



The Clayton Center Theater Attendance Guide for Teachers & Students

We are delighted that you will be joining us at The Clayton Center for our Student Stage Series this year! We know from experience that preparing students ahead of time makes for a fun and stress-free visit for adults and a memorable theatre experience for young people. This guide for attending a show in the Student Stage Series is intended as a conversation starter for students and teachers as you prepare for your trip to the theater together.

Prepare for Your Visit

- Talk to students about where they are going, why they are going, what they are going to learn about, and something about the subject.
- Review theater etiquette and trip schedule so students know what to expect.
- There won't be much time to use the facilities before the show, so take time to visit the restroom before leaving school!
- Please make plans for students to eat before and/or after their visit. There is not space available for students to have a snack or lunch on site at The Clayton Center.

Student Stage Series Checklist

- Plan lunch before or after visit
- Use the restrooms at school
- Arrive 30-40 minutes before the show
- Wait on the bus for Clayton Center Staff
- Follow TCC Staff to your seats
- Wait for TCC Staff to dismiss your school

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On the Day of the Show

- Please arrive on time! We will begin welcoming schools 30 or 40 minutes before the show. Please note: if you arrive earlier, we may ask you to wait on the bus to minimize disruption for the many offices hard at work in the building.
- The Clayton Center staff will welcome you outside on the Second Street side of the building and provide directions for unloading buses and parking.
- Students and teachers will enter through the glass double doors on Second Street.
- Please leave backpacks, lunchboxes, etc. on the bus.
- If the Auditorium is not yet ready for seating, students and teachers may be asked to wait in the lobby or in another holding space until we can begin seating.
- Staff from The Clayton Center will usher students and teachers to their seats.
- Seating is planned carefully ahead of time, so seating preferences cannot be accommodated outside of ADA needs.
- After the show, schools will be dismissed by Clayton Center staff. Please keep students seated until you hear your school's name called.



HOW TO BE AN AWESOME AUDIENCE



1 BE PREPARED

- Dress up a bit -- it's a special occasion!
- Arrive on time
- Use the restroom before the show
- Leave gum, food and drinks on the bus (water is okay!)

2 BE RESPECTFUL

- Keep feet on the floor
- Stand as others pass by to their seats
- Tuck your bags under a seat to keep the aisle clear

3 AVOID DISTRACTIONS

- Don't talk or whisper during the performance
- Put your phone away
- No cameras or flashlights allowed, please!

4 ENJOY!

- Performers LOVE a good audience
- Laugh, clap and cheer!
- Participate in the performance
- Respond when asked