



## Theatre 101

**Welcome to the Garland Summer Musicals!** Thank you for supporting our season! We would like to make your experience enjoyable and offer the following information if you are new to theatre. It is important to remember that the actors on stage can see and hear you at the same time you can see and hear them. Be respectful of the actors and your fellow audience members by being attentive and observing the general guidelines below.

### **Dress Code**

GSM has no official “dress code” for attending performances at the Garland Summer Musicals. Our patrons usually dress in business casual attire for most performances; we’d rather have a patron come in jeans than not come at all out of concern for how they are dressed.

Please be mindful that some patrons can get cold during theatrical performance so we encourage you to bring a light jacket if you are prone to feeling cold. The GSM Guild loans small blankets to our patrons. Look for a table in the lobby and remember to return it after the show.

### **Arriving at the Granville Arts Center**

- Arrive early. If you are late, you may be held out or reseated until an appropriate time for you to get to your assigned seat. People who arrive late disturb the performers on stage and audience members. It is best to arrive about 30 minutes early so that you have time to purchase concessions, find your seat, and read the program before the show starts.
- Parking is free at the Granville Arts Center and is adjacent to the Dallas DART Rail Blue Line (Downtown Garland Station). In addition, there is a drop off circle if desired or during inclement weather.
- When you enter the front of the building the box office will be to your left. Will Call will have a table set up in the lobby and restrooms are on either side of the lobby.

### **Before you go inside the theatre:**

- Take care of personal needs (drinks of water or restroom) because you should not leave your seat until the intermission or until the performance ends.
- Please sit in the seat you are assigned so you do not cause confusion for other audience members.
- Turn off your cell phone and any other electronic devices the light and noise from cell phones and other electronic devices is a big distraction, so please, no text messaging. Cameras and other recording devices are not permitted in the theatre.
- No food or drinks allowed in the auditorium. Dispose of them before entering the theatre. Dispose of all gum.

### **During the performance:**

- React to what’s happening on stage. Please feel free to have honest reactions to what is happening onstage. You can laugh, applaud and enjoy the performance. However, please don’t talk during the performance; it is extremely distracting to other audience members and the actors. Save discussions for intermission and after the performance.
- Wait until Intermission to search through your purse or bag—you may be making more noise than you think.
- Do not leave early. Parking can be difficult, but leaving during the performance is disruptive to the audience and actors.

**After the Show! Stay and meet the actors, they would love to sign your souvenir program. Also, feel free to Post or Tweet about your experience! Thank you for coming!**