

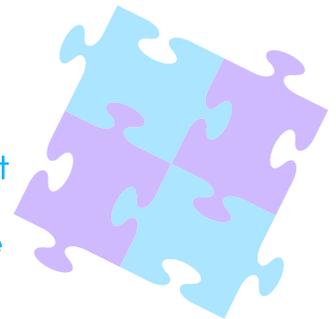
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"Thank you for what you do. Having a concert of this caliber, in a venue like Abravanel Hall, without fear of upsetting anyone with noise or lots of movement is something that these kids and parents will never forget."

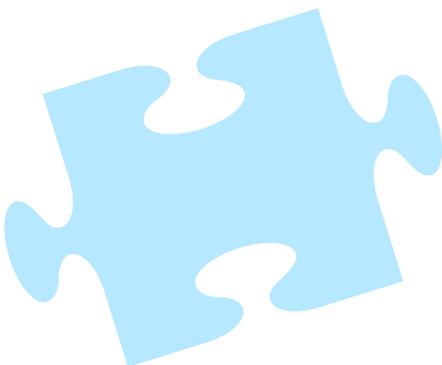


" We've been coming for about 13 years and my 16 year old son with autism calls this "the most important night of the year" and he has for years. It's his very special, favorite day."

" I loved this experience. There are a lot of things we don't or can't participate in as a full family, so it was wonderful to experience this together. My son has autism and being around both other families and staff members who were not bothered by his behaviors made this evening a true standout. That is a gift we don't often receive. Many kudos to the amazing performers and staff for making this happen!"



" Thank you so much for providing an event where we could just enjoy the beauty of music without worrying about how our child's behavior would impact the ability of others to enjoy the evening. It was so nice to feel that we were not just tolerated, but welcome. Thank you for making it free as well! It was my first visit to Abravanel Hall, but I would definitely like to come back! "





"I loved our experience! Everyone we encountered was positively pleasant and wanted us to be at ease and to enjoy ourselves. I was on the verge of tears the whole time, because the whole experience was just so beautiful and compassionate. Thank you for making an accessible experience for us. I was so thrilled to share the symphony with my son."



" It was fantastic and I am so grateful I could take my children to experience some culture in a judgement-free zone. I appreciated that I was able to bring the whole family, not just the ones with the diagnoses... and I was grateful that it was free! Overall it was a wonderful experience, even for the one or two who did not think they would enjoy it. Thank you!! "



" We are always so grateful for this opportunity to share a night out with our autistic daughter. She loves this concert because she picks the seats, she gets to react as she likes, and she meets the artists afterward. The lemon bars were a super surprise! "

" We look forward to this event every year. The concert is always so alive and vibrant with the movement and joy of the audience. "

" Sometimes it is hard to reach my four-year-old autistic grandson. Music however seems to get through to him, and he was definitely responding to the music at this wonderful concert. Thank you! "

