

## **Etiquette for WSD Performers**

Arrive on time for rehearsals and performances. Be prepared and ready to work!

Only performers, WSD staff and approved volunteers are allowed backstage during rehearsal and performance.

Dancers must stay backstage throughout the entire performance.

Please turn off all cell phones.

There is no food or drink other than water allowed backstage.

No talking backstage during performances. The audience can hear you!

Keep your costumes, props, and makeup neat, contained and out of the way of other performers.

Do not touch costumes or props that don't belong to you.

Do whatever the WSD staff and volunteers tell you without arguing, especially in performance.

Don't hang out in the wings watching the show.

Stay put until you're called for your cue.

Do not touch the curtains or the cyclorama wall.

Pay attention to yellow lines and warning signs backstage.

Support your fellow performers with kind words and thoughtful actions.

## **Etiquette for WSD Audiences**

Plan to arrive early. Latecomers cannot be seated once the performance has begun.

No food, drink, chewing gum or recording equipment is allowed inside the theater.

Please use the restroom before the performance begins.

Any noise will distract the performers and the people around you. Please silence your cell phones, watch alarms, pagers or any other electronic devices. No talking or whispering.

Be respectful of the theater facilities – no feet on the furniture and do not leave garbage of any kind behind when you leave.

Do not get up from your seat during the performer's bows. It is discourteous to the performers and the people around you. Keep clapping! If you really liked a performance, stand up and clap! This is known as a "standing ovation" and is reserved for the best performances.

Wait until the lights are on in the theater to get up from your seat.

After the performance, do not allow children to run or play on or near the stage.

This is live performance with a live audience. The dancers are performing for your pleasure and your part is to let them know that you are enjoying the show. Applaud when you like something. Remember to always respond appropriately and respectfully. Your reactions will affect the dancers' performance!