

THEATRE ETIQUETTE

Thank you for coming to Lancaster Performing Arts Center ! We are glad you are visiting. Please...

Arrive on time: *Plan for possible delays in travel and parking. Arrive 30 minutes prior to show time.*

Students: **Leave personal electronic devices/phones, of any kind at home or in your backpack at school**

Video or audio recording and photography, including camera phones, are often prohibited by law and may disrupt the performance. They are not permitted and are considered rude to the others around you.

Teachers: **Turn off or silence all personal electronics**

Beeps, clicks, tones and buzzes and light pollution emanated by personal electronics such as watches, Bluetooth devices, cell phones, etc. interrupt the performance and spoil the theatre experience.

Observe the instructions of ushers

The ushers are volunteers who are present to help, ensure rules are observed and provide guidance in the case of an emergency evacuation. They will also assist you with seating. Please show them kindness and consideration. You will be asked to exit to the right of the theatre at the end of the performance.

Be respectful

While entering and exiting the theatre: hats and hoodies should be off the head, please fold your arms or put your hands in your pockets or behind your back. Talk very quietly. Once seated: Do not talk. Keep your feet on the ground. Put your hands in your lap or fold your arms.

No eating or drinking inside the theatre

Crackling wrappers and containers and food messes in the auditorium are unwelcome. Food, candy, gum and drinks should never be brought inside the theatre.

Avoid talking, waving and shouting during the performance

Laughing and applauding and expressing "ooh" and "ahh" sounds are encouraged at appropriate times. Shouting to actors/friends is disrespectful to others. Save personal conversation for after the show. If you must talk, whisper very quietly.

Do not exit the auditorium during the performance except in the case of emergency

If you must leave, wait for an appropriate break in the performance. Teachers- arrive early enough to escort students to the restroom prior to the start of the show or after you have been seated.

Do not climb onto the stage or place items on the edge of the stage or balcony

To ensure the safety and security of performers and audiences, this behavior is strictly prohibited unless expressly permitted by a performer or staff member.

Dispose of garbage in proper receptacles

Help preserve a pleasant environment by depositing all debris in appropriate receptacles.

Extend common courtesy and respect to your fellow audience members

Civility creates a comfortable and welcoming theatre experience for all.

I Agree

By signing the Arts for Youth Theatre Etiquette it is understood that I have read, understand and agree to the information, rules and policies.

School Representative e-Signature

Please return a signed copy of this guide with your AFY reservation form.