



CHATTANOOGA SYMPHONY & OPERA

We're going to a concert!

A social narrative story



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The mission of the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera is to inspire, engage, and enrich the greater Chattanooga community through music and music education.

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I am going to see a concert by the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera.

They are called an orchestra.

They are a large group of people who all play instruments and make music together.



I will go to the Tivoli Theatre to see the concert.

I am going to cross a street,
so I'll need to hold on to someone's hand.



Once I am inside,
I will give my ticket to the person at the door.
They are called a Greeter.

The greeter will tear part of it off and give me back a large
part of it.

The greeter will hand me a program book.

I may have to stand in line.

If I stand in line, I'll stay with my group and try to be quiet.



I can use the bathroom or get a drink of water at the water fountain before I go into the theatre.



Inside, someone will tell us where to go and help us get to our seats. They are called an usher.

There are numbers on the ticket that tell us where we have to sit. It is not a choice.

I may have to take an elevator to get to my seat. An usher will help me get backstage to use the elevator.



I will go into a theatre.

It is big with lots of seats and a big, lighted stage.



There will be lots of other people in the theatre too.

It may be a loud, so I can cover my ears, squeeze one of my toys, or hold someone's hand.



The theatre will get dark and quiet.

I will try to be quiet during the show
so I can hear everything.



I will see musicians on stage with instruments.

There will be one person who is leading them.
They are called the conductor.



Sometimes the music will be soft.

Sometimes it will be loud.

If it is too loud, I may wear headphones or cover my ears.

If it is too loud, I can leave the theatre
and go somewhere quieter.



At the end of the music, people will clap.
Sometimes, they'll stand up too!

Clapping tells the musicians I liked what I heard.

When I hear people clap, if I want to,
I can clap too.



There will be a break. This is called intermission.

During intermission, people will leave the theatre.

I can leave the theatre with my group to get a drink,
eat a snack, or use the bathroom.



After the intermission, everyone will come back into the theatre to their seats.

The theatre will get dark and quiet.

The musicians and conductor will come back out and play more music.

I will try to be quiet during the show so I can hear everything.



After the show is over, we'll go out of the Tivoli Theatre and go home.

I'm excited to go see a concert!