LA Phil

A Guide to Walt Disney Concert Hall

For Middle & High School Students

We Can't Wait to See You!

A trip to Walt Disney Concert Hall is bound to be one to remember. So many incredible performances happen here, and we are honored that you have chosen to visit. This guide gives some details of what to know before you go, what to expect when you are here, and things to think about after your concert. Whether this is your first visit or you are returning, we hope that you enjoy your time with us!



Before You Go

About Walt Disney Concert Hall and the LA Phil

Walt Disney Concert Hall is the breathtaking home of the **Los Angeles Philharmonic**, also known as the **LA Phil**. This amazing orchestra plays all types of music—from famous classical pieces to new and creative sounds that incorporate different styles and cultures.



The LA Phil inspires people with live concerts, music programs, and fun learning activities. The musicians in the LA Phil are some of the best in the world, and they love sharing their music with everyone who comes to hear them at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Walt Disney Concert Hall isn't just a place for music—it's a place where creativity, connection, and community come alive!

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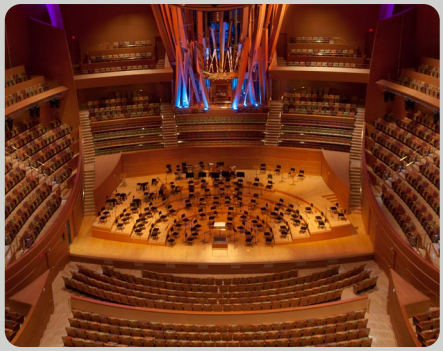
Take a Virtual Tour of Walt Disney Concert Hall (2 MIN)

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LA Phil & Gustavo Dudamel - John Williams: Theme from *Jurassic Park* (6 MIN)

What You Will See in Walt Disney Concert Hall

There are several unique features that you will notice when you enter the concert hall. As you take your seat, keep your eyes peeled for the following:

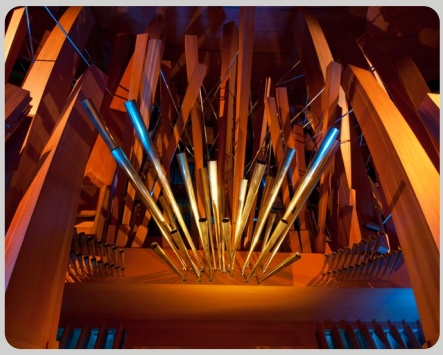


Theater-in-the-Round Seating

The audience sits "**in the round**," meaning that the main performance happens in the center of the auditorium and concertgoers enjoy the performance from all different angles.

The best part of this seating is that no one has a bad seat, and it gives a sense of community between the performers onstage and the audience members.

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Inside Walt Disney Concert Hall



"Hurricane Mama," the Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ

Behind the orchestra, you will notice a beautiful piece of art that might look like French fries. These are the pipes of a **pipe organ**, which is an unusual instrument.

While many musicians' instruments travel with them, pipe organs are stationary and built into the buildings that they call home.

Walt Disney Concert Hall's organ has a few nicknames: "Hurricane Mama," due to its bellowing sound, and "The French Fries," due to its design.

It has a whopping **6,134 pipes** with the ability to play from the lowest of lows to the highest of highs during performances.

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The Pipe Organ at Walt Disney Concert Hall (4 MIN)

When You Get Here

The DOs of Concert Etiquette

DO Dress Like You Mean It

Formal? Casual? Somewhere in between? Pick a look that says, "I'm here to enjoy this music like the sophisticated human I am."

DO Arrive on Time

Fashionably late? Not here! Arrive on time and make sure you are seated before the music starts.

DO Keep Your Phone in VIP Mode

(Very Invisible Phone)

Your Instagram feed can wait. Trust us—accidentally lighting up the hall with your phone will not win you cool points.

DO Bring Your Listening Ears

The orchestra's job is to play; your job is to listen. Your whispers carry farther than you think. Avoid becoming the unintentional soloist.

DO Tap into Your Inner Zen

The orchestra has a story to tell and it's for your enjoyment. Channel your inner chill and let the music work its magic—who knows, it might even inspire your next playlist. Let the music take you there.

DO Clap Like a Pro

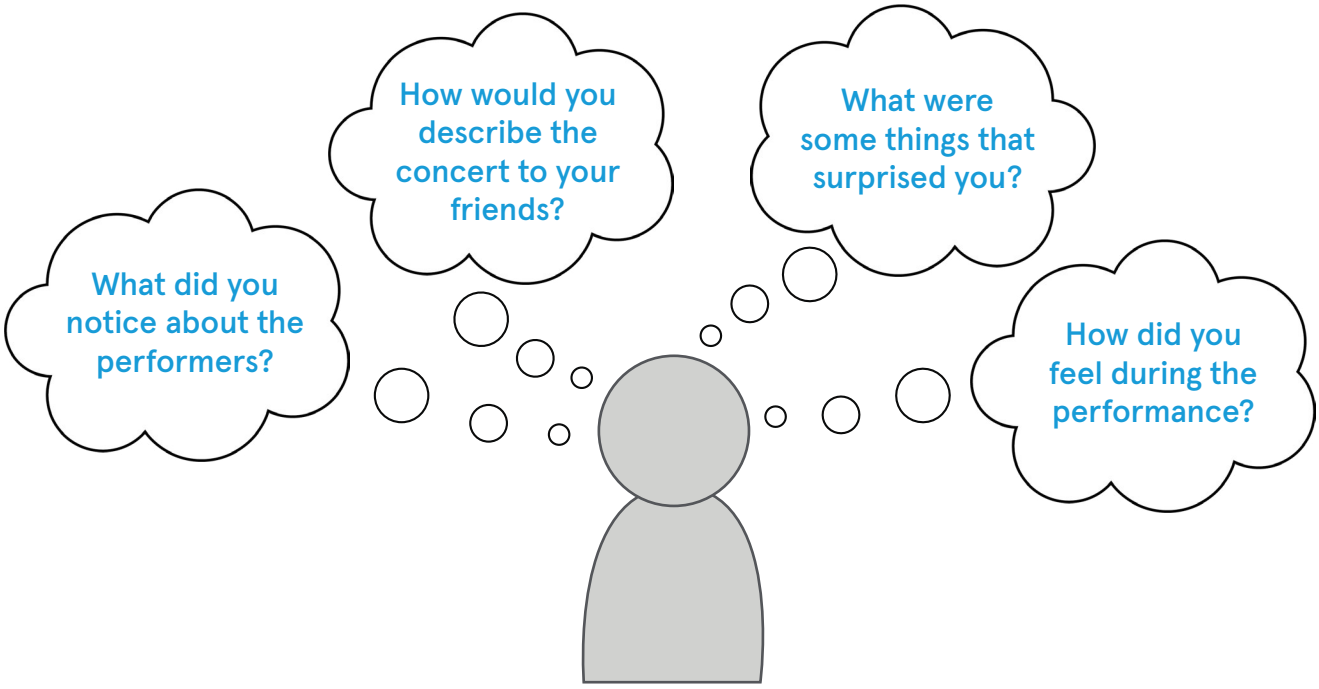
When the music stops and the conductor turns around, that's your cue! Clap, smile, or cheer (politely!) during the final bow. Musicians love knowing that you enjoyed their performance.

DO Be the Amazing Person You Are

You don't have to be a music expert to enjoy the concert. Just follow these tips, and you'll blend in like a seasoned pro.

After the Concert

Reflect on Your Visit



Visit the LA Phil Store After the Show

Take a piece of the LA Phil home with you like a souvenir for yourself or a gift to bring back to your family and friends.

Plan Your Next Visit

You can always come back for other concerts! Visit laphil.com for more information.

Learn More

Got the music bug now? We have many music learning resources available for free on our website.