

A TRIP TO ORCHESTRA HALL
PERFECT SQUARE

PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY!

**The day of the concert is exciting for everyone, with lots to see and hear.
Help children prepare for the event by letting them know what to expect.
Here are pictures and prompts to use in your classrooms.**



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In a few weeks, we are going to take a trip to a special building made just for music. It's called Orchestra Hall. This is how Orchestra Hall looks from the outside.

The outside of Orchestra Hall has many glass walls. We'll walk through glass doors into a lobby.



THE LOBBY

Here's part of the lobby inside Orchestra Hall at a busy Family Concert Learning in the Lobby event. Children and their grownups are making pictures from a musical story.



The Minnesota Orchestra plays at Orchestra Hall. An orchestra is a group of musicians who play music together on many different instruments.

Here is a picture of the Minnesota Orchestra.



ON STAGE

Here is how the Minnesota Orchestra looks when they play their instruments on stage.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Orchestra Hall is a place for everyone. Here we see some families at a Family Concert.



IN THE SOUND FACTORY

We will meet friendly Guides who will teach us about music, help us find our way around, and lead us through the day.

In the Sound Factory, Guides will help us play a violin, cello, and snare drum.



MAGIC CUBES!

To get to the stage, we will walk through the ring corridor with our Guide. We will notice the carpet on the walls. It helps to keep musical sounds in the hall, and noisy sounds from outside out of the hall.

We'll walk through some doors to a big room with many chairs. There are big blocks or cubes on the wall and on the ceilings. Those cubes help sound bounce around the room so everyone can hear the music. Here's a good picture of the cubes.



MUSICIANS, A CONCERT, AND A MUSICAL STORY

After we walk up some steps and sit on the stage floor, we'll meet the musicians. They will play their instruments and tell us how they work. A storyteller will read a musical story called *Perfect Square*. We will listen, and when it's over, we will clap and say *bravo* because we are a great audience!

WE ARE THE AUDIENCE

- When we go to Orchestra Hall, we will be an *audience*. An audience has a job; to watch, listen, and notice.
- Let's sing an audience song! The next slide has musical notes with the melody and lyrics for the song. The slide after that has a video with the song- you can sing along!

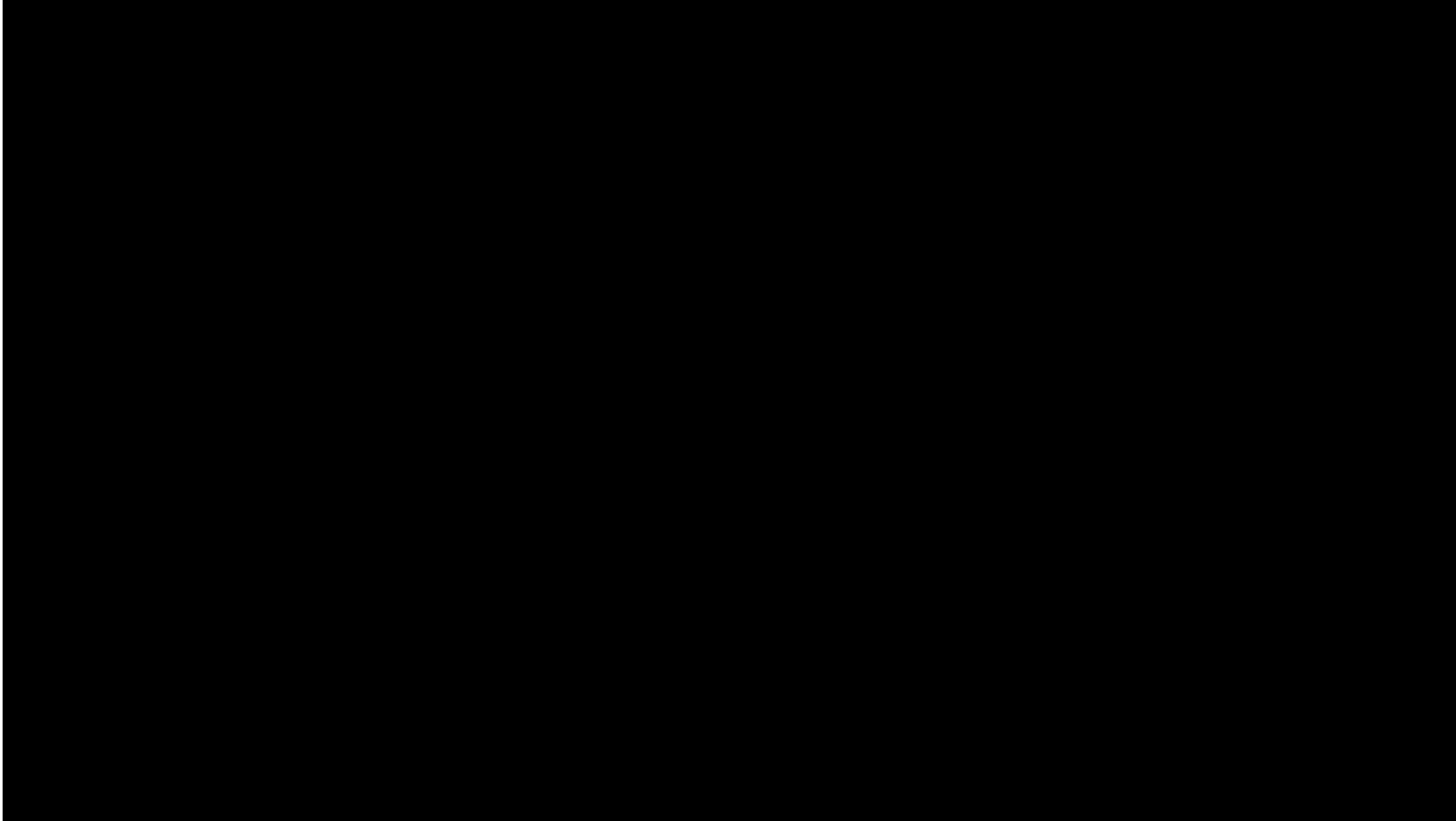
We Are the Audience

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We are the aud - i - ence, it's our job to li - i - sten, Let all your
wi - ggles out be - fore the mu - sic be - e - gins. (WIGGLE!!!) We are the
aud - i - ence, it's our job to li - i - sten. Feel your bo - dy qui - et down,
so sounds can co - me in.

WE ARE THE AUDIENCE

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RESOURCES

LISTENING LISTS WITH LINKS – LISTEN AND WATCH MUSIC FOR ACTIVE MOVEMENT

- Feel fantastic rhythms in *Malambo*, by Alberto Ginastera, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y36xmzYpujc>
- Move like robots to *Music for Pieces of Wood*, by Steve Reich, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy2kyRrXm2g>
- Dance gracefully to *Waltz #2*, by Dmitri Shostakovich, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmCnQDUSO4I>
- March like you are in a royal parade to the Minuet from Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDa3J2KJqxM>
- Boogie to *Take the A Train*, by Duke Ellington, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6mFGy4g_n8

LISTENING LISTS WITH LINKS- LISTEN AND WATCH MUSIC FOR CALM AND REST

- Take a rest to *Arcadiana*- 6: “O Albion”, by Thomas Adés, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nP5_SSf3dk
- Imagine beautiful colors while listening to Rothko Chapel 5, by Morton Feldman
- Feel a sense of calm and peace while listening to the “Humming Chorus” from *Madame Butterfly* by Giacomo Puccini, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0f1k14GQmNE>
- Use imaginary finger paints or streamers, ribbon wands, or scarves to trace the highs and lows of the beautiful flute melody in *Syrinx*, by Claude Debussy, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aw53Vrbl4l0>

BOOKS & WEBSITES WITH LINKS

- *Meet the Orchestra*, by Ann Hayes
- *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin!* By Lloyd Moss
- *Story of the Orchestra*, by Robert Levine
- The San Francisco Symphony's website for children: [sfskids.org](https://www.sfskids.org)

GLOSSARY

- AUDIENCE- The group of people who watch and listen to a performance
- BEAT- A steady pulse in music
- BOW- What performers do at the end of a performance, when the audience claps for them
- BRAVO- An Italian word the audiences shout after hearing music they really like
- MUSICIANS- People who make music
- NARRATOR- A person who tells a story
- ORCHESTRA- A group of musicians who play together using instruments

INSTRUMENT PICTURES

FLUTE



CLARINET



TRUMPET



VIOLIN



CELLO



DOUBLE BASS



PIANO



DRUM SET

