



PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR STUDENTS

YOUR STARRING ROLE IN THE THEATRE

As an audience member, you are a STAR!
You play an important role in the performance community.
The artists need YOU in order to give you their best work.

S.T.A.R AUDIENCES

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SUPPORT the artists by being attentive and focusing on the performers.

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TUNE IN: listen and watch for understanding.

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APPRECIATE the performers by clapping at the right time. For example, when a scene or dance ends, or when the stage lights fade to dark.

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RESPECT the performers and other audience members. At a performance, you, the others in the audience and the artists are sharing this experience together and are part of a performance community. Think about ways you can best support the community's performance experience.

**We know you will be a STAR today
and will help your classmates shine too!**

ATTENDING THE THEATRE

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF STUDENT AUDIENCES AT THE MATINEE:

- Enter the auditorium quietly and take your seats immediately
- Show courtesy to the artists and other guests at all times
- Demonstrate appreciation for the artists' work by applauding
- Refrain from making unnecessary noise or movements
- Please use the bathroom before the show: we don't want to disturb the actors or the other audience members
- You are welcome to treat this like a special occasion! Feel free to dress up!
- Please sit on theatre chairs with your feet on the floor (no kicking!)
- Turn off your cell phone/ipad/video games
- Please leave food and drinks outside
- Please do not photograph or record the artists

WHAT YOUR STUDENTS CAN EXPECT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE AT THE BANK OF AMERICA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

A theatre is a charged space, full of energy and anticipation. When the house lights (the lights that illuminate the audience seating) go down, the excitement level goes up! Theatres are designed so that the voices of the singers and actors and the music of the musicians can be heard. But this also means that any sound in the audience: whispering, speaking and moving about, can be heard by other audience members and by the performers. Distractions like these disrupt everyone's concentration and can spoil a performance.

The performers on stage show respect for their art form and for the audience by doing their very best work. By watching attentively, the audience shows respect for the performers. Appreciation can be shown in many different ways, depending upon the art form and the culture(s) of the people in the audience. For instance, while the audience at a dance performance may sit quietly, other types of performances may invite audience participation.

Applause is the best way for audience members to share their enthusiasm and to show their appreciation for the performers. Applaud at the end of a performance! Sometimes the audience will clap during a performance, as after a featured solo. Audience members may feel like laughing if the action on stage is funny, crying if the action is sad, or sighing if something is seen or heard that is beautiful.