

Iowa High School Music Association

presents

Large Group Music Festival

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Wartburg College and Waverly-Shell Rock High School

Waverly, IA

Managers

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Performance Etiquette for Attending Fine Arts Events

Please refrain from talking during the performance.

- While you may only be whispering, it does create a distraction for those around you.
- This also includes whispering to or disciplining your other children.

Please turn off/silence all pagers, cell phones, and watch alarms.

- These can be very distracting to the performers and others in the audience.

Do not wave to your child/friend during the performance.

- This creates a distraction for the performer and others in the audience.

Refrain from using flash photography during the performance.

- Flash photography is a distraction and creates a dangerous atmosphere for the performers.

Applaud at appropriate times.

- Formal Concert – at the end of each selection - not after each movement.
- Jazz Concert – at the end of each selection or to recognize the efforts of a soloist.
- Theatre Production – after each act/scene.

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

- All of the students deserve a full audience for their performances.
- Remember that the next time, your child's performance might be scheduled last.
- In the contest/festival environment, it is appropriate to leave once the door has been opened.

Do not leave while the performance is in progress.

- If you need to use the restroom, do so between musical numbers or between scenes.

Arrive at the performance with a positive attitude.

- Your child is sensitive to your attitude towards their performance. Their performance may very well reflect your attitude.

Audience use of signs, banners, and artificial noise makers is strictly prohibited within performance centers.

