



Make the most of your visit!

Dear Teacher,

We are grateful to you and to many other teachers who support theatre and arts education by bringing students to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Students are some of our most important and enthusiastic audience members. We need your help and the help of your chaperones to ensure that your students have the best experience possible. Please take a few minutes to talk with your group about the important role they will play as audience members.

The most important audience behavior guidelines to emphasize with your students are:

- **Sit in your assigned seat; please do not move to empty seats.**
- **Running, jumping and climbing over, sitting or putting feet on the backs of the seats is prohibited.**
- **Absolutely no photography or recording is permitted in the lobby or the theatre.**
- **Cell phones, pagers and watches must be turned off during all performances.**
- **Refrain from talking, whispering, unwrapping candy or rustling through your bag.**
- **Only the actors and stage crew are allowed to touch the scenery or be on the stage.**
- **Keep aisles clear by stowing all personal belongings under your seat.**
- **Please be respectful to our ushers; they are there to ensure an enjoyable visit for all patrons.**
- **Please support the theatrical experience by responding to the play. Appropriate responses include laughing, crying and thinking. Any reaction that comes from your experience of the play supports the performance.**

Please remind your chaperones that we rely on them to model good audience behavior for the students and to actively prevent inappropriate behavior.

Finally, we have found that a good experience at the theatre includes:

- **Arriving 20 minutes early.**
- **Assigning one chaperone for every fifteen students.**
- **Issuing tickets to your students and chaperones before arriving at the theatre.**
- **Making sure that your chaperones are dispersed throughout your group.**

Thank you for your help. We look forward to seeing you in Ashland!

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