

# **SCHOOL SHOWS**

### **PLANNING YOUR VISIT**

#### WELCOME TO ROME HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE!

Our goal is to delight, inspire, and educate future artists and audiences. We're so glad you're here!

#### **ARRIVALS**

We ask that groups arrive at the theater 20 minutes before the published start time to ensure adequate time for seating. Upon arrival, please send one representative to the main entrance of the Performing Arts Center (scroll down for map) to check in. A volunteer will show you where your students may wait. Once you have checked in and the house is open, an usher will show your group to your seats.

#### **SEATING**

Because we serve many school groups at our shows, seating assignments are predetermined by RHS Theatre. We do our best to seat groups together, but this is not always possible due to the number of attendees. Please confirm that we have the correct grade, number of attendees (students and teachers), and any access needs that may affect seating before you arrive. Please give two weeks notice of changes or cancellation of your reservation as there may be a waiting list for school shows and we need to give waitlisted groups sufficient time to make arrangements to attend. Payment is preferred in advance, but may be made upon arrival, if necessary. Please check your numbers carefully as we cannot offer refunds for unused tickets that you've reserved.

#### LATE ARRIVALS

Because of our daily academic schedule, we make every effort to start performances at the published start time. Late comers will be seated as soon as possible upon arrival, but may be asked to wait until an appropriate break in the action before taking their seats in order to minimize disruption of the show and ensure the safety of the performers.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER & OTHER SCHOOL CLOSURE ISSUES

In the event that Rome City Schools are closed or delayed for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, our performance dates and times may change or may be canceled altogether. We will contact you with details.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Groups will be dismissed one at a time. A representative from RHS Theatre will announce dismissals. For the safety of the students, we ask that all groups remain quietly in their seats until their dismissal is announced, and that students leave in a quiet and orderly fashion.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **HOW MUCH ARE TICKETS?**

Student school show tickets are \$3.00 each. A minimum of ten students is required. Teachers who are accompanying their classes are free. School show matinees are for students and teachers only.

#### HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION?

• Reservations are first come, first served; seating is limited. Reservations can be made online <u>via this link</u>.

#### CAN I JUST ESTIMATE HOW MANY TICKETS I'LL NEED?

Please count carefully when you make your reservation as you'll be financially responsible for all of the tickets in your reservation. *Example: If you reserve 100 seats, and have only 90 attend the performance, you are still responsible for paying for the 100 seats you reserved.* If you need to amend your reservation,

please contact us at <u>romehightheatre@gmail.com</u> within two weeks of the performance.

#### **HOW DO I PAY?**

Groups must be paid for in a single payment. Before the performance, groups will receive emails confirming their reservations. The email will serve as an invoice. Checks are payable to *Rome High Theatre* and may be mailed to Rome High Theatre or turned in when you arrive with your class. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:romehightheatre@gmail.com">romehightheatre@gmail.com</a> with any questions regarding payment and reservation.

#### WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

Rome High Theatre's home is the Rome High School Performing Arts Center. Rome High School's address is 1000 Veterans Memorial Highway NE, Rome GA 30161.



#### WHERE DO WE PARK?

Please unload cars and buses in the bus lane. Classes may then walk up the ramp that leads to the Performing Arts Center. See the campus map above. Buses may remain parked in the bus lane as long as the driver remains with the bus.

#### HOW LONG IS THE SHOW and WHAT TIME DOES IT START?

RHS Theatre School Show performances generally run 60 to 70 minutes and do not include an intermission. Performance start times vary depending on the production; your start time and show length can be found in your order confirmation email. Please note: many school shows are abridged for school show audiences and will not include all the content of a regularly priced performance.

#### WHEN WILL WE RECEIVE OUR TICKETS?

We do not use printed tickets for school shows. Instead, please send one representative inside to the Performing Arts Center main entrance to check in when you arrive.

#### WHAT SHOULD WE BRING WITH US TO THE THEATRE?

There may be a short wait between arrival and show time. Your students are welcome to bring books to read while they wait.

#### HOW CAN I PREPARE MY STUDENTS FOR THE SHOW?

We email all registered groups a free study guide for each of our school show productions. Our *Guide to Theatre Etiquette* below is a great way to prepare first-time theatre-goers for their theatre experience.

#### HAVE A QUESTION NOT COVERED HERE?

Email us at <u>romehightheatre@gmail.com</u>.

### **GUIDE TO THEATRE ETIQUETTE**

Please review these rules of theatre etiquette with your class.

It's important to be a good audience member. Attending a live performance is different from going to the movies or a sporting event. Here are some guidelines:

- Arrive on time! Plan to arrive 20 minutes before the start of the play. Don't forget to use the restroom before entering the theatre because you'll need to remain seated until the performance ends.
- Remember to turn off your cell phone and all other noise or light-emitting devices that could distract the actors and other audience members.
- Please sit quietly when you see the lights flash; that is a signal that the show is about to start.
- Please refrain from kicking, bouncing, or putting feet on the seats.
- Do not stand or sit in the aisles. Not only is it a fire hazard, but actors often make entrances through the audience and cannot get to the stage if you are blocking the way.
- Finish your snack or drink before entering the auditorium. No food or beverages are allowed in the theater during school shows.
- Live performances may not be recorded; cameras and video equipment are prohibited in the theatre.
- And most importantly:
  - Please save all questions and comments until after the show. Talking during the show -- even if it's just a whisper -- is distracting to the actors and other audience members.
  - Laugh when you find something funny; it lets the actors know that you are enjoying the performance!
  - Applaud and cheer at the end! Actors enjoy knowing you had a good time at the performance. You can even stand and applaud if you really enjoyed the show; this is called a standing ovation.