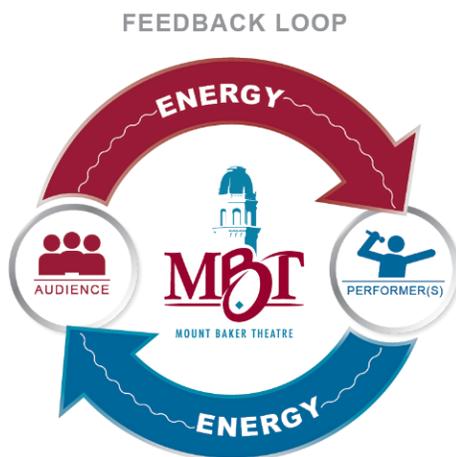




Theatre Etiquette for Education Program Shows

One of the most amazing things about live performance is the relationship between the audience and the performer. You may not realize it, but the audience is a critical part of the whole experience. If you talk to performers, they will tell you that they can “feel the difference” between audiences on different days. If you pay attention the next time you come to a show as an audience member, I’ll bet you can, too.



This is because the audience and the performers create what is called a feedback loop between them – the performers send energy out into the audience through their acting, singing, dancing, storytelling, or playing of a musical instrument, and the audience receives that energy. In turn, the audience sends energy back to the performers by listening, paying attention, interacting when they are asked to, laughing, and applauding to show their appreciation at appropriate times. It is this feedback loop that makes experiencing the performing arts such a special and unique experience.

This shared feedback loop also means that the performers and your fellow audience members will be aware if you are talking, wiggling in your seat, texting someone, or if you get up during the show. These activities are disruptive to others watching the show, but more importantly they are distracting and can create unsafe conditions for the performers and technicians working to create the show for you.

Let’s work together to keep the feedback loop at Mount Baker Theatre a positive one by following these guidelines:

- Try to use the restroom before the performance begins. This will help you stay in your seat during the show.
- Please turn your cell phone off during the performance. This will keep you from wanting to text or post to social media. It can wait.
- Photography and recording of performances are prohibited unless you are specifically told otherwise. If you would like to take a class photo, please plan to do so in the lobby or in your seats before or after the performance.
- Remember that if you are talking, your neighbors and the performers can hear you. We’re excited that you want to share your thoughts, but please wait until after the performance to talk about it.
- Please leave gum, food, and drinks outside the theatre.

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Thank you and we look forward to your next visit to the Mount Baker Theatre!

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