

ETIQUETTE AT THE SYMPHONY

Etiquette: rules of acceptable behavior; a way of making other people feel comfortable by the way we behave.

RULE ONE: Dress appropriately for the occasion. Orchestra members wear formal black suits and ties. Audience members wear some form of “dress up” attire.

How does the way you dress show respect?

RULE TWO: Ushers will direct you to your seats. There will be no seating while the musicians are performing.

What is an usher?

In what other places do ushers work?

Why will an usher not seat you while the musicians are performing?

RULE THREE: No food, drink, or gum is allowed in the hall.

Why do you think food, drink, or gum is not allowed in the auditorium?

What other places don't allow food, drink, or gum?

RULE FOUR: The audience does not make noise while the musicians perform (unless directed by the conductor). Students should not talk or leave their seats while the performance is in progress.

Why is it important to be quiet and stay in your seat during the performance?

What should you do if this kind of music isn't your favorite style?

RULE FIVE: Please hold your applause until the end of each musical piece.

How will you know when to clap?

What activities have you participated in where people clap at different times?

What are the definitions of the words BRAVO and ENCORE?

