

# Concert Audience Etiquette

*When you go to a symphony concert there are special manners that should be observed. Here are some hints to make it more enjoyable for you and those seated near you:*

1. Because the orchestra uses no amplification, it is **important** for all audience members to be **very quiet** while the music is being played.
  - √ keep hands and feet still
  - √ no talking or whispering
  - √ no singing or humming, unless you are invited to do so by someone on stage
  - √ no moving in or out of the concert hall as the music is being played
2. Watch the conductor and the musicians. Look for your favorite instruments.
3. The musical selection is over when the conductor drops his/her hands and turns around to bow.
4. Show your enjoyment of and appreciation for the music by applauding vigorously and enthusiastically. **Whistling, hooting and yelling is considered discourteous and displays poor manners at a symphony concert.**
5. Make restroom breaks before coming to the concert.

## *“Quiet”*

*When you listen to music,  
To behave just right,  
Be as quiet as a whisper  
And as still as the night.*