

Hamilton Theater Etiquette

The Paramount Theatre
911 Pine Street, Seattle, WA 98101

Please take some time BEFORE arriving at the theater to review the below etiquette and expectation reminders to ensure that everyone has a memorable experience.

- **TICKET SOLICITORS:** Please be advised that there may be people outside of the theater who offer to purchase student tickets - this is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. If a person is in anyway harassing you, please notify a staff member, security guard, or a Gilder Lehrman employee immediately and we will handle the situation.
- **BAG CHECK:** As per theater rules, all bags are subject to inspection before you are permitted to enter the theater. Please only bring bags that are absolutely essential to you. You will not need anything on the day of the show so it is strongly recommended that all backpacks stay at home.

- **CELL PHONES:**

During morning portion of the day: you may quickly & quietly take a picture or video of a friend who is on stage or a performance that impresses you but please do not be using your cell phone for any other purposes during this time.

During the afternoon performance: there is a **STRICT NO CELL PHONE** policy at the theatre. It is required that your cell phone be turned completely off and put away. If a cell phone is seen by the theatre staff they may ask you to put it away or ask you to leave the theatre with a chaperone (at their discretion). ***It is illegal for anyone to take photos, video recordings, or audio recordings of the show. This is copyrighted material and the theater reserves the right to confiscate your phone and delete any pirated recordings of the show.***

Please remember that all of you, the student performers and actors worked hard to be here and are putting on this show just for you. Don't throw away your shot to see this great show! (Besides, there were no cellphones in 1776!)

- **NO TALKING:** There should be no talking at all during the student performances, Q&A, or afternoon performance. Remember for many people this will be there first time to a Broadway show and we want to ensure that everyone can fully focus on what is happening on stage!
- **NO SINGING ALONG:** It's great if you know the lyrics to the songs, but it's distracting for the audience and the actors for you to sing along.
- **DON'T SHOUT OUT:** Applause after a song is a great way to show the actors your support and appreciation, but please do not call out, shout, react verbally, etc. It ruins the flow of the show and can throw the actors off their marks. Save that for the curtain call and bows at the end of the performance when it will not interrupt the show or throw the actors off. They'll love to see your excitement for what you've just seen at that point.

- **DRESS APPROPRIATELY:** People traditionally dress a bit more formally for the theater, and while we don't expect you to wear your finest outfit, we do expect you to dress respectably. That means **no hats in the theater, no bare midriffs or excessive cleavage, no profanity or inappropriate slang, no saggy pants, etc.** Remember, you are representing your school. Make them proud!
- **FOOD AND DRINK:** Outside food and drink is not allowed to be consumed inside the theater. If you are bringing your own lunch, it must stay inside a bag at all times while in the theatre. At the end of the show, **clean up after yourself** and take all garbage with you.
- **RESTROOMS:** There are restrooms in the theater, but lines are sometimes long. Try to use the restroom before you leave for the theater. Once at the theater, use the restroom only before the show, at intermission, or after the show. Getting in and out of your seat during the show is distracting to the student performers, the actors, and the audience, so please only leave your seat if it is a true emergency.
- **HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE SHOW:** This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, so relax, sit back, and enjoy Hamilton!