



## Guidelines for School Groups Attending Glen Street Theatre

For many students, this trip to Glen Street Theatre may be their first theatre experience. It may be helpful to discuss what they can expect or to have other students relay their own experiences about theatre productions they have seen before visiting. Another important point to review is the difference between live theatre and watching a movie or television.

Visiting the theatre should be an entertaining activity but it is also one that requires consideration for fellow audience members as well as the actors onstage.

Remember, the actors on stage can hear you. Unnecessary noise disturbs everyone. Knowing what is expected as a member of the audience can make the theatre experience more enjoyable for all involved. If the performance makes your students have a genuine response to what is occurring on stage that should be encouraged as a part of a live theatre experience. The performers may be distracted by an audience that is being rude or talking too loudly, but they will feed off an audience that is genuinely responding to what they are doing on stage.

Please ensure that you observe the following:

- Plan your trip to ensure you arrive on time. Latecomers may only be allowed in at certain intervals. Missing the start of a performance will diminish your enjoyment and/or understanding of the piece. It will also disrupt the show for the actors and other audience members.
- Turn off mobile phones. The frequencies from the devices disrupt our sound equipment and this will also prevent them from ringing or vibrating loudly, which interrupts the performance. As well, a sneaky check of a text message will illuminate an audience member, which distracts all audience around them, as well as the actors performing on stage.
- Visit the bathroom prior to the commencement of the performance. It is difficult to leave during the show to use the bathroom and you may not be readmitted to the theatre.
- School bags are not permitted inside the auditorium. There is a limited amount of space for them to be left in the foyer, however ideally they should be left at school. There are often other school groups attending, and the foyer space does tend to fill up quickly.

During the performance, please observe the following:

- No photography or recording the performance
- No talking and keep discussion for after the performance
- No eating or drinking
- No climbing or jumping on foyer or auditorium chairs will be permitted

We hope this information will help your school to enjoy their next performance and look forward to welcoming your school to Glen Street Theatre soon.