

Proper Theatre Etiquette

Where has the time gone?

Please allow enough time to arrive at the theater. It is understandable that unforeseen things happen that will cause you to arrive late. Please know that once the performance has started, those who are late will be asked to wait for an appropriate time to be seated, generally when it causes the least disruption for the audience members. The same applies at intermission.

Movie and a Meal

Although movie theaters permit eating and drinking during a show, a Performing Arts Theater does not. Candy, drinks and snacks are not permitted in the theater. Please take the opportunity before the performance and during intermission to use for refreshments. (Notice, there are no cup-holders on these seats!)

The Great "Escape"

Just as you are enjoying the music and the performers, suddenly, somewhere, a "beeping" begins or music that does not belong to the performance begins to play. Watches with alarms, cellular phones and beepers are a distraction and annoyance to everyone. Please be considerate, as you would expect the same consideration, by turning off all electronic devices before entering the theater. If you must keep a cell phone on, please put it on silent mode.

As Comfortable as your Living Room

Although the theater provides a beautiful as well as a comfortable setting, it is not your living room. Please remember that when sitting down, it is appropriate to push the seat of your theater seat down with your hand to be seated. In order to keep the seats comfortable and functioning properly for everyone, sitting on the top edge of the seat and then sitting down is inappropriate. Also, make sure you stand to let others enter and exit your row.

As Quiet as a Mouse

We hope the performance is so inspiring that you want to share your thoughts with your friends, but please wait until intermission or final curtain to do so. Remember, you are sitting in a public space where everyone deserves to enjoy the show.

Gotta Go, Gotta Go

Public restrooms are in the lobby of the theater. Unless there is an emergency, kindly wait for intermission.

Smile and Say Cheese!

All photography and videotaping of performances is strictly prohibited. Flash photography, in particular, can create a dangerous situation on the stage by temporarily "blinding" the performers. Additionally, many works are copyrighted, thus making it a federal offense to record these performances without written consent from the owner of the copyright.

Applause!

Applause is the appropriate way to show the performers your appreciation for a job well done. Animal calls, whistling, and shouts of appreciation are best saved for your local sports event.

By attending to the suggestions above, you will play your part to make this performance an enjoyable one for all.