

Theatre Etiquette

For Student Groups Attending Evening/Weekend Performances

Performance information for chaperones and teachers:

On the day of the performance, the lobby doors will open one hour before the show. The theatre's house doors will open for seating 30 minutes prior to the performance.

Before arriving at the theatre, please ask your students to keep the following in mind:

- **Please be on time.** Late seating is distracting for both the actors and the audience. If late seating is necessary, please ask the house manager or head usher for assistance in getting to your seat. Be aware that patrons arriving late might not be seated in the location indicated on their tickets.
- **Remember that the performers are in the same room with you and are affected by what you do.** You can help them do their best by watching and listening carefully. Remember that they can see and hear you just as you can see and hear them.
- **Please make sure that phones and other electronics are turned off during the show.** Cell phones interrupt the performance and can take actors out of the moment. Please keep all phones turned off and stowed away during the performance.
- **The use of cameras or any type of recording device is not allowed.**
- **Please finish your food and drinks before entering the lobby.** Concessions will be sold beforehand but must be finished outside of the theatre. Closed water bottles are allowed.
- **Personal items must be stored underneath theatre seats.** Please be aware that actors may be using the aisles for entrances and exits, often quickly and with props. We ask that you keep the aisles clear of belongings, hands, feet, and legs.
- **Please use the restroom before the performance begins.** Restrooms may be used during intermission, but be mindful of when the show will resume.
- **Please refrain from putting your feet up on the seats and do not kick the seat in front of you.**
- **Please enjoy** – your responses to the show are welcome – if something you see makes you want to laugh or cry, feel free to do so. Actors love performing for an audience that responds.
- **If you have requested one, there will be a talk back with the actors immediately after the performance.** There will not be enough time for a restroom break prior to the talk-back. Please remain seated and get your questions ready!

Thank you, and enjoy the show!