

Before The Show

The historic Athens Theatre is home to the New Bern Civic Theatre. Located on Pollock Street in downtown New Bern, the New Bern Civic Theatre plays a major role in the performing arts of Craven County. It serves as a vital artistic resource for the people of Eastern North Carolina. The Theatre's rich history and legacy is a source of great pride to the staff and many Theatre directors, producers, actors and patrons.

To learn more about the history of the Athens Theatre visit the link below:

<http://www.newberncivictheatre.com/>

Theatre Etiquette

NBCT's stageHANDS productions are designed for children and adults alike! The shows feature youth from Craven County and the surrounding counties. These shows typically last an hour and have no intermission.

Before coming to the show, it would be helpful to discuss proper theatre etiquette with your students.

*Live theatre is different than watching TV or going to the movies. There is no pause, no rewind and no remote control to change the channel or turn the volume up or down.

*Do not put your feet on or kick the chair in front of you. It's not nice.

* While it is appropriate to respond to funny, shocking, or entertaining moments of the play out loud, you should be aware of the other audience members around you and respect their enjoyment of the play by not talking during the play or responding with loud, inappropriate reactions. Talking during the play can also distract the actors.

*It is customary to applaud at the end of songs, and at the curtain call, when the actors come out to take their final bows. Throughout the show, audience members may choose to applaud in the middle of a song, dance, or speech, when something particularly outstanding has just been performed.

*You should not eat, chew gum, or drink any beverages while watching the show. There is no food or drink allowed inside the theatre.

*Restroom facilities at the Athens Theatre are limited and there is no intermission. If necessary, you should use the restroom before the show begins, and not get out of your seat while the show is being performed.

*Have fun and enjoy the show! If you really liked the show, feel free to write a letter or draw a picture and send it to the theatre. The actors, actresses and staff have worked very hard to create this show and would love to hear how much you enjoyed it.

For more pre-show information visit one of the following sites:

General Guide and Etiquette Tips for teachers, parents and students

http://www.thechildrenstheatre.com/pdfs/2003_general_guide.pdf

Theatre Etiquette and Pre-show tips from Stage One Children's Theater in KY

<http://www.stageone.org/resourceguide/docs/2010/Theater%20Etiquette%20Lesson.pdf>