



## Theatre Etiquette

Here are some general guidelines that should be mentioned to your class prior to attending a live performance at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center to prepare them to present the proper behavior everyone will be expecting from him or her.

- They will be expected to be quiet, sit still in their own chair and not disturb others around them by talking or fidgeting. They should not talk, whisper, sing, or hum during the performance.
- They will need to keep their feet on the floor, not on the seats around them. They should not kick the chair in front of them or stand during the performance.
- They cannot eat, drink or chew gum in the theatre.
- Turn off cell phones, pagers, watch alarms, and other electronic devices. If someone forgets to turn off their cell phone and it rings during the performance, have them immediately turn it off, do not answer the call.
- They should use the restroom before the performance or during intermission and should not leave the theatre once the performance begins until it is over.
- They may applaud when appropriate: after a well performed song or dance during a scene, after each scene or act, and at curtain call.
- Please mention to your children that the theatre will be dark at times and sudden bursts of sounds may happen.
- If a child becomes restless, frightened or very loud, please take them to the lobby. Should you return to the theatre before the performance is over, you may always ask an usher to reseat you towards the back of the theatre. It's unfortunate to mention, but children (and sometimes parents) behaving poorly will be asked to leave without a refund.

We are all here to enjoy the show so let's do our best to make each show enjoyable for everyone!