



# Concert Etiquette

## For a Successful Performance

### Dress Appropriately:

Avoid jeans, shorts, sweatshirts, sneakers, short skirts, and flip-flops.  
Dress Up! Dress for Bowing! Dress for Success!

### Arrive Early.

### Practice Recital Protocols with your teacher:

Remember your performance begins as you approach the stage, so approach with confidence.

Adjust the piano bench, music stand, or chair to your specifications.

Maintain proper posture. Remember your performance has already begun.

You may choose to bow before playing.

Pianists avoid crossing legs.

Take a moment to collect your thoughts: consider your tempo, mood, dynamic level, and hum the first two measures in your head.

Avoid facial expressions acknowledging mistakes. Don't make a face if a mistake occurred.

Once your performance is complete, acknowledge the audience with a smile and a full bow.

Take your seat respectfully and remember to abide by Audience Etiquette while seated in the Audience.

# Audience Etiquette

## For a Respectful Audience and an Enjoyable Listening Experience

### Arrive early and remain for entire concert.

Don't leave once your child's performance is complete; all students deserve a full audience for their performance.

If you must leave the hall, do so in between performances while the audience is clapping.

### Refrain from talking!

Sit quietly and avoid texting and using electronic devices; remember you are here to support the musical community by providing a listening atmosphere.

### Turn off cell phone ringers, watch alarms, & pagers.

### Sit in the back if you have brought young children and/or infants.

You may need to escort infants and restless children out of the auditorium if they are creating a distracting listening atmosphere.

Applaud at appropriate times. Some musical selections have several sections. The performance concludes once all sections have been performed.

### Save flash photography for the completion of the entire concert.

Videotape from the back of the hall, not the middle, and do not stand up in the middle and record from your phone. Do not walk down the center aisle with your video camera.