

My visit to the
Ann Arbor Symphony Brass Quintet Performance



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Today I am going to see a concert performed by the Ann Arbor Symphony Brass Quintet.

To see the concert, my family will drive to the Morris Lawrence Building.



When we get to the Morris Lawrence Building, we will go inside the Lobby.



The lobby is a very big room. It may be crowded with many people. It may be noisy. If I don't like the crowd, I can find a quiet spot.

There is a Quiet Room available in ML 160 which is down one of the hallways on the side of the theatre.

In the lobby, we will see a table and a grown-up from the My Turn program.

We will wait for our turn and then my adult will tell the grown-up our names.

If I want headphones, I can borrow them in the lobby.



The bathrooms are in the lobby.



I can tell my adult when I need to use the bathroom at any time, even if I need to leave the theater during the concert.

There might be a line of people waiting to use the bathroom. I will wait my turn to use the bathroom.

When we are ready, my adult and I will walk into the theater.

We will walk up the stairs to get to our seats. When we get to the top of the stairs, we will see an usher.

The usher is a grown-up who will help me find a seat and stay safe. The usher also has programs that have information about the concert. I don't have to take a program if I don't want to.

My seat in the theater will be part of a row of seats. My family and I will choose where we want to sit.



My seat can be close to the stage or far from the stage.

My seat will always be next to my family.

I might have family on one side of me and a person I don't know on the other side of me.

The concert will happen on the stage, the raised platform at the front of the big room. Before the show begins, there are no people on the stage. I will wait with my family until the show starts.



While I wait, I can look around the room, or I can read my program, or I can talk to my family.

The lights will dim a little when the concert is ready to start. I will know the concert has begun when Becky, a trumpet player, comes out on stage.

Becky will talk to us about the music and play her trumpet for us. Here is a photo of Becky with her trumpet.



If I feel like the music is too loud, I can put on my headphones or cover my ears with my hands. If I am bothered by the sound, I can ask my adult to move to a different seat in the room or to find a quiet spot outside of the room.

After Becky plays a piece by herself, Philip, the tuba player, will come on stage.

Here is a picture of Philip with his tuba.



Becky and Philip will play a duet. A duet is a piece of music for two musicians to play together.

I might notice that the trumpet sounds high and the tuba sounds low. The instruments might feel different in my ears and in my body. If it bothers me, I can put on my headphones or cover my ears with my hands.

After Becky and Phillip play together, the other three musicians will come out on stage. They play trumpet, French Horn and Trombone.



trumpet



trombone



french horn

These five musicians will perform eight pieces of music.

If the musicians talk to us, we can answer them if we want to but it's okay if we don't want to.

Since this is a special concert, I can make noise and move around whenever I need to.

The audience will clap at the end of each piece. Clapping our hands tells the musicians that we liked their music. I can clap, too, if I want, but I don't have to. I can cover my ears or put on my headphones if the clapping is too loud.

If I need to, I can go out to the quiet room to take a break. When I feel better, I can come back into the theater and listen to more music.

Before the last song, Becky will ask us if we have any questions. I can raise my hand and wait patiently to see if she calls on me to ask my question. If she does not call on me, I can meet her in the lobby after the performance and ask her my question then.

The concert ends after the last song. The audience will clap and the musicians onstage will take a bow.

After the clapping is over, I can leave the theater.

If I see one of the musicians in the lobby, I can talk to them about the concert or ask them a question.



Then it will be time to leave the building.

My family and I will walk outside through the glass doors.

On my way home from the theater, I can talk with my family about the concert.