



Guide to Theater Etiquette for ABT Education Matinees

Dear Teachers, Chaperones and Administrators,

Please distribute this document to your students. If you have younger students (K-4) it is important to read these instructions prior to each ABT Education Matinee that you attend.

- Please be on time.
- If you are driving a long distance to get to the theater, allow plenty of extra time for your students to use the restrooms.
- **No food, gum, or beverages are allowed in the theater.**
- No backpacks are allowed in the theater. Hats must be removed.
- Please don't talk during a performance. Remember that the people near you and on stage can hear you.
- Keep your feet off the railings and chairs.
- If you need to use the restroom during a performance, wait until an obvious break in the performance, between musical pieces, or scene changes.
- Cameras and other electronic/recording devices are **not allowed** in the theater.
- During classical music performances, applause is withheld until the **entire piece** is finished. However, some classical performers prefer to be recognized with applause between movements. If you are unsure, ask your chaperone or teacher about this.
- **Always be respectful** of the performers on stage, the ABT staff, the ushers and the other members of the audience.
- Schools must have **at least** one chaperone per 20 students. If you need assistance during a performance, please notify an usher.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William M. Mouat".

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