Sensory-Friendly Family Concert
Carnival of the Animals

PRE-VISIT STORY
I am going to the *Carnival of the Animals* concert at Orchestra Hall.

This is where the Minnesota Orchestra performs music.
The title of the concert is *Carnival of the Animals*.

The music will help me think about the different ways animals move or make noise.

Some of the music will be about big and small movements.

Some of the music will be about loud and soft sounds.

Some of the music will be about fast and slow movements and sounds.
Before the concert, I can participate in an art activity.

The art activities will use materials with different feelings. Some materials will feel soft and hard, and some will feel rough and smooth.

Similar to the different types of music, the art materials I can touch can be very different.
Before the concert, I can see, touch, and hear musical instruments.

I can sing, move, and dance to the music if I want to.

The music activity can be loud when the instruments are played.

If the sounds are too loud, I can cover my ears or wear headphones.
I can take a picture in the photo booth so I can remember going to see the Minnesota Orchestra at Orchestra Hall.
I can meet musicians from the orchestra and see or listen to their instruments.

I can ask the musicians questions about the instruments or the concert.

Other people will want to ask the musicians questions too. I will keep my questions short.
If I need quiet time, I will tell the person I came with.

I can leave the lobby activities or the concert anytime I want to go to a quiet area.

I can relax in the quiet areas.
The concert has a host. The host tells us what will happen during the concert.

Shane Hawley is today’s host.

Shane is a poet and writer. He writes stories and poems about how humans and animals interact with each other.
When the orchestra is on the stage, I will see a person standing in front of the orchestra.

This person is called the conductor. The conductor uses a stick called a baton to lead the orchestra.

I will see the conductor move the baton in the air to let the musicians know how fast or slow to play the music.

Today’s conductor is Yaniv Segal.
An orchestra is a group of musicians playing different instruments. Sometimes the musicians play together and sometimes they take turns.
During the concert, there is a duo performance.

A duo performance is when two musicians play a special part of the music.

Emma and Jacob Taggart will perform a duo on the piano.

During the duo, Emma and Jacob will sometimes play by themselves. At other times, they will play with the full orchestra.

During the performance, the Minnesota Dance Theatre will dance to the music.
Audience participation

I can sing or clap along with the music.

I can move like an animal I am thinking about with the music.

If the sounds are too loud, I can cover my ears or wear headphones.
When the concert is over, the conductor and musicians will stand up and bow. I can clap or say “Bravo” to let the musicians know I liked the concert.
After the concert, I will leave my seat and walk in the aisle to leave the concert hall. All the people will leave the concert hall at the same time. The aisles will be crowded. I will walk slowly while leaving the concert hall.
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