



Nashville  
Symphony



THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY'S  
**INSTRUMENT  
PETTING ZOO**

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*A Visual Social Story*



## NSO: A Visual Social Story

A **SYMPHONY** is a large orchestra ensemble that plays different instruments together. A symphony has woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion instruments in it. The Nashville Symphony is from the city of Nashville, right here in Tennessee!

An **INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO** is a time where we can go from instrument to instrument, touching and playing with them, just like we would with animals in a petting zoo. I will have the chance to try each of the instruments at the petting zoo and learn about all of them.

## WHEN IT IS TIME TO GO TO THE INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO:

My teacher will lead my class to the instrument petting zoo. I will sit down with my class and get ready to hear a story. When I get to the room where the instruments are, my classmates will be really excited and it might be noisy. This is okay. If it gets too noisy for me, I can ask my teacher for help.



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### WHEN I SIT DOWN:

I will listen quietly while someone from the Nashville Symphony reads me a story about the symphony. I will try to be quiet and sit still while they are reading.



### DURING THE STORY:

During the story, I will be shown what different instruments sound like. They might be loud. This is okay. If the music is too loud, I can ask my teacher for help.

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### AFTER THE STORY:

After I have heard the story, I will wait until I'm told which instrument to go to first. A symphony volunteer will show me how to play the instrument. I will wait my turn and share the instruments with my classmates. I will follow directions and be gentle with the instruments.



I will wait until my teacher or a volunteer tells me to move to the next instrument.  
I will get to try all of the instruments



There will be lots of instruments being played at once, and my classmates will be talking. It might be too noisy. It is okay. If it gets too loud, I can ask my teacher for help.



### **AS I GET READY TO LEAVE:**

When I have tried all the instruments, I will wait for my teacher to tell me when to leave. I will listen to my teachers and they will help me get back to the classroom.