



Nashville
Symphony



SOCIAL STORY

I'm going to a Nashville Symphony Curb Open Dress Rehearsal!

IF WE CAME IN A CAR...

We may park our car in a parking lot near the Schermerhorn. When we arrive in the lobby of the Schermerhorn, a volunteer or staff member will greet us.

IN THE LOBBY:

There might be other groups waiting to be seated in the lobby, and it might be busy. We will check in at a desk in the main lobby. A volunteer or staff member will give all the adults in the group visitor badges. Students do not need visitor badges, but all adults do. I might need to go to the bathroom and my family or helper can take me there before we go to our seats. Everyone must be seated before 10AM, when the rehearsal begins.

IF WE CAME IN A BUS...

The school bus may park on One Symphony Place in front of the Schermerhorn. There may be other buses there as well. My group and I will be greeted by a volunteer or staff member from the Symphony, who will give all the adults in the group visitor badges. Students do not need visitor badges, but all adults do.

IN THE LOBBY:

There might be other groups waiting to be seated in the lobby, and it might be busy. This is okay. I might need to go to the bathroom and my family or helper can take me there before we go to our seats. Everyone must be seated before 10AM, when the rehearsal begins.

WHEN I AM READY TO FIND MY SEAT:

An usher or volunteer will help us find our seats. The orchestra musicians may be tuning their instruments and practicing on the stage before the rehearsal begins, and it might be a little noisy.

IN MY SEAT:

The conductor will arrive, and the rehearsal will begin. This is the last time the orchestra can practice before a concert, so I will be very quiet to let them focus on their practice. If I really need a break I can leave the hall.



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DURING THE REHEARSAL:

Sometimes the orchestra might stop playing in the middle of a piece of music and start again, so they can get the music just right. The conductor might talk to them about the music, and the musicians might ask the conductor questions. I might not be able to hear everything they are saying, but this is okay. I can still enjoy listening to the music!

The orchestra might rehearse a few pieces of music. There might be a guest musician playing with the orchestra as a soloist. I will not clap or make noise until the end of the rehearsal.

The first part of the rehearsal will last for up to 1 ½ hours. I will try to stay quiet and still for the rehearsal, but if I really need a break from listening, I can leave the hall. If I want to return to the hall, a volunteer or usher will let me back in during a pause in the music. I will find a place to sit close to the door, and I can quietly rejoin my group or family during a pause or break in the music.

WHEN THE REHEARSAL ENDS:

The orchestra will finish, or take a 20-minute break from the rehearsal. I will see them get up and leave the stage—this is an okay time to clap if I want to let them know I enjoyed the rehearsal! I can leave the rehearsal at the break, or I can stay to listen to the second half.

AS I GET READY TO LEAVE:

When the rehearsal ends, everyone will be leaving together and heading toward the same doors we entered to go to our seats. It might be noisy. I will walk slowly and wait my turn to exit the doors.