

THEATER ETIQUETTE

Cell Phones, Pagers and other electronic devices should be switched off BEFORE the performance. It is impolite and disruptive to the actors and the other audience members to hear a ringing phone or a patron talking on the phone. In addition, please do not leave the theater to take a phone call unless it is an emergency. You will have to climb over several other patrons to exit the seats and will disturb each one of them.

No photography or video taping of any kind is allowed during any performances. It is a disturbance to the performers because photography generates noise which creates a distraction both to audiences and performers. The sudden burst of flash photography blinds vision and can endanger the life of the performers on stage. The only photography and recording rights are reserved for archival purpose. It is also against our contractual arrangements with the publishers to allow videotaping and photography.

No food and drinks are allowed at any time during a performance or in the theater. Munching and crunching is considered rude and food crumbs, wrappers and soda cans cause a mess in the seats. This includes chewing gum and candy!

Keep feet, bags and patrons out of the aisles; some directors use this space for actors entrances and exits as well as a place to move scenery. It is very dangerous to block the aisles. It is also against the fire code.

Do not put feet on the theater chairs. It makes them dirty and disturbs the people in front of you.

Never throw anything on stage. Items thrown on stage can harm an actor.

Discussion and comments that you have about the performance should be left till you leave the theater. Please remain quiet during the show. It is alright to react to the performance but chatting that causes distraction is considered rude.

Some audiences **leave the show** when it is nearing the end because they want to beat the crowds that are exiting at the same time. It is very disrespectful to the actors and the other patrons for people to get up before the show is over. Please stay seated until the very end.