



*going to see a...*

# *Lollipops Concert*

RICHMOND SYMPHONY  
SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE PRE-VISIT STORIES





# 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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