



## IMPORTANT SHOW DAY INFORMATION

### ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW

- **ARRIVE EARLY!** Please arrive 20 – 25 minutes prior to show time.
- **Bring your CONFIRMATION with you on the day of the performance for check-in.** This Confirmation will be sent to you by The Paramount one to two weeks prior to the performance. Please have your Confirmation available when you arrive.
- **Check in with a Paramount volunteer outside the main doors of the Theater when all members of your group have arrived.** Each Paramount Representative will be wearing a Paramount badge. *Please Note: Most shows are sold out, and seating assignments are made for the exact number in your group; therefore, it is requested that you do not bring additional students/teachers unless approved by The Paramount prior to the performance day.*
- **SEATING:** In order to accommodate large groups, to seat students/teachers in each group together, and to accommodate special needs, seating is assigned by Paramount staff and cannot be changed.
- **ELECTRONIC/WIRELESS DEVICES:** Please have all devices turned off and stored away prior to the performance. Note that recording the performance or taking photos are strictly prohibited.
- **FOOD, BEVERAGES, BACKPACKS & HATS:** Food, beverages, and backpacks are NOT permitted in the theater. Chewing gum is also prohibited.
- **DISMISSAL:** In order to exit the theater quickly and safely, each group will be dismissed by a Paramount staff member immediately following the performance. Please **DO NOT LEAVE** until your group has been called.
- **PHOTO POLICY:** Paramount staff may photograph your visit for use on our website or in promotional materials. If you or your students do not wish to be photographed, please inform a Paramount Representative prior to the show or on show day.
- **STICKERS** (for younger audiences): When your group is waiting to be seated, a Paramount volunteer will present each lead teacher with a pre-counted bundle of stickers – **"Ask me what I learned at The Paramount today?"** – for students to wear home at the end of the school day. We hope this will encourage dialogue at home about what they saw and learned at the theater!

**STUDY GUIDES:** Study Guides include additional background about performances as well as a variety of learning activities designed to enhance the educational components of each performance and enrich the experience. Study Guides are available for all Education Programs and may be found on the Arts Education Program section of The Paramount's website: [www.theparamount.net](http://www.theparamount.net).

# Etiquette for Live Theater

It's time to go to the theater! While the show you are about to see was made for you to enjoy, it is important to know that watching a live performance is very different from watching a movie. At a live show, YOU, as an audience member, have a BIG role in the production and how well you perform can make or break the show.

*When the lights go down...*

## Respect what's happening on stage

- The actors have put in a lot of hard work to make this show amazing for you!
- An auditorium carries sound all over the place, including every sound you make.
- The performers can SEE and HEAR you—just like you can see and hear them! This means no talking, whispering, texting, giggling, ruffling with paper, or moving around.
- Concentrate, listen, and watch the performance—the actors on stage are concentrating really hard. If the audience watches and listens in a concentrated, quiet way, this supports the performers and they can do their best work. They can *feel* that you are with them!

## Respect what's around you

- Please respect your fellow audience members. There is no pause or rewind button, no volume control, and no commercials. You don't want to miss anything, nor do your fellow audience members!
- Please remain seated throughout the performance. If it is absolutely necessary to get up, please do so in a quiet and respectful manner so as not to disturb others.
- Please be sure your cell phone / wireless device is TURNED OFF and put away. Even a quick check of the time on a lit screen is incredibly distracting to others in the audience and disrespectful to the performers on stage.
- The seats at The Paramount are comfortable just for you! Let's make sure they stay that way for the next audience: please don't put your feet in your chair or on the chair in front of you.

## Have fun!

- If the actors do something funny, laugh! Clap after a song or section you particularly enjoyed. If something makes you sad, feel free to cry.
- Share your enthusiasm with the actors by clapping at the end of the show and if you *really* liked it, give them a standing ovation!

## *Some tips for a great trip to the Theater!*

- Enter the theater quietly.
- No food, drinks, or gum.
- Cell phones/wireless devices must be turned OFF and put away.
- Cameras, video recorders, and tape recorders are not allowed.
- Use the restroom BEFORE the show. Adults need to accompany young students.
- Remove your hat before entering the Theater.
- Please be careful on the stairs, and no running in the building.
- Do not lean over the balcony railings (if you are seated in the balcony).
- Please respect the performers and your fellow audience members.
- Please be sure to thank the volunteers and ushers!
- ENJOY THE SHOW AND YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THE THEATER!