

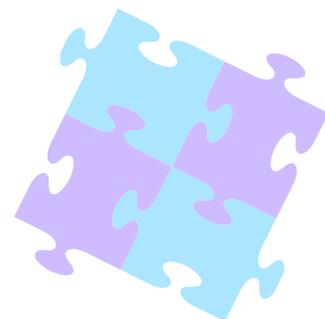
Access to Music 2020

Access to Music is an annual concert presented by Utah Symphony | Utah Opera for children with special needs & their families. This year, 884 people attended; students in the audience came from 167 schools throughout Utah.



" It was excellent! So nice to be together and have behavioral expectations removed so we could enjoy an outing as a family."

" We LOVED that the singers told us a little about the musical pieces they were singing. It made the experience so enriching. This is an anticipated yearly event for my kids. Thank you so much for bringing wonderful music into my autistic kids' lives. In a world not accepting of their struggles, you make them feel wanted. **It is Priceless.** "



" What a wonderful, magical night! It was so beautiful to see so many children enjoying the music in their own way— dancing, bouncing, clapping, rocking, and flapping— without having to worry about disturbing anyone. Thank you for this wonderful experience! "

" Our family loved the concert! There are very few activities for our disabled children to experience the arts. They always love it but not everyone appreciates their loud enthusiasm at inappropriate times. Thank you for allowing us the privilege to enjoy your talents in an inclusive setting!! "

" This concert was an utter delight. I wept during the Can-Can, because I could see and hear so many people giddy with genuine joy. This is a concert that we do not miss for anything. "





" This was such a special year. My son McKay is a classical music aficionado and this concert is his night every year. Christmas has nothing on his anticipation about his night at the symphony and opera. Last night you made his dreams come true. The symphony played The Blue Danube Waltz for him and he anticipated it all night. When the time came, he turned to me with excitement gleaming from his whole countenance and said, "Here we go!" He watched with rapt attention and gently swayed through the piece, occasionally sighing with absolute contentment. To say there were happy tears from me would be an understatement. "

" This was our first year attending the event and it was a total blast! My son had an amazing time feeling the music and dancing in an open space nearby. "

" This was a wonderful and unforgettable experience! We can't wait for next year. My family, especially my son with severe autism, very much enjoyed listening to The Blue Danube Waltz. "

" We don't get to go out much with my son's behavior and other issues.... and he LOVES music. So, so grateful for this night and we look forward to it every year. Please keep this going! I almost teared up last night- seriously. We don't get to do things like that often and it is just such a great experience."

" Watching my son enjoy a beautiful concert without the pressure of trying to keep him from being exactly who he is, made me feel like I was about to float away with joy. I cried with gratitude for all who helped us have such a special night."

