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Going to

The Mann Center

THE MANN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE PRE-VISIT STORIES





THE MANN CENTER

I am going to the Mann Center to see a concert.



PARKING

Before I go to the Mann, I will park near the building.

Sometimes, we might have to park further away and I will have to walk to get there.

I will stay with my group and walk to the Main Gates.



TICKETS

I will need a ticket to get in the Mann Center.

The ticket assigns me to a seat for the concert.

I will get a ticket online or at the Mann's Box Office.



USHERS

The theater usher is a friendly helper.

I will give my ticket to the theater usher to enter the theater.

The usher will use a scanning machine to check my ticket.

The usher helps me and my family find our seats.



CITIZENS BANK PLAZA

When I enter the Mann Center, I will enter into a big plaza.

The plaza is open-air and spacious, but the plaza might be crowded and noisy.

If the noise is bothering me, I can go to a quiet area in the Mann Center.



PEOPLE

Many people will be at the Mann Center to see the concert.

Citizens Bank Plaza can get crowded.

I will stay close to the people I came with to the concert.

If I want to get away from the crowds, I can go to a quiet area in the Mann Center.



RESTROOMS

The Mann has bathrooms located around the venue.

There are two bathrooms in Citizens Bank Plaza, one on the opposite side of the Main Stage, and one at the Top of the Hill by Gate D

I will let the person I came with know I want to go to the bathroom. I can go to the bathroom any time I need to.

The sound of the flushing toilets and hand dryers can be loud, but it will only be for a short time.



FINDING MY SEAT

I will match the number and letter on the ticket with the number and letter on the seats.

When I find a match, this is my seat.



LAWN SEATING

The Mann also has seating on the lawn and terrace.

I can sit anywhere there is space on the lawn.

I can bring a blanket and chair to be comfortable on the lawn.

I can also bring my own food and drink to have a picnic on the lawn for Picnics Welcome concerts.



CLAPPING

People clap when they like what they are hearing or seeing.

I can clap if I like what I hear or see.

People clap only for a short time then the clapping is over.

If the clapping sound is too loud for me, I can cover my ears until it is over.



CHEERLEADERS

I may see the cheerleaders for the Philadelphia Eagles football team.

The cheerleaders will dance, jump, and cheer.

The cheerleaders may encourage me to cheer and dance.

I can join in cheering and dancing or go to a quiet area for a break.



SWOOP

I may see Swoop, the mascot for the Philadelphia Eagles football team.

Swoop is dressed as an Eagle and wearing a football uniform.

Swoop is a friendly mascot. I can high-five or wave to Swoop.

If it becomes too loud, I can go to a quiet area for a break.



CONCERT

A concert is a show with music.

The music will get louder and softer at different times.

The music will get faster and slower at different times.

I might feel excited when the music gets louder or faster.

I might feel calmer when the music gets slower or softer.

If I don't know what is happening, I can ask the adult I am with a question.



QUIETER AREAS

If I need quiet time, I will tell the person I came to the concert with.

I can leave the concert to go to the quiet area anytime during the concert.

I can relax in the quiet area or walk around the lawn.



CONDUCTOR

When the orchestra is on the stage, I will see a person standing in front of the orchestra.

This person is called a conductor. The conductor leads the orchestra.

I will see the conductor use a stick called a baton.

The conductor will move the baton in the air to let the musicians know the speed of the music.



LEAVING THE MANN

When the concert is over, I will leave my seat and walk in the aisle to leave the Mann Center.

All the people will leave the Mann at the same time. The walkways will be crowded.

I will walk slowly while leaving the Mann. I will stay with the adult I came with to the concert.

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