Take a look at what you’ll see when you visit PineCone’s *Down Home Concerts* at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts!
When we get to the Center, we will find parking. There are parking lots, parking decks and some street parking available. There is also a bus stop right outside the venue!

For more information about parking and traveling to the Duke Energy Center, please use this link. For information about bus routes, please use this link.
After we park our car, we’ll walk towards the Duke Energy Center. The Duke Energy Center houses AJ Fletcher Opera Theater, Memorial Auditorium, and Meymandi Concert Hall.

Depending on where we park, it might take us a couple of minutes to walk to the building. **If we need it, a golf cart will be available to shuttle us from our car to the building.**

If we take the bus, we’ll be dropped off right outside the Duke Energy Center.
Many of the *Down Home Concerts* take place in AJ Fletcher Opera Theater. Concerts typically start at 7:30 PM. The lobby doors will open at 6:30 PM, and we can sit in the theater starting at 7:00 PM.
If we have extra time before the concert, there are places to sit outside.

But, it might be cold or rainy, so we can also wait inside the lobby, which is open an hour before the concert starts.
To enter AJ Fletcher Opera Theater, we can go up the stairs.

Or we can take the ramp.
Sometimes, the **Down Home Concerts** take place in Memorial Auditorium, which is in the middle of the Duke Energy Center.

There might be other events happening at the same time as the **Down Home Concert!**
We might have bought our tickets online and printed them. Or we'll buy them or pick them up at the Box Office.

No matter how we got our tickets, an usher will scan them before we go into the Theater.
GETTING A SENSORY BAG

If I would like, I can borrow a sensory bag from the Ticket Counter.

There are items in the sensory bag that will help me feel calm. I can use the headphones and the fidget tools in my sensory bag to help me feel more comfortable in loud or crowded places.

Learn more about the Duke Energy Center’s Sensory Inclusive certification via KultureCity
Once the doors open at 7:00 PM, we can go inside the auditorium. When we get inside, there might already be people sitting in their seats. This is what a concert in Fletcher Theater might look like.

Our tickets will tell us where to sit. If we are not sure, an usher will look at our ticket and help us find our seat.
During the concert, we’ll hear musicians play instruments and sing.
If I need to get up during a song, I should try to be quiet. When I’m ready to come back in, I should wait until a time between songs, when people are clapping.
Restrooms

If I need to use a restroom, it is close by! If I need help finding the restrooms, I can ask a friendly usher.

A family/gender neutral restroom is available in the Inner Lobby of Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.
There will be a PineCone Information and Merchandise table, where we can learn more about the performers and PineCone.

Leaving
When the performance is over, people usually clap. I will need to wait with my group or family, and we will leave together.

We hope you enjoy your visit to PineCone at the Duke Energy Center!
About PineCone
The role of PineCone is to increase the visibility of Piedmont music and musicians and to provide public programs and educational resources about the depth and breadth of cultural expression in the region today. PineCone supports the livelihoods of working artists, inspires and connects fans, educates youth and adult audiences, documents traditions, and provides opportunities for musicians to learn from one another.

About Down Home Concerts
PineCone's Down Home Concerts celebrate how music crosses cultures and borders while also acknowledging North Carolina's unique cultural heritage. These concerts showcase artists from around the state, nation, and globe whose music finds connection and expression here. Since 2005, PineCone has been a resident company at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, alongside the North Carolina Symphony, North Carolina Opera, Carolina Ballet, and North Carolina Theatre. Down Home Concerts primarily take place in Fletcher Theater (600 seats), and we occasionally utilize Meymandi Concert Hall (1600 seats) and Memorial Auditorium (2200 seats).

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