

# Courtesy Counts

Please share this information with your students . . . most children are unfamiliar with proper theatre behavior. Make sure you share these courtesies as a part of their experience, and be sure to select shows appropriate for their age & attention span. Ask students to use the restroom before the performance begins.

**Produce positive energy**...Watching a live theatre performance is very different from watching a movie or television show. A live presentation has not been pre-recorded with the mistakes edited out. The audience's behavior and reactions can either add or detract from a performance. Each audience member affects those around him/her as well as the performers. Concentrate on helping the performers by producing only positive energy!

**Find your seat**...An usher will show you where to sit. Walk slowly and talk quietly as you are seated.

**Keep it clean**...Gum, food, and beverages are not allowed in the theatre!

**Quiet on the set** . . . Young Auditorium is known for its excellent acoustics, so if you make a noise others will hear you (including the performers)! Please no talking, humming, unwrapping cough drops and candy, or foot tapping during the performance. Exceptions to this rule include shows that ask for audience participation. Applause and laughter are appreciated and appropriate.

**Unplug** . . . Turn off pagers, cell phones, cameras, and watch alarms during performances. Better yet, leave them at home or school!

**Only use your memory as a recording device** . . . Flash photography and video recording are not allowed during performances because the bursts of light are dangerous to the performers on stage and distracting to other patrons. Please keep recording equipment at home or school, or conceal it in a jacket pocket or purse.

**Respect personal space** . . . Please keep feet on the floor, not on the seat or balcony rail in front of you. Shifting in your seat, wearing hats, or wandering in the aisles is extremely distracting to those around you; please stay in your seat until intermission or the final curtain.