

HOW TO BE A GREAT AUDIENCE MEMBER

Attending a live presentation or performance is an important part of learning about the arts. For many students, it may be their first experience in such a setting and they may not know what is expected of them in terms of audience etiquette. This page is a set of audience etiquette guidelines designed to help prepare students for their participation in upcoming presentations and performances by Gluck Fellows and Performance Ensembles. We encourage each teacher to take a few moments to discuss these guidelines with their students prior to the presentation or performance.

- ◆ Be a great audience member requires *respect* – respect for the presenter, your teacher, your fellow classmates, and yourself.
- ◆ The success of a presentation depends in part on the audience members. When you help create a supportive and focused atmosphere, you help create the best experience possible for everyone involved.
- ◆ One of the most basic elements of being a great audience member and one of the most important skills anyone can learn is *listening*.
- ◆ Remember, everything you do and say has an effect on the presenter(s). When you are watching a live presentation, the presenter(s) can hear and see you.
- ◆ Please avoid activities that will distract from the presentation. Help the presenter(s) give the presentation that you deserve by not talking, eating or drinking during the presentation.
- ◆ Please make sure that all cell phones and pagers are turned off.
- ◆ If you enjoyed yourself, please feel free to clap at the end of the presentation to show your appreciation.
- ◆ Also, feel free to ask questions about the presentation. If you do not feel comfortable asking your questions in front of others, ask the presenter(s) after the presentation is over. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.
- ◆ If you see or hear something during the presentation that you especially like, let the presenter(s) know after the presentation or on the evaluation. They appreciate your comments.
- ◆ Keep in mind each live presentation is an entirely unique experience. What you are participating in will never occur the same way twice.
- ◆ Above all, enjoy yourself!