

Concert Etiquette

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What is Concert Etiquette?

Concert etiquette is the set of 'social norms' practiced by those attending a concert AND by those performing in the concert.

What does concert etiquette look like for my student?

- ❖ Enter/exit stage quickly, quietly, with all required materials
- ❖ Wait silently for the conductor's cues (visual/aural)
- ❖ Remain focused and responsive!
- ❖ Anticipate and respond to student leader roles (focus on speaker, concertmaster, soloists, Tri-M, etc.)
- ❖ Maintain professionalism while on stage
- ❖ Model what it takes to be a good audience member when off stage - you represent your school and your ensemble!

What does concert etiquette look like for an audience?

- ❖ Be on time for the event and expect to stay for the entire performance
- ❖ Enter/exit the auditorium at appropriate times
- ❖ Respect the direction of Tri-M members - they are learning, too!
- ❖ Silence phones & do not use them during the concert - ancillary light/sound is distracting
- ❖ Remove restless children
- ❖ Respond positively and in an encouraging manner - this is a learning environment!
- ❖ Help performers stay focused (do not wave, call to them, take pictures) - especially your own!
- ❖ Be an active listener during the music - focused on the stage
- ❖ Clap politely (do not yell or holler)

TIPS

- ★ Mark concert dates on your home calendar as soon as you know them
- ★ Talk with your child about what they are learning related to concert etiquette, let them know you are supporting them!
- ★ Talk with your child about the concert (consider their excitement, nervousness, sense of accomplishment, etc.) and what to expect
- ★ Give your child and yourself plenty of time to arrive prior to a performance
- ★ Make sure you are aware of concert dress requirements and have all materials needed (instrument, music, stand, etc.)