



## Do's and Don'ts of Theater Etiquette

### Please Do . . .

- applaud! It's the best way to communicate with the dancers. It tells them that you're enjoying the performance. So feel free to clap! Or if you really like the performance you can call out "Bravo!" at the end, which is an exclamation you often hear at the theater when someone thinks the show was great.
- turn off your cell phone! The light and sounds can distract your neighbors and the dancers too!
- dress up or dress casually - your choice! Going to the theater is special so if you feel like dressing up, do!
- ask questions! Ballet staff can answer your questions before or after the performance, or during intermission.
- use the restroom before or after the performance. Enjoy the dancing, the drama and being at the theater with your class!

### Please Don't . . .

- talk during the performance. It bothers your neighbor! You'll have lots of time to chat before and after the show, and during intermission.
- text or tweet or use your cell phone at all! Especially during the performance—it's really distracting, even to the dancers who can see the glowing light of your phone from the stage!
- take pictures. It's not allowed at all during the performance.
- eat, drink or chew gum in the theater. The Benedum is one of the most beautiful buildings in Pittsburgh and we want to keep it that way!
- miss a thing! There's so much to see, hear and experience!