



THEATRE ETIQUETTE

Learning how to become a good audience member is a process. City Theatre encourages teachers and chaperones to model appropriate behavior and guide the students on their journey to becoming respectful audience members. Attending a City Theatre Student Matinee performance gives young theatergoers a wonderful opportunity to practice these skills. Below are some guidelines for audience behavior that will enhance the enjoyment of watching a live performance. ENJOY THE SHOW!

- **Listen and watch carefully.** There is much to see (sets, lights, costumes) and hear (dialogue, music, sound effects).
- **Refrain from distracting the actors and audience.** Use of cameras, cell phones (including texting), and chiming watches is strictly prohibited. Trips to the restroom should occur before the show or during intermission, if at all possible. Also, no talking to your neighbors throughout the show.
- **Respect the theatre space.** Food, beverages, and gum are not allowed inside the theatre. Playbills (programs) should not remain under your seats after the performance. You may either keep it or recycle it as you are exiting the theatre.
- **Laugh!** If you think something is funny, it's OK to laugh. If you like something a lot, applaud. This lets the actors know that you are enjoying the show.
- **Show your appreciation.** At the end of the show, applaud if you had a good time. The actors will bow as you applaud—that's their way of thanking you for attending.
- **Share your thoughts.** After the show, do tell others about your experience and be sure to ask questions and discuss what you experienced.