



2026 Helen McKinney Young People's Concerts

March 19th & 20th, 2026

Victory Theatre, Downtown Evansville

Forces of Nature

9:15 a.m. (CST) - performance & 10:45 a.m. (CST) - performance

General Information

Attention: Principals, Music Teachers, Chaperones, and Students

Please read and discuss the following material with ALL classes that will be attending the concerts.

Please read all instructions thoroughly prior to departure.

1. All schools should have arranged for their own bus transportation. We recommend that there be two (2) teachers/chaperones per bus: one teacher to lead the students and the other to follow.
2. Three school identification signs should be placed in the windshield, right front window and back window of each bus to help locate the proper bus at the end of the concert.
3. Students should stay on the bus until the signal is given by the police officer to unload.
4. When indicated, students and teachers should leave the bus and walk to the designated entrance. Please have students stay together with their bus group. Students should exit the bus and enter the theatre in a straight line. Students should never cross lanes of traffic unescorted.
5. Victory Theatre ushers wearing volunteer badges will meet you at the theatre doors and show you to your seats. Please follow them quickly and quietly. As students are being seated, please remember to save a seat for the teachers/chaperones in the same row.
6. After being seated, students should sit quietly. When the performance begins, all talking should stop and all ears should open!
7. You will be led to your school's seating section as you arrive. Your seating section has been predetermined, and you will be guided there by a volunteer when you arrive.
Please be flexible. We appreciate your understanding.

8. **The concerts must start on time!** Please help us with this by arriving early and following the instructions of the volunteers.
9. Restrooms are located on the main floor at both the 6th St. and Main St. entrances. Restroom facilities are also available in the balcony on the Sixth Street side of the theatre. However, students should remember to use the restroom before leaving school.
10. Buses will be parked three abreast on 6th Street. Pay close attention to where your bus is parked. Wheelchair vans will unload on Main St. in front of the theatre.
11. After each concert, all students must be on their buses before any bus will be permitted to depart. Please follow the directions from the police officer.
12. Students may be excused from the concert **only in the case of an emergency**. If excused, students must be accompanied by the nearest teacher or chaperone. Out of respect for our musicians, no one should leave the auditorium while the orchestra is playing. If you must leave the hall, please wait until there is a break in the music.
13. Things to remember:
 - Where your bus is parked.
 - Stay with your bus group.
 - Follow the officer's and ushers' directions.
 - Ushers lead teachers/chaperones...teachers lead students.
14. Teachers/Chaperones: Your assistance in making these concerts a success is crucial and greatly appreciated. We hope that you will be able to enjoy the concerts while also keeping a close eye on your charges.
15. Each year, we are asked about thank-you notes. They are always appreciated, and we read every one. Thank you notes may be written to:
Maestro Roger Kalia or Education Department
Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra
P.O. Box 84
Evansville, IN 47710-0084
16. We have been so pleased in the past with the behavior of the students at our youth concerts. Please help us continue this pattern by encouraging good listening habits!
17. At the close of the concert, students should remain in their seats. Instructions for departure will be given from the stage. At that time, please follow the directions of the ushers.

PLEASE NOTE: FOOD AND DRINK ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE THEATRE.