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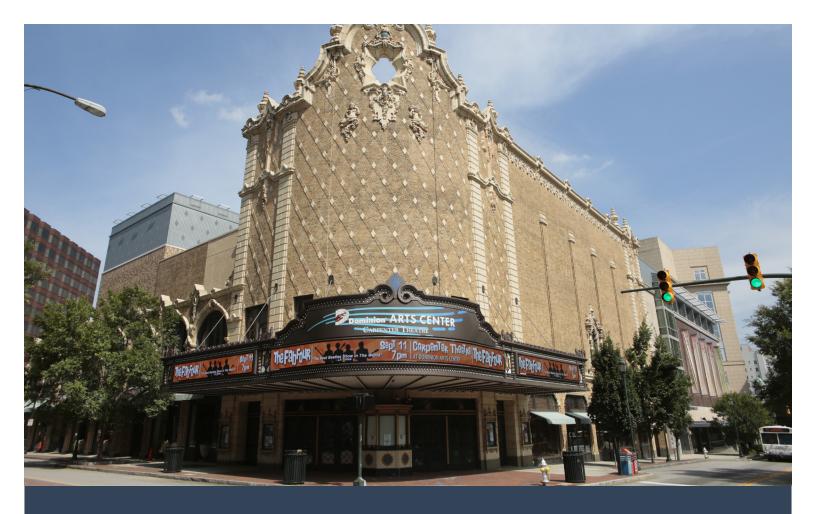
Concert Concert

RICHMOND SYMPHONY

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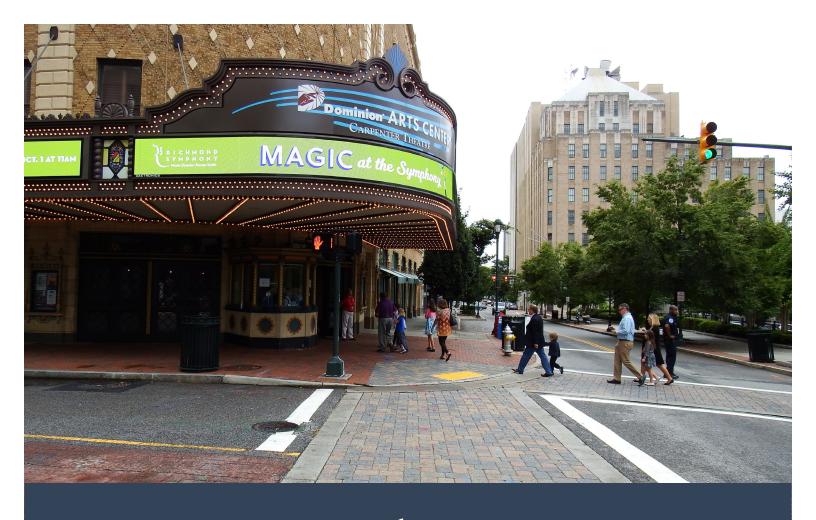






Carpenter Theatre

I am going to the Carpenter Theatre.



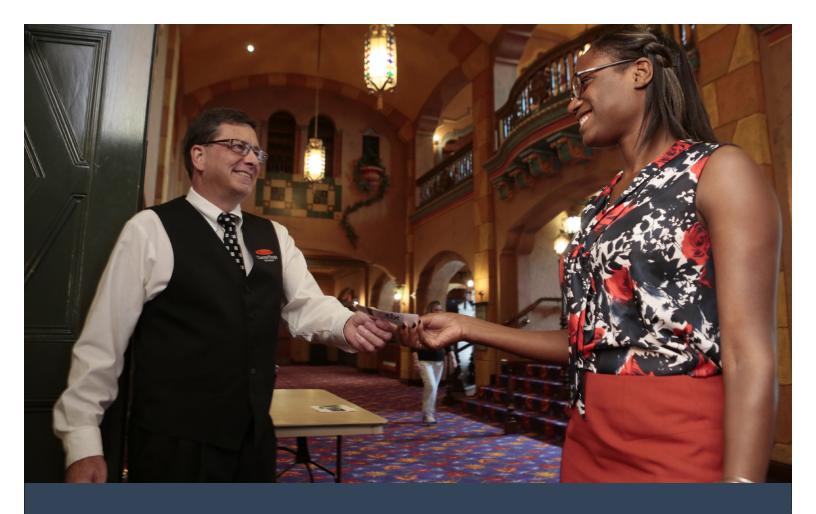
parking

I will have to walk from the car to get there.



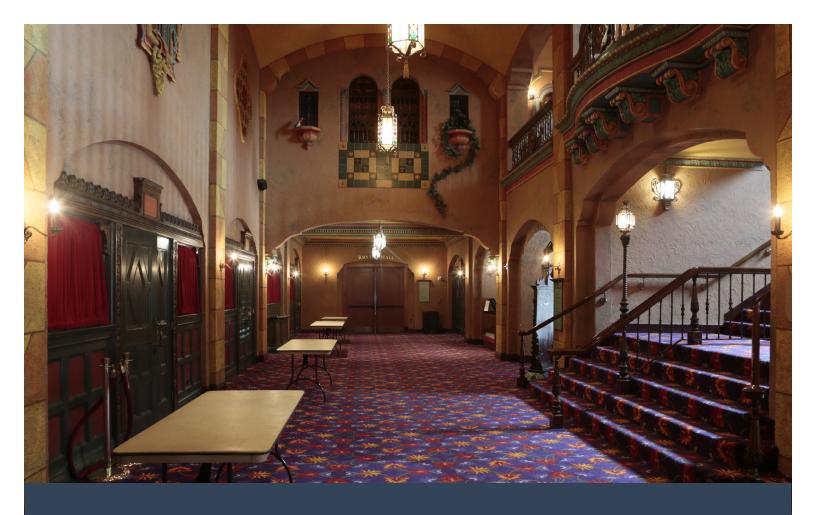
will call

We may go to a window called "Will Call" to get our tickets.



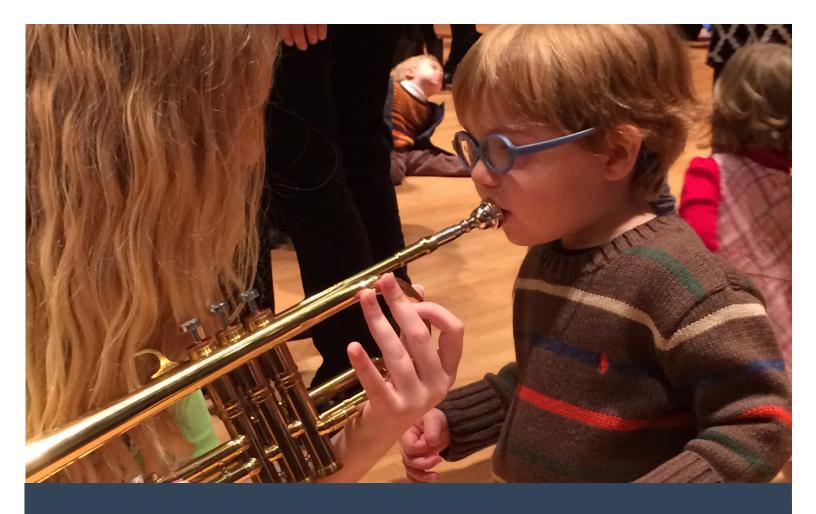
usher/tickets

The usher will scan our tickets with a machine that may make a beep.



lobby

There will be many things to see and look at in the lobby.



pre-concert festival

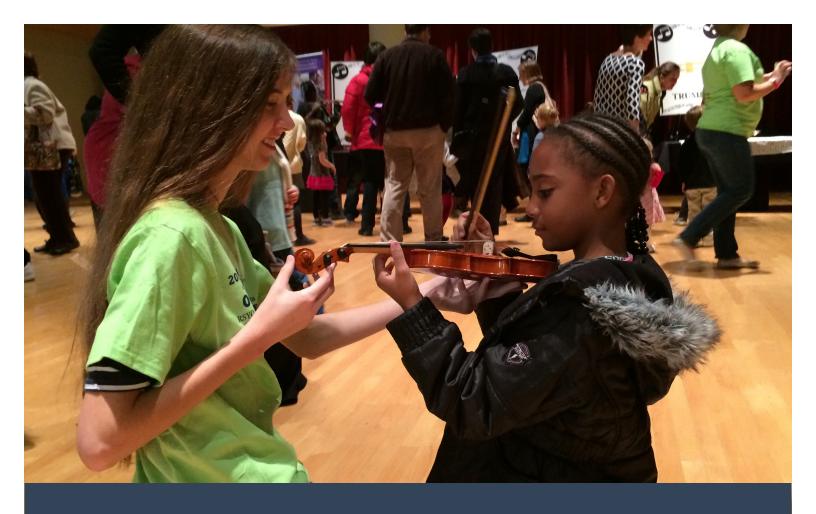
At the pre-concert festival, I may see:

- Instruments
- Art and crafts
- People in costumes



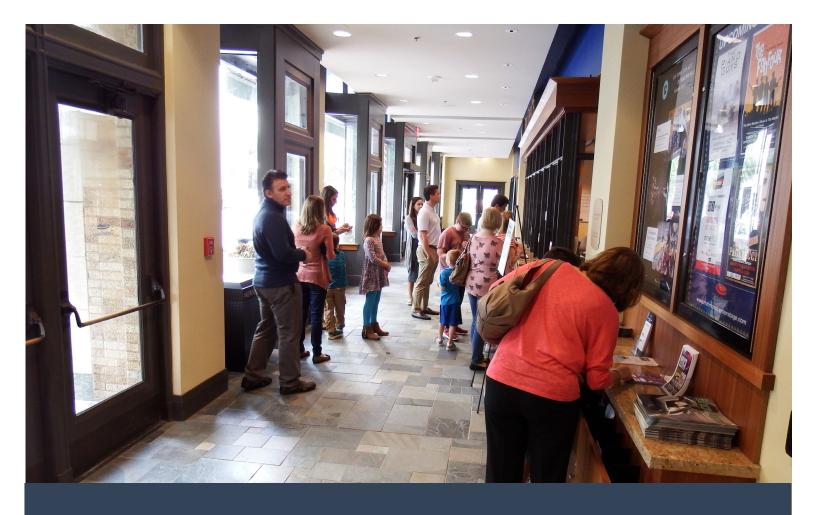
pre-concert festival

The pre-concert festival can be loud and crowded. I may cover my ears or wear headphones. If I don't like the festival, I may go to the lobby or the quiet space.



petting zoo

The instrument petting zoo is a place where people are allowed to touch and play the instruments. Musicians will tell me how to play them. I may have to wait in line.



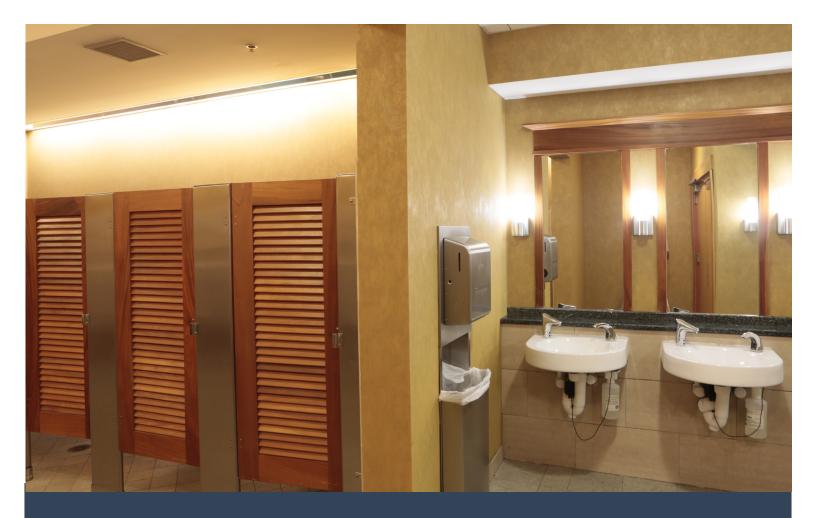
waiting

I may also have to wait in a line to go in the theater. I might have to wait in line to do the activities.



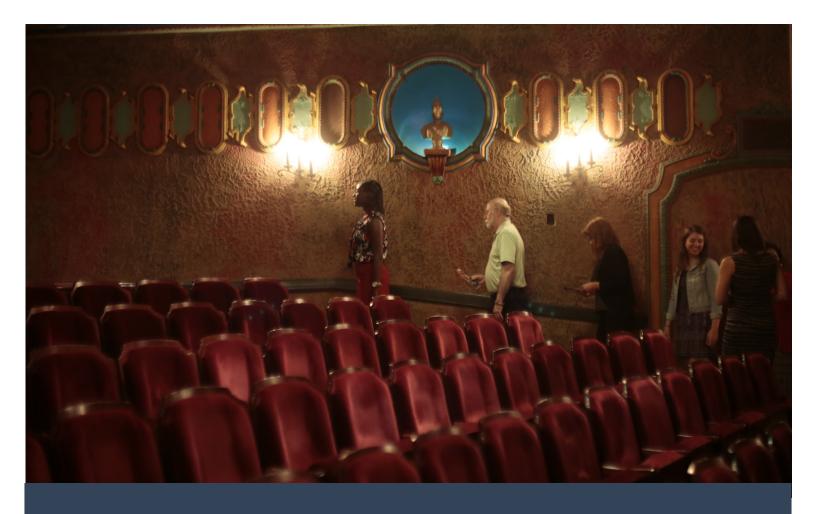
quiet space

If I need to take a break or quiet time, I will tell my adult. I can go to the quiet space before the concert. I can go to the quiet space during the concert.



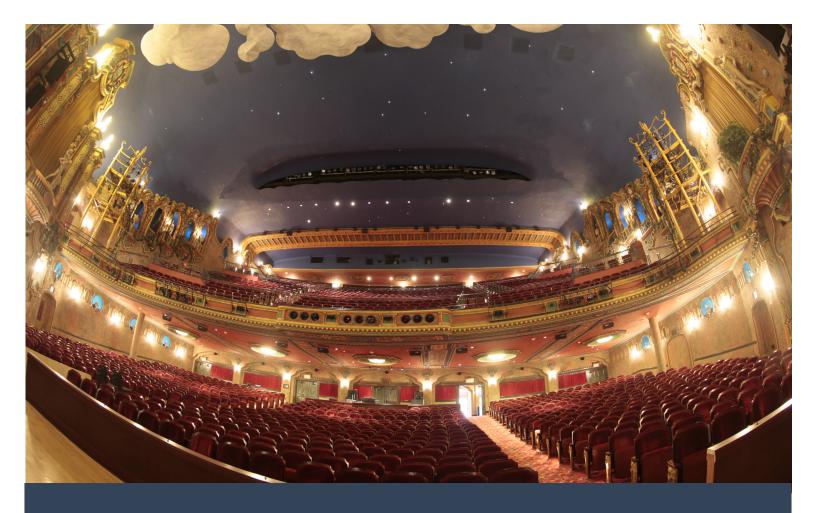
bathroom

If I have to go to the bathroom, I will tell my adult. The sound of the toilet can be loud, but it will only be for a short time.



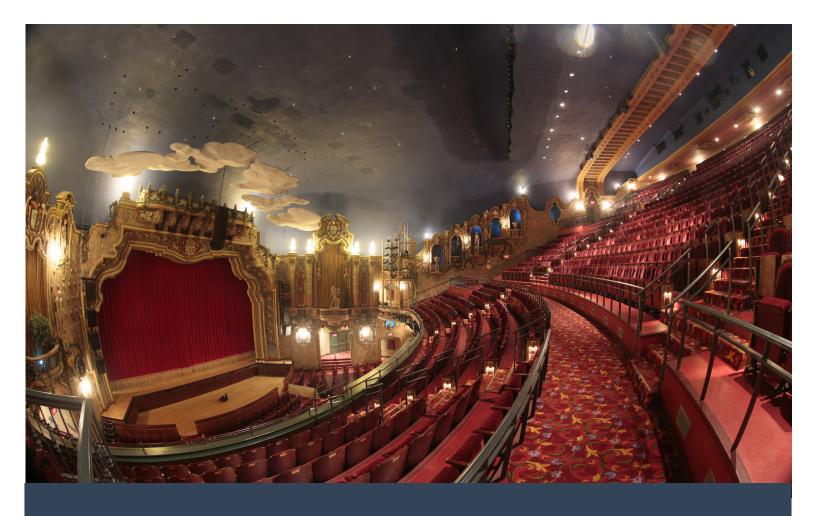
finding my seat

We will walk to our seats. We may choose to sit upstairs or downstairs.



Symphony Hall

When I sit down, I may have to wait for the concert to start. There are many things to look at inside the symphony hall. I may see birds, paintings, and statues.



balcony

If I decide to sit upstairs, I may need to walk up some stairs. I should stay with my group and hold on to the handrail.



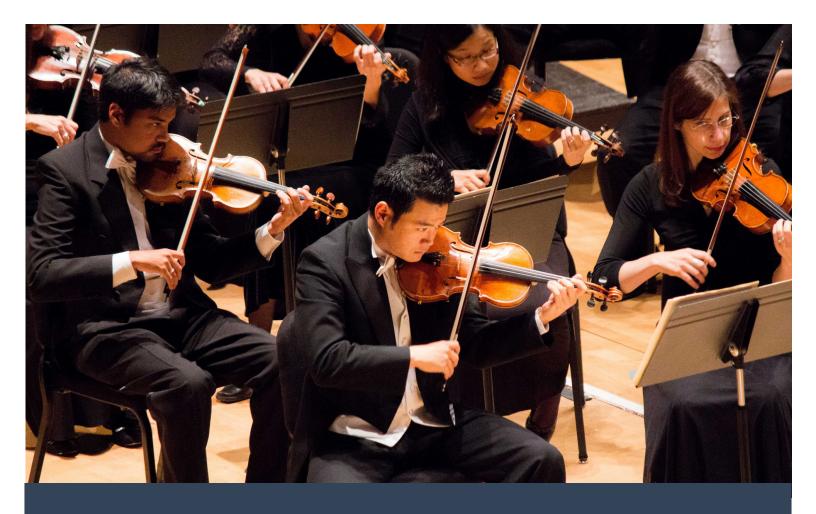
musicians

An orchestra is a group of musicians playing different instruments.



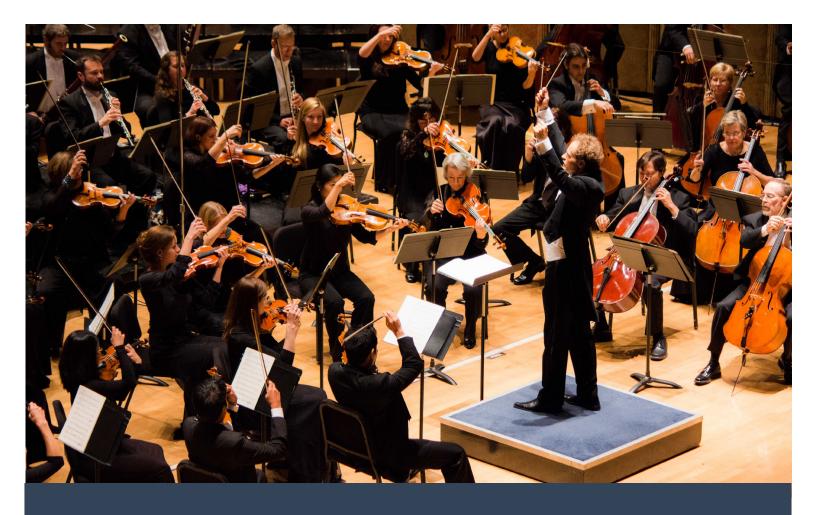
conductor

The person standing in front of the orchestra is called the conductor. The conductor leads the orchestra.



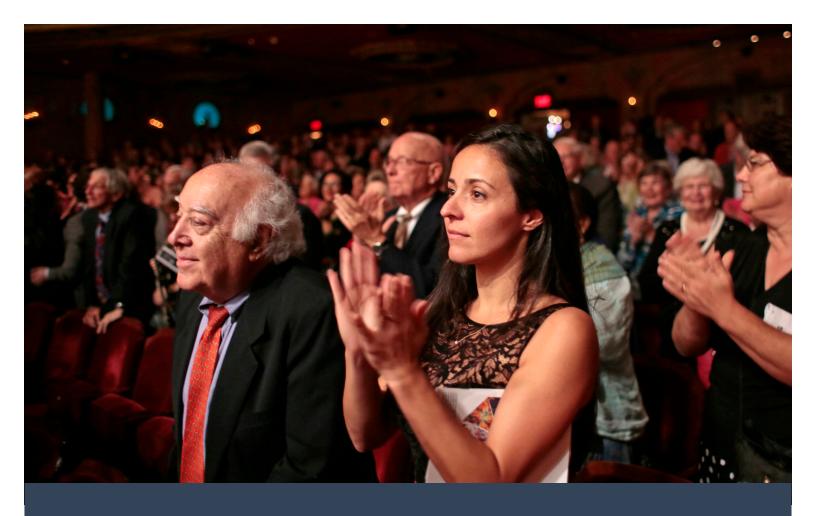
the concert begins

When the musicians are ready, a voice will say, "welcome to the symphony" and say the rules. The concert master will come out. The conductor will come out. Then, the concert will start.



concert

A concert is a musical performance. Sometimes, the music will be loud and sometimes soft. Sometimes, the music will be fast and sometimes slow. If the music is too loud, I can cover my ears.



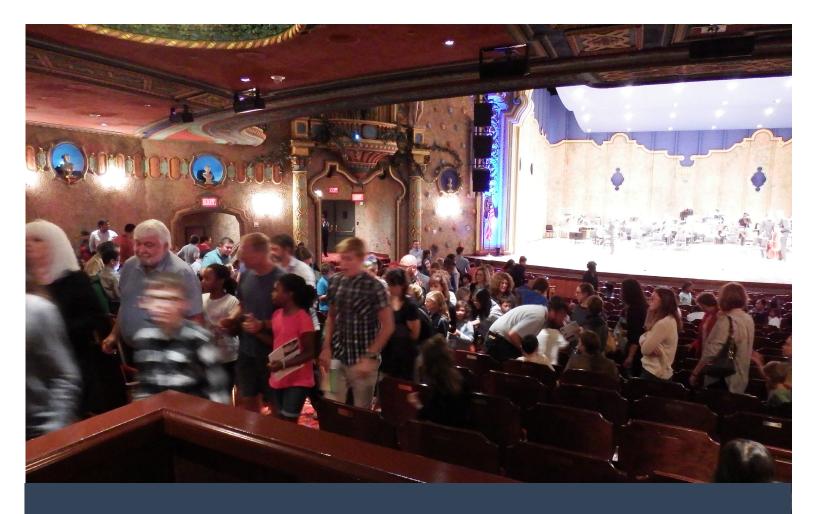
clapping

Sometimes, people clap when they like what they are seeing or hearing. People clap for a short time and then the clapping stops. If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears until it is over.



performers

During the Lollipops concerts, there will be a performance on the stage. The performers may do magic tricks or dress in a costume. There may be a movie or a sing along.



leaving the theatre

When the concert is over, I will walk out of the theatre. It may be crowded. I will wait for other people and walk slowly while we leave.

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