



### The Audience

An Audience is a gathering of listeners. That's what every class is when they listen to their teacher give instructions- a good audience of listeners. Being a good listener is one of the most important ways to learn. When an audience goes to a concert, they have to keep their ears, eyes, and minds open. At the concert, they listen to the music that the orchestra performs, watch the musicians and take a musical memory home with them after the concert. Sometimes the memory of a musical event makes a good story to write down at school and share with family and friends. Often, an audience gathers in a special space called an auditorium. The Audience is an important part of the concert. Without an audience, there would be no concert, it would be a rehearsal, which is very different and less exciting for the performing musicians. An Audience brings a special magical energy to the musicians.

### Concert Etiquette Guide

Maestro Morgan wants to make this concert experience a positive and enjoyable one for everyone. Please observe and discuss the following concert guidelines with your students:

1. USHERS will direct you to your seats. Your entire class must be together before you will be seated. Please enter and exit the auditorium quickly and quietly. Concerts begin promptly at 9:30am and 10:45am. There will be NO seating while the musicians are performing.
2. NO FOOD or CHEWING GUM is allowed in the auditorium. If you plan to bring lunches, please leave them on the buses until the concert is concluded.
3. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY inside the auditorium.
4. Please HOLD the applause until the end of each selection. Students will know when it is time to clap when the conductor drops both arms and turns to face the audience. Students should be reminded not to talk or leave their seats while a performance is in progress. Students ARE encouraged to participate by singing, clapping and conducting along with the songs the orchestra performs.
5. Please do NOT RUN inside the hall.
6. Please visit restrooms BEFORE the concert begins or before your arrival at the theater. There is no intermission, and once the 45-minute concert has concluded you will have limited access to the restrooms. Students must be accompanied to the restrooms by an adult.

7. Students should be reminded to dress appropriately for the occasion. Orchestra members wear formal black suits and ties and some form of “dress up” attire worn by the audience reflects a respect for both musicians and the concert hall itself.

We appreciate your cooperation! If you have any questions about the Young People’s Concerts, please call the Oakland Symphony office at 510 444 0801 or visit [oaklandsymphony.org](http://oaklandsymphony.org)

**Activity: Explore the Concert Experience**

- What are some of the most important places in your neighborhood?
- Where are there places in your neighborhood that people gather?
- What activities happen in these places?
- Is music part of what happens in these places?

*Pre concert discussion:*

How do you think musicians feel when they are performing on stage at a concert?

How do you think performers feel if the audience is not paying attention?

How do you think the performers feel if the audience gives the performers an applause with clapping?

What instrument are you going to listen for in the concert?

*Post concert reflection:*

What was it like to visit the concert hall?

What did you notice about seeing and hearing everyone playing music together?

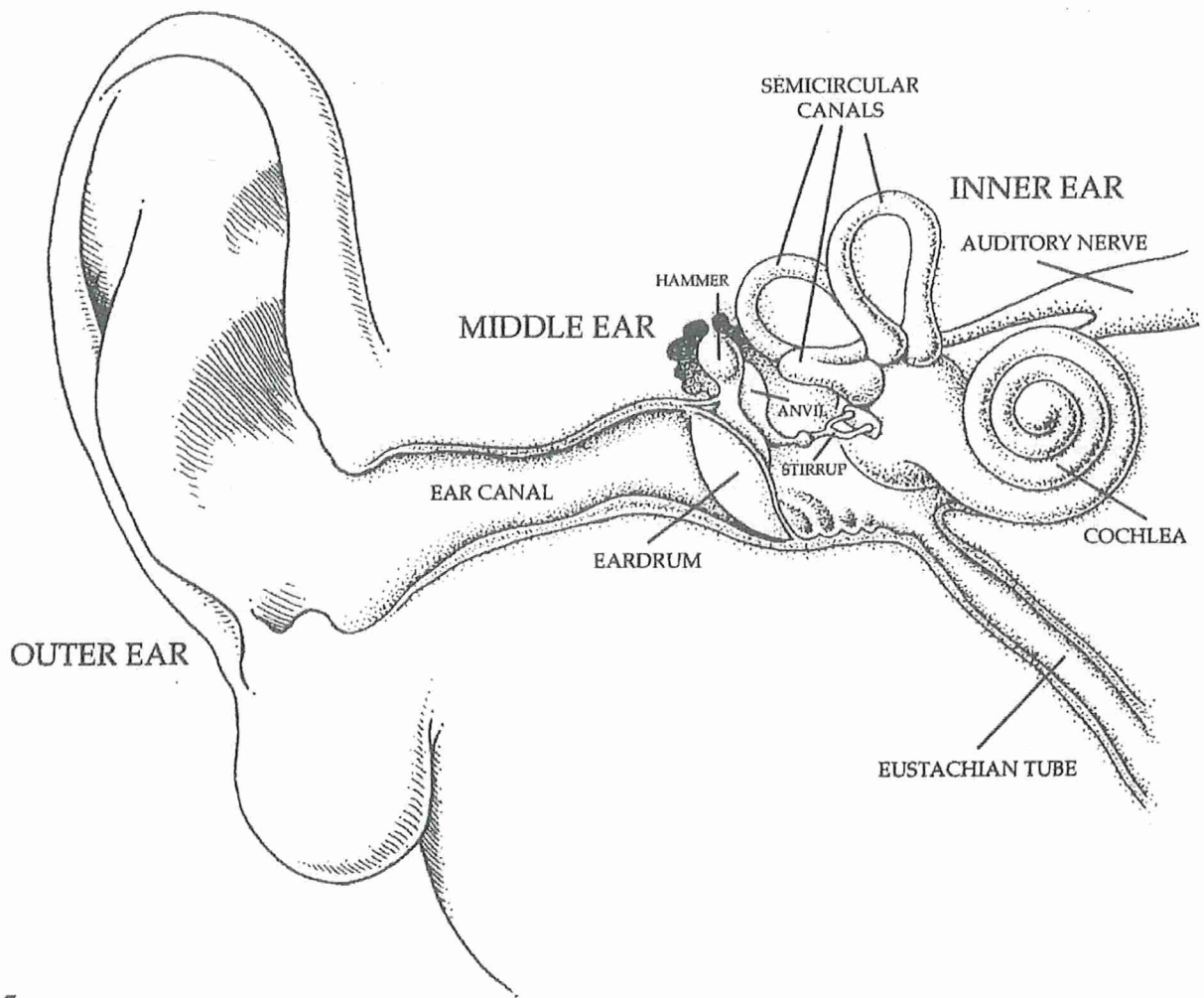
Did you hear the instrument you were going to listen for?

How did the music make you feel?

What did you like most about the concert?

Can you write a short story about the concert?





## ***Your Ear***

**Sound** is made up of waves of energy or movement that are carried through the air, or through liquids or solid objects. Sound is invisible! This invisible sound energy is called **vibration** or **sound waves**. Although you cannot see "sound" in the air with the naked eye, think of it like ocean waves coming onto the beach. Ears are very important when it comes to sound. They allow you to hear sound. The ear is made up of three major parts—an outer, middle, and inner part.

