

The Savvy Girl's Guide to Surviving Classical Concerts

Your roommate is giving a recital. You need to do a reflection paper for CORE 200. You made a New Year's Resolution to be more cultured. There are many reasons we go to classical concerts. Going to a classical concert can be intimidating if you don't know what to expect. What are you supposed to wear? What are you expected to know? What if you get bored? Here's a guide that will arm you with everything you need to survive your next classical encounter.

6 Things You Need to Know:

1. Dress appropriately.

For most concerts, casual-dressy attire is ok. Think Sunday best.

2. Know when to clap.

If the performer is a soloist or small ensemble, clap as they walk onstage. If it's a group that's large enough to require a conductor, it is appropriate to clap as the group enters; just remember that the conductor gets her own applause. There is no clapping between movements.

3. Good posture helps you stay awake.

Sit up straight in your chair. Slouching only leads to slinking down in your seat which leads to... you guessed it... sleep.

4. Silence is golden.

Don't forget to turn off your cell phones or any other device that could possibly make noise. Vibrate doesn't count — the buzzing is audible. If there are children in your party, take them out if they become distracting.

5. Listen.

It sounds simple, but this is the most important step. Instead of spacing out during the performance, try to really listen. You may be pleasantly surprised.

6. Read the program notes.

Programs often come with more information than just what pieces will be performed. They include background information about the performer as well as the pieces.

Music Terms

Throw these words into your post-concert discussion and you'll come out looking like a pro.

concerto—a work that includes both a soloist and an orchestra

symphony—a longer orchestral work divided into movements

movement—one of (usually) four sections of a symphony

adagio—slow

allegro—fast

scherzo—a joke; usually it is a fast movement

Aria—a long, lyrical song from an opera

Hot Fun in the Summertime

Ok, so creativity is most often expressed through the arts. Here are a few creative pursuits around Raleigh this summer!



Brad Paisley keeping it cool.

Summer Concerts at Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek

Saturday, May 13
Brooks and Dunn w/ Sugarland

Thursday, May 25
Gretchen Wilson w/ Trace Adkins

Friday, June 9
Nine Inch Nails w/ Bauhaus, TV on the Radio

Friday, June 16 B
Brad Paisley w/ Sara Evans, Eric Church

Wednesday, June 21
Dave Matthews Band w/ ALO

Tuesday, June 27
Van's Warped Tour

Theatre

North Carolina Theatre
South Pacific – April 29-May 7
The Wizard of Oz – July 8-16

Raleigh Little Theatre
Twelfth Night – May 5-13
Candide – June 2-18
Pinocchio, A New Musical Play – July 14-23
The Honkey Tonk Angels – August 4-27

Broadway Series South at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium
Doctor Dolittle – May 9-14

North Carolina Museum of Art

NCMA Movies on the Lawn, \$3 for General admission (Free to NCMA members and kids under 5), 9:00 p.m. showings for June 2006:

Saturday, June 3 – *Good Night and Good Luck*, R

Friday, June 9 – *Pride and Prejudice (2005)*, PG

Saturday, June 17 – *Junebug*, R

Friday, June 23 – Wallace and Gromit in *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005)*,

Friday, June 30 – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory(2005)*, PG

NCMA Concerts Events:

Friday, June 16, 8 p.m. – 10th Annual Celtic Wonders Concert (Tickets \$5-15)

Saturday, July 22 – Debra McClinton

Friday, August 4 – Salif Keita (African superstar)

Saturday, August 19 – Patty Griffin

Current and Upcoming NCMA Special Exhibits:

May 7 – July 16, 2006

Common Ground: Discovering Community in 150 Years of Art Selections from the Collection of Julia J. Norrell

Raleigh Parks and Recreation Waterfront Concert Series

Lake Wheeler, 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, and Lake Johnson, 4601 Avent Ferry Road, will again play host to summer waterfront concerts. For more information please contact Lake Johnson at 233-2121 or Lake Wheeler at 662-5704

LakeWheeler

Saturday, May 6, 1-6 pm, Carnavalito and Saludos Compay, Latin Jazz

Saturday, July 29, 7-9pm, Wells Family Band, Bluegrass

September 29, 6-8pm, Full Grown Band, Rock and Jam

LakeJohnson

Sunday, June 11, 7-9pm, The Rickey Godfrey Band, Beach and Soul

Saturday, August 26, 7-9pm, Jah Creations, Reggae