



BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA YOUTH CONCERT SERIES

...your classroom at Kleinhans

For Power Listening at the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

A power listener is a listener whose mind is active and who can focus on hearing sounds.

WATCH & LISTEN

Once you find your seat, you can look around and talk quietly about all the things you see on the stage and in the auditorium.

As the orchestra warms up, can you find where each instrument family is located?

Can you identify the different sounds from the instruments?

As the house lights dim, focus your attention on the stage.

Before the conductor enters the stage, watch for the concertmaster to turn to the orchestra and ask them to tune their instruments.

The oboe plays an "A" note for the brass and wind instruments to tune. Then the oboe plays another "A" for the string instruments to tune. Can you hear the sound of the oboe?

Can you notice the different sounds from all the instruments as they tune?

Do you like the music? What does it remind you of? How does it make you feel? What images and thoughts come to mind?

If a program booklet is available, read through it and familiarize yourself with the concert and orchestra.

APPLAUSE

Clap when the concertmaster enters the stage to "tune the orchestra."

Clap when the conductor enters and bows.

Clap when the conductor drops both hands to his/her sides and turns toward the audience. This tells you when the piece is over and is your cue to applaud.

Applause is your way of showing how much you like the performance. Applause is especially important at the end of a concert, and is the best way to show your appreciation.

COURTESY

Listen quietly. Talking and distracting movements prevent you and your neighbors from enjoying the concert.

Talking, giggling, and whispering are distracting to musicians on stage and those around you. Be conscious of and courteous to all of the people in the auditorium.

Musicians can hear you talk even while playing. **REMEMBER:** The orchestra hears you just as well as you hear them!

Remember: **APPLAUSE** at the end of the concert is the appropriate noise and it shows your thanks to the orchestra for their performance.

Gum and candy are prohibited in the concert hall.

Remember: cameras, recording devices and cell phone use is not permitted in the auditorium.

ENTRANCE & EXIT

Stay with your group and follow instructions from the BPO staff.

Leave all books, book bags, and backpacks outside of the concert.

Please use the restrooms **BEFORE** leaving to attend the concert.

Once the concert has started, remain seated during the entire concert. If there is an emergency situation, an usher must escort you to and from the auditorium.

ENJOY THE CONCERT!