

# Concert Guidelines for Teachers

## Before the Concert

- Please contact Kristin Carpenter at least one week prior to your Youth Concert experience if you need to confirm or make changes to a reservation.
- Please prepare your students by using materials in the corresponding Teacher's Guide or on the [www.DSOkids.com](http://www.DSOkids.com) website.
- Students should be briefed on concert etiquette in advance.
- Please contact Kristin Carpenter at 214.871.4006 at least 48 hours before the concert if your group includes any students or teachers with special needs, including wheelchairs or hearing impaired students requiring infra-red headsets.

## The Day of the Concert

- Before leaving school, please allow time for students to visit the restroom.
- Upon your arrival, you will be greeted by a DSO Staff Member who will give you a DSO Bus number. This DSO bus number is given to help ease the bus pick-up process after Youth Concerts. Memorize your DSO bus number.
- Learn your bus driver's name and be sure you can recognize her/him.
- Plan to arrive at the Meyerson at least 30 minutes before concert time.

## Upon Arrival at the Meyerson

- If you arrive by bus, please DO NOT UNLOAD YOUR BUS UNTIL YOU ARE GREETED BY A DSO STAFF MEMBER. Also, please be sure you and your driver have been given matching numbers by a DSO staff member.
- Check in with a volunteer in the main lobby; a volunteer will guide your group to your seating area. (Seating sections are assigned on the basis of group size.)
- All students should be in their seats at least five minutes before concert time.
- No food or drink, including chewing gum, is permitted in the concert hall.
- An organ demonstration starts 7 minutes before the concert- you won't want to miss that. It's always a favorite with the students!

## During the Concert

- The use of cameras and recorders is prohibited.
- Please turn off cellular phones and any other electronic devices.
- Students and teachers should remain in their seats for the entire concert.
- Restrooms are located on all levels and should be used for urgent needs only.
- If students must visit the restroom, please have an adult accompany them.
- Students not maintaining acceptable standards of behavior will be asked to leave, and may jeopardize their school's future attendance at DSO events.

## After the Concert

- Please remain in your seats until your school is dismissed.
- Upon dismissal, listen carefully and follow instructions for departing the building.

## Back at School

- Refer to this guide or [www.DSOkids.com](http://www.DSOkids.com) for follow-up activities.
- Student letters/artwork expressing reactions to the concert are appropriate.