



Nashville
Symphony



SOCIAL STORY

An ENSEMBLE from the NASHVILLE SYMPHONY is coming to my school!

An **ENSEMBLE** is a small group of musicians who perform together.

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!

WHEN IT IS TIME TO GO TO THE CONCERT:

My teacher will let me know when it is time for my class to go to the performance. I will follow my class down the hallway to the room where the symphony members will play. Lots of people will be there to see the symphony ensemble. When I get to the room where the symphony members are, there will be lots of excited people and it might be noisy. This is okay. If it gets too noisy for me, I will ask my teacher for help. I will sit down with my class and wait for the concert to start.

IN MY SEAT:

The musicians like to have a quiet room too. I will try to be considerate by being quiet and sitting still when they are performing. When the musicians are ready, they will tune their instruments. After the instruments are in tune, the concert is about to begin.

THE CONCERT BEGINS:

The musicians will say hello and introduce themselves. The audience may clap for them. There may even be people cheering and excited for the music to begin. If I'm excited for the concert then I can clap and cheer too. After the clapping is over, the concert will begin. When the concert begins, I will show respect by being quiet and listening.

THE ORCHESTRA MAKES MUSIC:

The musicians will play their instruments. Sometimes they play together, and sometimes they play by themselves. The music may be loud sometimes, and it may be quiet sometimes. Hearing music is exciting and I might get excited. I will try to be quiet during the show. If the music is too loud, I can ask my teacher for help.

The symphony members might play music I have heard before. It's exciting to hear music I know, but I will try to stay quiet while the ensemble is playing. The ensemble will play several pieces of music.

AS I GET READY TO LEAVE:

When the concert ends, my class and I will be ready to leave. I will wait for my teacher to tell me when to leave. I will walk slowly and wait my turn to exit the doors. I can tell my class how much I liked the concert when we get back to the classroom.