

Attending a School Show



Thank you for bringing your class to the Diana Wortham Theatre. Introducing a child to the magic of live performance at any early age can instill a passion that can last their entire life.

For some, this will be the student's first exposure to a theatrical event. The audience is an integral part of this event, and we welcome the energy and excitement the students bring to our productions.

It is the audience's responsibility to ensure everyone's enjoyment of the show by adhering to proper theatre etiquette. Teachers should discuss appropriate behavior with students prior to the performance. Keep the discussion lively and positive. Your enthusiasm is contagious!

IN THE CLASSROOM

- Explain to students how watching a live performance is different from watching a movie. Let them know they will be expected to be quiet, sit still in their chair during the show out of respect for the performers and fellow audience members.
- You are welcome to bring a booster seat to help younger children see the show.
- Mention to your children that the theatre will be dark at times and sudden bursts of sounds may occur.
- While we do not have an established dress code, a well-dressed audience tends to be a well-behaved audience. Dressing up also makes the day more of an event rather than simply a day off from school.

BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE

- Visit the restrooms and water fountains before you enter the theatre.
- Turn off all electronic devices before entering the theatre.
- Remember that taking photographs or recordings of any kind during the performance is strictly prohibited.
- Do not bring food, drinks, gum or candy in the theatre. This included water bottles and sippy cups. If you bring lunches with you, you may place your food under the staircase in the lower lobby to enjoy after the show. Please let us know if we can assist you.

DURING THE PERFORMANCE

- Children should remain in their seat for the duration of the performance. If you must leave in the middle of a performance, watch from the back of the theatre when you return until an appropriate break.
- Be engaged! Laughter, applause and discussions after the performance are encouraged.
- Please comfort crying or fussy children in the lobby not in the theatre.
- Feet should stay on the floor at all times not on the seats.
- At the end of the show, applaud if you had a good time. Applause is how you say **thank you** to the performer. The actors will bow as you applaud. That is how they say **thank you for coming**.