

# **Kemptville Youth Musical Theatre Company**

## **School Show Guidelines for Teachers And Behaviour Expectations for Student Audience Members**

### **Background**

The Kemptville Youth Musical Theatre Company (KYMTC) performs special School Show matinees for local elementary and secondary school students (including home schooled children). These shows usually take place right before opening weekend and give students the opportunity to watch a youth musical theatre production- performed by a cast of youth aged 12-19 from Kemptville and surrounding communities.

School Shows also give the cast and crew an opportunity to perform the show in front of an audience and prepare for the opening weekend. When time permits, the cast and crew engage in a lively question and answer session with students at the end of the show.

For the most part, the behaviour of students attending the shows is not an issue. However, there have been a number of behaviour issues over the past few years, including talking loudly and being disruptive, using a cell phone, and even heckling/insulting cast members during their performance.

KYMTC has an obligation to provide a safe and supportive space to everyone- including cast members, crew members, and all audience members (in this case: students, teachers, and parent volunteers). In order to ensure that everyone can enjoy the School Shows, KYMTC has developed the following guidelines and expectations:

### **School Show Guidelines for Teachers**

- Be sure all teacher and parent volunteers are aware of these *School Show Guidelines for Teachers*.
- Teachers must ensure there are enough teaching staff and/or parent volunteers to properly monitor and manage student behaviour during the show.
- Please review the *Behaviour Expectations for Student Audience Members* with all your students before you arrive at the theatre.
- Arrive on time and line-up in the theatre lobby. Wait for a KYMTC representative to bring you into the theatre. Keep your students in an orderly line and lead them into the

theatre. If you have any parent volunteers, or another school staff is present, please place them at the back of the line to assist in seating the students once in the theatre.

- When seating your students, please have them fill the end of the row and don't leave any empty seats. If you fill a row, please continue to seat your students in an adjacent row.
- Please seat yourself and other teachers/parent volunteers so you can manage the behaviour of your students.
- **Teachers and Parent Volunteers are responsible for monitoring and managing the behaviour of the students attending the School Show.** Please seat teachers and parent volunteers in such a way that you can effectively monitor and manage student behaviour.
- Please follow all direction from KYMTC representatives during audience seating, during the show, and while leaving the theatre at the end of the show. If you have any questions or concerns- please approach a KYMTC representative and discuss the issue.
- Audience members who are being loud, distracting, disruptive, and/or who are not respecting KYMTC policies (including *the Behaviour Expectations for Student Audience Members*) will be directed by a KYMTC representative to stop the behaviour. Failure to do so will result in the audience member being directed to leave the theatre.
- If an audience member is directed to leave the theatre by a KYMTC representative, the responsible teacher must immediately escort them out of the theatre. If the audience member does not immediately leave the theatre, KYMTC may stop the show until the student leaves the theatre.
- Teachers who have any questions regarding these guidelines should contact the KYMTC Producer, Marilyn Conroy at: [mconroy06@gmail.com](mailto:mconroy06@gmail.com)

## **Behaviour Expectations for Student Audience Members**

- Have fun and enjoy the show! Please clap after songs, laugh when something funny happens, cheer when the hero does something heroic, etc. The cast and crew have been rehearsing for many months to get the show ready for you to enjoy.
- Follow the direction of your teacher, parent volunteers, and KYMTC representatives at all times.
- Turn off all cell phones, tablets, and other mobile devices. Texting during shows is not allowed.
- Please don't run, stand/jump on the seats, or touch any of the props, set pieces, or other equipment.

- Audience members are not allowed on the stairs that lead to the stage or on the stage.
- Don't talk during the show. If you have to tell someone something- please whisper.
- Please don't heckle, insult, or make fun of a cast member during the show. Besides being very rude- it will also get you removed from the theatre.

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