



Dear Teachers:

This packet contains lesson plans with brief composer biographies that are designed to help you prepare your students for the BPO's Philharmonic Discovery Concert. Included in most lessons is a website address that will help you find out more about a specific topic. Every effort has been made to ensure that these listings are accurate and appropriate for children. We hope that the guide and preparatory CD will be useful to both music and classroom teachers alike. Feel free to adapt or change the activities to suit the needs and abilities of your students.

Please review the information about concert manners on page 3 before you arrive. This will help your students enjoy the concert more on their special day.

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Finally, please take a moment to fill out and return the Teacher Evaluation Form on page 42 to us after you have attended the concert. Your feedback is important as we develop educational programs and materials for the future.

The musicians of the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra are looking forward to playing for you and your students. They know this can be a life changing experience!

Sincerely,

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