

## **Concert Etiquette** **(Paraphrased from MENC's web-site)**

- Clapping is the appropriate way to show appreciation for the performance rather than whistling or cheering.
- Parents should keep small children seated with them. If children become restless or fussy, please move them to the outer corridor.
- Enter the auditorium quietly. Once you have been seated, be alert to activity on the stage as the musicians take their place for the concert.
- When the conductor enters, it is customary to applaud politely. Whistling, yelling, or screaming is not appropriate at any time before, during, or after a concert.
- Never stand or move around while music is being performed. It distracts listeners around you, as well as the performers. If you must leave for any reason, wait until a piece is finished, and the audience is applauding. Also, return to your seat only between numbers.
- It is impolite to talk, or even whisper, while the music is being performed. Listeners and performers are also distracted by sounds from programs, candy wrappers, jewelry and other objects. Remain still, and be thoughtful of others by talking or making sounds only between numbers.
- It is impolite to wear hats or caps during a concert.
- It is impolite to eat or drink refreshments during a concert.
- Always say "excuse me," if you must pass in front of someone while going to or from your seat.
- Watch the conductor when the music stops to decide whether or not to applaud. Some musical works have several parts or movements and the audience is expected to applaud only after all movements have been performed.
- Make certain that all pagers and cell-phones are turned off prior to the start of any concert.

### **The ABC's Of Concert Etiquette**

- **A - Always** remain quiet during a performance.
- **B – Be** attentive and give the performers your attention.
- **C – Be Considerate** of others.
- **D – Do** not leave early, please.
- **E – Exit** in an organized fashion.
- **F – Expect a Fantastic** performance; the kids have worked very hard.
- **G – Give** appropriate applause.
- **H – Have** a great time, but be a considerate member of the audience.
- **I – Invite** your relatives to come see an outstanding concert.
- **J – EnJoy** the concert but always treat it as a formal event.
- **K – Keep** your children that are not performing, with you during the concert.
- **L – Leave** your cell phone/beepers turned off during the performance, please.