Attending a Performance at Bass Concert Hall

A Social Story
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I will be traveling to **Bass Concert Hall** which is located on The University of Texas campus in Austin, TX.

Bass Concert Hall is across the street from the Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium.
After parking in a garage or nearby, I will walk to the front of Bass Concert Hall. It is important to **stay with my group** since there will be a lot of people walking on campus and many will be attending the performance I am seeing.
We may need to stand in line at the front doors to enter the lobby. If we don’t have our tickets yet, we will go to the Box Office to get them. We will scan our tickets on the ticket scanners inside, and we will walk through security scanners.
It might be crowded and a little noisy in the lobby.

Outside **food and drink** are not allowed into the building, but there will be places in the lobby where I can buy them.

There will be **ushers** in the lobby who can assist me. An **usher** is someone who helps people find their seats.
If I need to use the restroom, I will look for the signs to show me the way. There are 2 restrooms located on each floor.

It is a good idea to use the restroom before the show starts, so I don’t miss anything!
Before the Show

I may need to wait until it is time to open the doors to the concert hall to enter. When it is time to take our seats, I will enter through the doors with my group.

When we enter, an usher can help me find my seat and may give me a program. A program is a booklet that includes information about the performance and the performers.
While I am waiting for the show to begin, there are lots of things to look at. There are nearly 3,000 seats in the concert hall and a big stage that will be set up for the show I am about to watch. I will see other audience members, ushers, and Texas Performing Arts staff members.
When the show is about to begin, someone may come onstage or talk through the speakers to make an announcement.

The lights will get darker, and the show will begin.
During the show, I might feel different **emotions**: happy, excited, surprised. I can express those emotions as I am feeling them by smiling, laughing, and clapping when appropriate.

People might **clap** after different parts of the show to show they are enjoying the performance. I can clap during these times too if I want to.
Depending on the performance, there may be an intermission(s). An intermission is a 10-15 minute break during the show. During this time, I can stay in my seat, use the restroom, get a snack, or go to the lobby.

If I need to leave the concert hall during the show, I can leave quietly through the doors at the back. When I am ready to come back, an usher can help me find my seat again.
If it gets too loud for me during the show, there are things I can do.

- I can put my headphones on, if I brought them.
- I can cover my ears with my hands.
- I can play with a fidget, if I brought it.
- I can take a break in the lobby.
- I can ask for help.
After the show, the performers will bow, and many people will **clap** and sometimes **stand** to show their appreciation. I can stand and clap too if I want.
Leaving Bass Concert Hall

When we are ready to leave, I will exit the concert hall with my group through the same door that we entered. Everyone in the concert hall will want to leave, so it will be crowded and might take some time for us to get out.

I will stay with my group as I am leaving the building and going back to my car.
The staff at Bass Concert Hall hope I have a great time at the performance and look forward to seeing me soon!