



Theatre Etiquette

The audience is one of the most important parts of any performance. If there was NO audience, the actors or musicians would be very lonely! There would be no listeners, no applause, no appreciation. Going to a live performance is a special experience and will be remembered for a long time. If you keep in mind common courtesy for the performers and others around you, everyone's theatre experience will be optimized. As most children are unfamiliar with proper theatre behavior, please review the following information with your class, as well as the chaperones, before attending a performance.

- ✓ Gum, food, candy, or drinks are not allowed in the theatre.
 - ✓ Once in the theatre remember to walk slowly and stay with your group.
 - ✓ Please use the bathroom and get a drink before the performance begins. It is always impolite to leave your seat during a performance unless it is for an emergency.
 - ✓ Keep your feet off the seats.
 - ✓ Do not lean over balcony railings or attempt to throw or drop anything from the balconies.
 - ✓ Turn off all cell phones, beepers, alarms, pagers or anything that can disturb the production, actors or audience members during the performance.
 - ✓ Photography, video recording and audio recording are not allowed in the theatre.
 - ✓ During the performance listen and watch closely. A live performance is not a video that you can rewind if you miss something.
 - ✓ Do not talk or whisper during the performance. The actors on stage can hear you which is why you can hear them so well.
 - ✓ At the end of the performance, thank the performers by applauding.
 - ✓ In return, they will thank you with a bow as you applaud.
 - ✓ Please wait patiently and don't leave your seat until your group is called upon to exit.
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- ☺ Do laugh in the appropriate places.
 - ☺ Do applaud with enthusiasm in the appropriate places.
 - ☺ Do tell all your friends, after the show, what a great time you had.