



THE TEN RULES OF CONCERT ETIQUETTE (FOR ADULTS)

1. Refrain from talking.

The first and greatest rule. It also includes whispering to or disciplining your other children.

2. Refrain from unwrapping noisy candy wrappers during the performance.

If the composer wanted to include crinkle paper noises to the music, he/she would have written it into the parts.

3. Turn off pagers, cell phones and watch alarms.

While many cell phones and pagers have symphonic-like rings, they don't always fit into the musical score, nor do they provide pleasant sounds for your neighbors.

4. Do not wave to your children during the concert.

After all, they do know who you are already, and they know you are there; you most likely brought them to the concert.

5. Do not take flash photography.

You do not want your child to fall off the stage from blindness, do you?

6. Do not walk down the center aisle with your video camera.

Video cameras work just as well from the back of the auditorium. (Besides; the light is usually not good enough for video taping anyway.)

7. Do not leave as soon as your child's portion of the concert is over.

All of the students deserve a full audience for their performances. Remember, next time your child's song(s) could be last.

8. Applaud at appropriate times.

Some musical selections have several sections. Remember, it's not over until all of the sections of that selection have been performed.

9. Do not leave the auditorium during the music.

Wait for a break in the concert to visit the restroom, unless you are carrying a screaming child, in which case you should leave quietly and quickly.

PLEASE!

10. Go to the concert expecting the best.

You might just be surprised how good your student sounds when the other students join in!

