

Introduction to the Theater...Know Before You Go...

Theater Etiquette – review with students before arriving at the show.

Arrival – Plan to Arrive 30 Minutes Before the Show Time:

- Anticipate possible travel delays.
- Use the restroom before the show at Packard Lab.
- You will be escorted to the performance area.

Actively Watching the Show – Ways to Respond to the Performance:

- Feel free to laugh, gasp, sigh, or say “oooh” or “ahhh.”
- Performers may ask the audience to respond. Participating will enhance student engagement and the overall performance.
- Respond politely and positively throughout the performance.
- Disrespectful comments or responses may disrupt the performers and create a dangerous situation if they lose focus.
- Express your enthusiasm for the performance.
- The performers will bow at the end as a sign of appreciation.
- It is customary to continue clapping until the curtain comes down at the end of the show.

Stay Aware and Attentive – The Theater is a "Live" Space, and You Can Improve the Experience for Everyone by:

- Paying attention to the show.
- Avoid talking or being disruptive.
- Silencing your mobile devices.
- Bringing only essential items.

Concentration During the Show:

- Performers need to focus to do their best work.
- They rely on the audience to reciprocate that focus.
- Artists perform their best when they feel a connection with the audience.
- Support them by sharing your energy and excitement.

Not Permitted:

- Backpacks
- Lunches
- Food or drinks in the performance area
- Recording devices, including cameras, cannot be used during the performance.
- Please silence all mobile devices.

Sensory Kits:

- Available for all patrons to check out and use during the event.
- Inquire with an usher or staff member for more information.