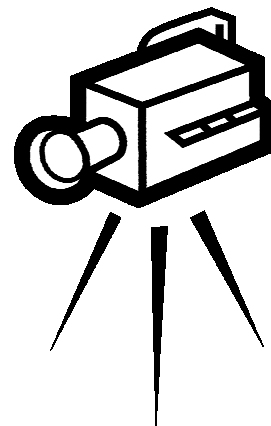


## Attending a Concert

### Before You Take Your Seat:

1. Take care of all rest room needs.
2. Set-up recording devices before the performance so you do not cause distraction to the performers or other audience members. Please save flash photography for before or after the performance. Flashes from cameras cause MAJOR distractions to the performers!
3. Turn off all cell phones, pagers, watch sounds, alarms, or anything that might make a noise. The only sounds that should be heard are the ones that appear in the musical score (and the audience reaction after the music).



### Once You Take Your Seat:

1. Think about things you learned at school before the concert.
2. Watch the conductor carefully to see the cues he/she gives the orchestra to get them to play the music they have rehearsed.
3. Enter and exit your seat only between selections. If possible, wait until the audience is applauding before moving. The only exception to this is if you need to remove a restless or crying child.
4. Remain seated and quiet while the musicians are playing. Be sure to sit without fidgeting so you don't distract your neighbors or the performers on stage. Sometimes the conductor may ask you to participate by clapping along or singing along. Take your cue on this from the conductor, just as the orchestra members do.
5. Don't talk during a performance. If you must talk to your neighbor always whisper directly into their ear so that those around you cannot hear your comments.
6. Show appreciation by applauding at the end of compositions. If you really like a particular musical selection, it is also acceptable to stand as you clap. This shows the orchestra that you thought their performance was very well done.

