

## Tips for attending the ballet

### **Washrooms**

Please use the washrooms before the performance begins. Washrooms are located downstairs and to the left of the main entrance to the theatre. It is difficult to leave your seat during a performance and the ushers will ask you to wait until an appropriate time to return so as not to disturb others in the audience.

### **Food and drink**

Food and drink (including water) are not permitted in the theatre.

### **Cameras and cell phones**

Cameras, laser pointers and recording devices, of any kind, are strictly prohibited. The flash from a camera can blind a dancer briefly and cause injury. Also, music and dance works are subject to copyright laws and it is illegal to record either without permission. Please turn off all cell phones, watch alarms and pagers before entering the theatre.

### **Latecomers**

Please ensure that you leave enough time to arrive early. Late comers will not be seated until there is a suitable break in the performance so as not to disturb the dancers or members of the audience.

### **In the theatre**

The lights will dim to signal the beginning of the performance. At this point the audience is expected to sit and watch quietly and attentively throughout the performance. Talking, coughing, humming, unwrapping cellophane-wrapped candies, rummaging and any other noisy disruptive behavior is highly distracting and disrespectful to the performers and the rest of the audience. We also ask that you be considerate of those who may have allergies to perfume fragrances. Finally, please remain in your seat until the program has ended and the house lights have been turned on.

### **Applause**

Applauding is an excellent way to show appreciation. Feel free to laugh when something funny happens on stage. If the performance is especially powerful, during the curtain call when the dancers and conductors take their bows, shouts of "Bravo" and/or a standing ovation are excellent ways to show performers that you really enjoyed the performance.

### **Lost children**

We suggest that students should keep close to their teachers and chaperones. There are ushers throughout the theatre to help lost children who will be taken to the lobby until the appropriate teacher is located.

### **Transportation**

All performances are scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. Please arrive with your group no later than 12:15 p.m.