

Welcome to the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra! Here are the SLSO Education Team's TOP TEN things to know before you go...

- 10** Everyone at the SLSO is so excited to have you as our guest at Powell Hall.
- 9** Some people get dressed up for SLSO concerts like wearing a jacket and tie. Others dress more casually like wearing jeans. It's all up to you!
- 8** Powell Hall is large, and it seats more than 2,500 people. Don't worry if you are not sure where your seat is located. SLSO Ushers are located throughout the hall to help you find your way.
- 7** Concessions are available pre-concert and at intermission. Only drinks purchased in SLSO Keep Cups are allowed inside the auditorium. All food must be consumed in the lobby areas.
- 6** Turn off and put away all cell phones and other electronic devices inside the auditorium. Any use of an electronic device during a performance can be distracting to those around you and to the performers.
- 5** Once the concert starts, you cannot enter the auditorium until a piece ends. Sometimes one piece can take up the entire concert, so be on time. The ushers ring bells in the lobby when it is time to take your seat.
- 4** If you need to leave your seat, please do so during the applause so you will not disrupt those around you or the performers. In case of an emergency, please exit the hall as quietly and calmly as possible.
- 3** Refrain from talking or whispering during the concert. Sound travels very well in Powell Hall and everything can be heard by those around you and the performers.
- 2** If you accidentally clap at the "wrong" time, that's okay. At the SLSO, we appreciate your applause! For orchestral concerts, the tradition is to wait until an entire piece is finished before clapping. When the conductor puts down both hands and turns to face the audience, this signals the piece is over and it is time to clap.

AND THE **#1** THING TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO...

- 1** Orchestral music is an art. Art, just like movies, should be critiqued and discussed. We encourage you to form your own opinions and talk about the music after the performance. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy the experience!