



Guide to Theater Etiquette for ABT Education Matinees

Dear Teachers, Chaperones and Administrators,

Please review this document with your students 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.
- **Please leave phones at school or have students power down and put them away during the performance.** Phones are particularly distracting to those trying to enjoy the performance.
- 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, **and the wall in front of first row.**
- 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.

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