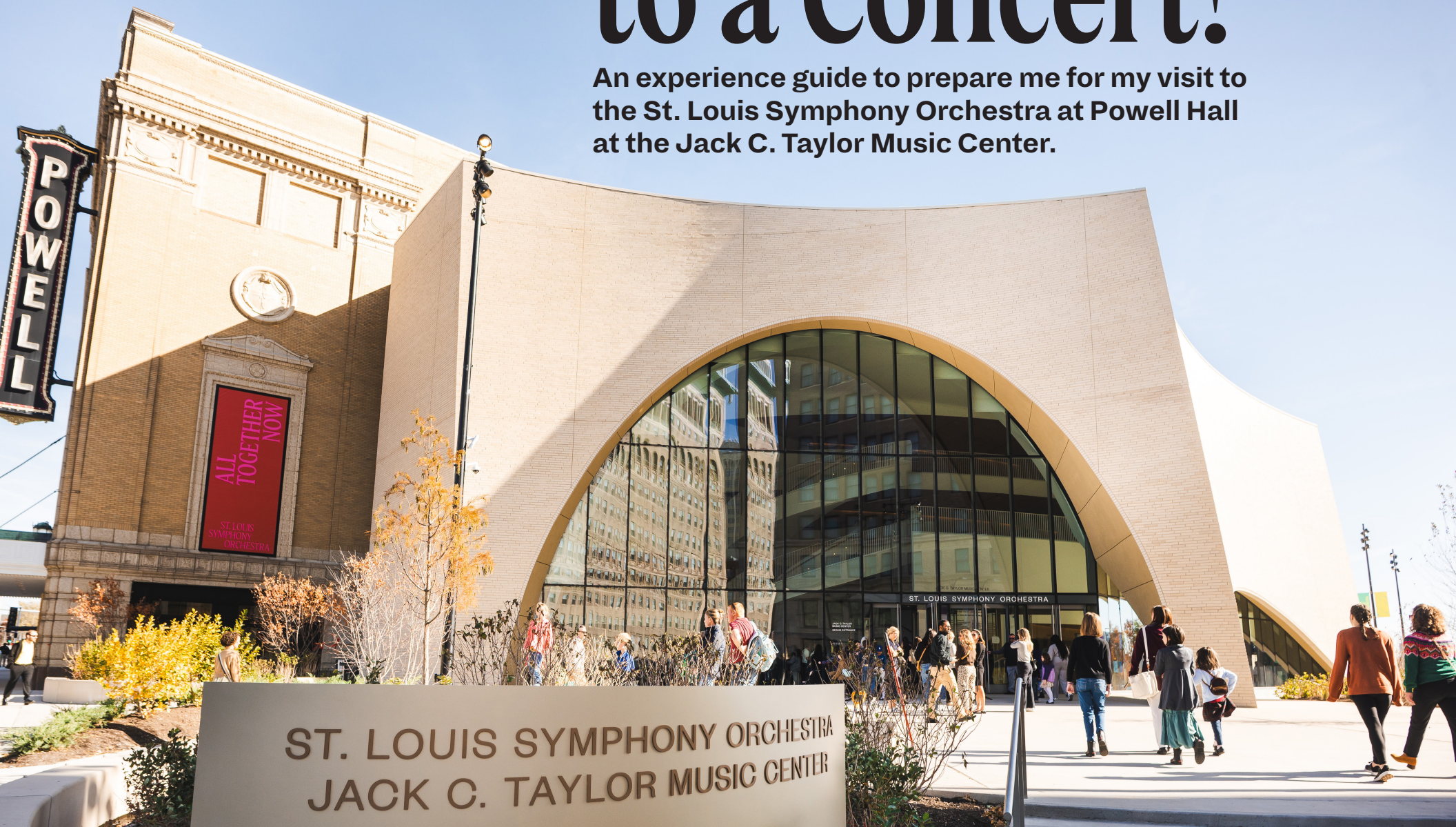


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I'm Going to a Concert!

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



I am going to a St. Louis Symphony Orchestra concert with my teacher and classmates. A concert is a musical performance given by musicians. The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra is the group of musicians who will perform for us.



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 Powell Hall, a helper (also called a volunteer) will greet me and show me the way.





There are several entrance doors to Powell Hall. Depending on the door I enter, I may see this.



When I walk into the building, it may be noisy. There will be many other people from other schools, so it is important that I stay with my group.

An usher will lead me to the doors to enter the auditorium. An usher is someone who takes people to their seats, and an auditorium is another word for a theatre or concert hall.



When I enter the auditorium, 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 appear 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 can clap for the concertmaster. Then they will lead the orchestra in tuning.



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



Once the music begins, I will try to be as quiet as I can so everyone can hear the music.

Some of the music may sound loud or unsettling 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 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 applause is done, the concert is over.

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 towards the parking lot.

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



Back to school I go! What a great time I had going to a concert and listening to the music of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

