



Here are some helpful reminders from the BPO to enable your students to have a more enjoyable and instructive concert experience:

<p style="text-align: center;">WATCH AND LISTEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prior to the start of the concert, instruct students to look & see what items are on the stage & what the purpose is for these items. Can they identify the instruments?• As the house lights dim, the concertmaster will enter the stage & ask the orchestra to tune their instruments.• The oboe will play an “A” for the brass & wind instruments, then the strings will tune.• Instruct your students to read through the program to familiarize themselves with the concert & orchestra.	<p style="text-align: center;">APPLAUSE</p> <p>Clap when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The concertmaster enters the stage.• The conductor enters and bows.• The piece is over (the conductor will drop his hands to his sides and turn to the audience)• Applause is your way of showing how much you like the performance & it is especially important at the end of the concert.
<p style="text-align: center;">COURTESY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen quietly. Talking to our friends prevents others from enjoying the concert.• Musicians can hear you talk even while playing. Remember that the orchestra can hear you just as you can hear them.• Gum & candy are prohibited in the concert hall.• Cell phone use, cameras & recording devices are not permitted in the hall.	<p style="text-align: center;">ENTRANCE AND EXIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay with your group & follow instructions from the BPO staff.• Leave all books, book bags & backpacks outside of the concert.• Please use the restrooms BEFORE leaving to attend the concert.• Remain seated once the concert has started. If there is an emergency, an usher must escort you to and from the auditorium.

ENJOY THE CONCERT!