



## **WELCOME TO THE HILBERT CIRCLE THEATRE**

- It was originally built in 1916, designed by Indianapolis architects Rubush & Hunter. They also designed neighboring buildings on Monument Circle like Circle Tower, The Columbia Club, and the Indiana Repertory Theatre.
- The Theatre was built as one of the first motion picture palaces west of New York City.
- The original theatre had 3,100 seats and was a majestic venue for films and live acts. In 1928, the first movie with sound ever shown in Indianapolis, *The Jazz Singer*, was shown at the theatre.
- They showed films for 65 years before closing in 1981.
- After the first renovation was complete in 1984, the Hilbert Circle Theatre became home to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.
- There are now only 1,660 seats in the hall.
- Fun Fact: Most of the exit signs are restored original Tiffany glass and the stairs are restored original Italian marble.

## DOWNTOWN BUS PARKING LOCATIONS

\*Pricing & availability for buses subject to change, please call in advance

### Lucas Oil Stadium South Lot

500 S Capital Ave.  
317.655.3100

### Omega Building Lot

29 E. Maryland Street  
317.616.1670

### Gate Ten Events & Parking

343 West McCarty Street  
317.737.2036

### LaRosa North Bus Parking Lot

401 S. Pennsylvania Street  
[www.parkwhiz.com](http://www.parkwhiz.com)  
(Pre-pay via website)

### White River State Park South Lot

801 W. Washington Street  
317.233.2434

## NEARBY RESTAURANTS

The Indianapolis restaurant scene is booming! To find a restaurant within walking distance that best fits your group's needs, click [here](#).

Please be mindful of the performance curtain time. Plan to return to Hilbert Circle Theatre no later than 15 minutes before start time.

## MORE TO DO IN DOWNTOWN INDY

### Indianapolis Zoo

1200 W Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46222

- With five different animal habitat biomes to explore, you can enjoy your visit any time, no matter what the weather is like outside. The Zoo is also home to the world's largest Orangutan Center.
- For more information on group tickets, click [here](#).

### The Children's Museum

3000 N Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

- Designed with kids in mind, The Children's Museum is a fun and educational place.
- For more information on group tickets, click [here](#).

### Indiana State Museum

650 W. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

- Explore Indiana from the beginning of time through culture and science at the Indiana State Museum. Kids will find hands-on areas throughout most exhibits that really allow them to dig into real life history.
- For more information on group tickets, click [here](#).

### Soldiers and Sailors Monument

Monument Circle

Indianapolis, IN 46204

- Enjoy free admission inside or pose for a photo in front of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument conveniently located steps away from the Hilbert Circle Theater.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Is there a dress code?**

We recommend that you wear what is comfortable for you. When you visit, you may see a broad spectrum of attire for any given performance. A general rule of thumb is business casual for all other performances at the Hilbert Circle Theatre.

## **How long do ISO concerts usually last?**

It depends on the performance. Usually, an ISO concert will last about 2 hours, with one 20-minute intermission.

## **Can I use my cell phone during the performance?**

No. Please keep cell phones off or in silent mode during performances in the auditorium.

## **Can I take pictures inside the hall?**

Pictures inside the auditorium are permitted during pre-show, intermission, and post-show. However, photography and/or recording is strictly prohibited during any performance or event.

## **Do you have a coat check available?**

The ISO provides a coat check for many performances. It is located just off the Main Lobby near the Encore Lounge. The Coat Check is complimentary.

## **Where is lost and found?**

Items are held at the coat check during performances. Following the performance, items will be held in a secure location and may be claimed by contacting the ISO Box Office at [iso@IndianapolisSymphony.org](mailto:iso@IndianapolisSymphony.org) or (317) 639.4300.

## **Will there be food and drink for sale?**

Yes, a limited menu of food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. These items may be consumed in the lobbies and auditorium. All concession stands and bars within Hilbert Circle Theatre are card only.

## **Can I take food or drinks into the auditorium?**

Items purchased on-site may be consumed in the auditorium. Outside food and beverages are not allowed.

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## **Who is the Concertmaster, and what do they do?**

The Concertmaster will enter the stage just before the concert is to begin. They will walk to the center of the stage, and the audience applauds in recognition. The Concertmaster is the orchestra's front person. They represent the group as a whole and sit in the first chair in the First Violin section. In January 2020, the ISO selected a new Concertmaster, Kevin Lin.

After the applause, the Concertmaster turns to the orchestra giving a signal to begin the tuning. The Concertmaster also receives acknowledgment from the conductor before the music begins. Symbolically, this acknowledges the orchestra.

About the tuning: The Concertmaster gives a signal to the principal oboe player to play an "A." The wind instruments (woodwind and brass) sound first and play the note to check the pitch of their instruments. As a team, it's important to have an orchestra in tune with each other.

## **When do I applaud?**

Applause is held until after a complete composition and not given between movements. When in doubt, refer to your program and watch for the conductor to indicate the appropriate movement or wait until others applaud. The conductor usually leaves the stage between pieces and will return to the stage to acknowledge continuous applause. If there is a soloist, the soloist will also leave the stage and re-enter with applause.

## **Where can I go if it gets too loud?**

Our Sensory Break Room is located on the third floor, where audience members can go to have a quiet space. If I would like to continue watching but need a quiet space, TV streaming in the Maestro Gallery TV can be made available upon request.