

Theatre Etiquette

WE WERE HERE...WHERE WERE YOU?

- Arriving late is a theater no, no—late entry disturbs everyone, including the performers.

- If you absolutely must arrive late, wait until applause begins to enter the theater.

WE COULD HEAR A PIN DROP

- Turn off cellular telephones, electronic beepers and watch alarms before entering the theater.

- Please enjoy the show, but refrain from sharing your opinions until after the performance.

- If you develop a problem and cannot refrain from coughing or clearing your throat, try to leave during a round of applause and perhaps watch the show from the rear of the theater.

- Unwrap cough drops, etc., before the performance begins.

- Do not jangle keys, bangles or coins during the performance.

- When the overture begins, the show has begun. Please cease all talk at this point.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

- Some people are allergic to perfume and cologne. If you must use these items, go lightly.

- Sit straight in your chair. Leaning to the side or forward may block the view of your neighbor.

- Find a baby sitter for young children who are too young to behave properly in the theater.

- When you do bring a child, sit close to the exit in case of unplanned departures.

- Children love learning new things. Teach your child the rules of theater etiquette.

ABSOLUTELY NOT IN THIS THEATER

- Food and drink are NOT allowed in the theater.

- Smoking is prohibited throughout the theater.

- The use of photographic or recording equipment is not only prohibited—it is illegal!

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

- Performers appreciate a round of applause at the end of a scene or a song.

- Screaming, whistling, and catcalls are not appropriate. It is better to applaud louder and longer to show your heartfelt appreciation.

- If several performers or groups are performing, stay for all. It is rude to leave between performers.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

- A quick departure is noticed by everyone in the audience and especially by the performers on stage.

- Making a mad dash in the dark is not only rude, it is dangerous. Wait until the house lights go up.

REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE!

DO UNTO OTHERS, AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU!