

YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE TO THE CONCERT HALL

▪ When the lights in the hall are on:

- Calmly and quietly find your seat.
- Quietly observe the musicians warming up on stage.
- Feel free to talk softly with your close neighbors.
- Be on your best behavior. You are a guest in our home!



▪ When the lights in the hall go dim:

- Turn on your ears and turn off your voice.
- Please always remain in your seat and rest your arms in your lap or on the arm rests.
- Listening is your #1 job. As the New England Patriots, Head Coach would say: "Do yer job!"
- Try closing your eyes for extra focus on the sounds coming from stage.
- The musicians on stage are the only people in the concert hall who should be making sound.

Until... it's time to applaud!!

▪ "When should we clap?"

- When the concertmaster (violinist) walks on stage to tune the orchestra.
- When the conductor walks on stage to conduct the orchestra.
- When the music ends...



▪ "But, how do we know if it's over?"

- There will be a long silent pause and the conductor will lower their arms, eventually turning around to address the audience.
- Most of the room is clapping confidently. Join them!
- If you've listened to the music before coming to the concert, then you'll know exactly when to clap.

▪ "How long should I clap?"

- Until the entire orchestra has finished bowing together.
- Clapping is like saying "Thank you" with your hands. If you loved the performance, please continue to clap enthusiastically after the bows.
- Stop clapping if the conductor looks like they are going to talk to the audience.



▪ When the conductor walks off the stage and the lights come back on, the concert is over:

- It is now okay to chat softly with your neighbors again while you wait to exit the hall.
- Ask your friends and family what they thought about the concert and listen to what they have to say. Maybe they noticed something totally cool that you didn't see or hear!!

Restroom Use: Please use the restroom before or after the concert, or during intermission. Ushers and Cape Symphony staff will be located throughout the hall and lobby area to help direct you to the nearest restroom.

