Going to the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts

Sensory Friendly Pre-visit Stories
I am going to the Mondavi Center

The Mondavi Center is a venue where artists from around the world perform.
Tickets

For this special performance, we will not need to have a ticket.
Entering the Center

I will enter the Mondavi Center through the main lobby doors. There are four sets of doors to choose from and I am welcome to use any of them.
Waiting in Lines

When I go to the Mondavi Center, I may have to wait in short lines. I may have to wait in line in the bathroom.
Lobby

When I enter the Mondavi Center, I will enter into a big lobby.

The lobby might be a bit crowded and noisy. If I don’t like the lobby, I can go to a quieter area upstairs on the second or third floor.
Bathrooms

If I have to go to the bathroom, I will let my mom or dad know. I can go to the bathroom any time during the performance. The sound of the flushing toilet can be loud, but it will only be for a short time.
Sitting on the Floor

I can sit on the carpeted floor
or I can sit on the chairs.
My mom and Dad can sit with me
on the floor or the chairs.
If I need to get up and move around,
that is okay, too!
The Concert

When the concert starts, the musicians will walk into the lobby with their musical instruments.
Before the musicians start the concert, they may take a few moments to make sure their musical instruments are tuned properly. It is good to be quiet while they do this. Once they finish, they will start to play!
People clap when they like what they are hearing and 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.
Frequently Asked Questions

If the music or the clapping is too loud for me or if I feel nervous, I can ask for earplugs!

Or I can put my fingers in my ears!

Or Mom and Dad can bring my own headphones from home for me!

It’s okay if Mom and Dad can bring a snack or drink from home for me!

And if I need to bring my fidget toy from home, that is okay too!

It’s okay to talk or move around, as long as Mom or Dad supervises me!
If I need a break during the concert, I can go into a quiet area near the bathrooms.
After the concert, I can meet the musicians and ask them questions. The musicians might let me look at their instruments up close. I need to ask before touching the instruments.
When the concert is over, I might go use the bathroom before I leave. The bathroom might be crowded and I will have to wait my turn. After I am finished, I will leave the lobby through the front doors.