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String City: Nashville’s Tradition of Music and Puppetry

at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum

I am going to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum to see a puppet show! A puppet show is a performance that uses dolls and other objects to tell a story. The show is called String City: Nashville’s Tradition of Music and Puppetry. The story is about how Nashville came to be known as Music City. There will be music and puppets of many different country music artists. When I go to see String City, I might go with my mom, dad or a friend.

The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is a building in downtown Nashville. We will drive to the parking lot and walk across the street to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. We will enter a big lobby, and walk to the Ford Theater. This is where the performance will be.

When I get into the theater, there might be a lot of places to sit. My mom or dad will help decide where we should sit. I will do my best to wait nicely by staying with my parents until the puppet show starts. Before the show begins, people might be talking a lot and it might be noisy. That is okay. There will be quiet spaces I can go to that will not be as loud. If I need a break from the noise, I can ask my mom or dad to go to the quiet space outside.

During the puppet show my family and I will try to be respectful. To be respectful we will try to follow the rules. The rules for the puppet show are to stay seated, make sure to turn off the sound on our cell phones, use a quiet voice, and do not take video or pictures of the performance. My family will be proud of me for being respectful during the show.

Some of the puppets might be small and some of them might be big. Big Patsy is a big puppet that is just pretend. I will get to see her before the show starts. During the show, there will be music playing and the puppets will pretend to sing songs. I can follow along with the visual schedule to see how many puppets are left in the show and who will be singing next. There will also be a pretend train that will go across the stage. If the music or singing gets too loud, I can ask my parents to go to a quiet space outside. If I get scared, I can hold my mom’s hand or my dad’s hand or ask to take a break.

I might need to go to the bathroom during the show. If I need to go to the bathroom, I can ask my mom or dad to take me to the bathroom. The bathroom is right outside the theater.

At the end of the show, people might clap if they liked the show. I might want to clap, too. After the show, the performers will talk to the audience. They will talk about the puppets and I might be able to ask a question. If I have a question, I will try to raise my hand and wait for my turn to talk. When it is time to leave, everyone will stand up and walk to the exits. It might be crowded with everyone trying to leave at the same time. I will try to wait my turn to walk out of the theater and out of the door. My mom and dad will be so proud of me. I might like puppet shows!

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