

# Access to Music 2022

Access to Music is an annual concert presented by Utah Symphony | Utah Opera for children with special needs & their families. In the return of this tradition after having to cancel last year's event due to COVID-19, 352 excited people attended, with students in the audience coming from 83 schools throughout Utah.



"I just wanted to say thank you so much for this night! My family (especially my son) enjoyed it SO much! I wanted to let you know how much we appreciate events like these where he can enjoy his favorite songs and "move" and not be judged or shushed!"

"We loved coming to the event where my daughter could sing along with the opera singers and wave at the performers. Inclusive environment makes it so all parents can enjoy and not worry about the reaction that their children have as well. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

"We loved our experience at the Access to Music event. We had a very memorable experience and felt noticed and loved! Thank you!"



"We had a wonderful time. Everyone enjoyed all the pieces that were performed. We also loved the change in venue. It was fun to see a different place. The Capitol Theater is beautiful."

"We loved the concert! Thank you for putting it on. There was a good variety of music and my son loved all of it. He hums and bounces in his wheelchair when he's excited so he can't attend regular concerts. Last night, he was grinning and laughing all the way home."





"It was absolutely magical! Thank you so much for putting this concert on! It was so nice to do this as a family without worrying about behaviors. I loved watching my kids experience the symphony and opera. They had light in their eyes and it was such an enjoyable and uplifting experience!"

"We had such a good time. We have been very careful due to Covid and this was really the first thing like this we have done in 2+years. I nearly cried through the whole thing just due to the rush of emotions of it being a great inclusive event and also very safely done. My daughter was so excited to be there and had a great time. Thank you for providing this opportunity for her and others to enjoy the arts."

"This was our second time attending, and once again we loved it! Being in a place where my son and others can express their appreciation for the music in their own way is magical. Once again, we were touched by all those who spent so much time and effort to make a wonderful night for us. Thank you so much!"

"It was fantastic. I loved the music that was chosen. I love that there was music and singing. I love that the conductor interacted with the audience - especially when they started clapping along with several of the songs. I loved watching the other audience members and seeing how impactful and engaging music is for everyone."

