

What to Expect When You See a Play

“All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players.”
—William Shakespeare, *As You Like It*

Going to the theater is a lot like going to the movies, but in some ways it's even better. When the lights go down and the curtain goes up you get to experience a story told live. The energy of live theater is like no other form of entertainment. Here are some tips to make your theater going experience as comfortable and enjoyable for you (and others) as possible.

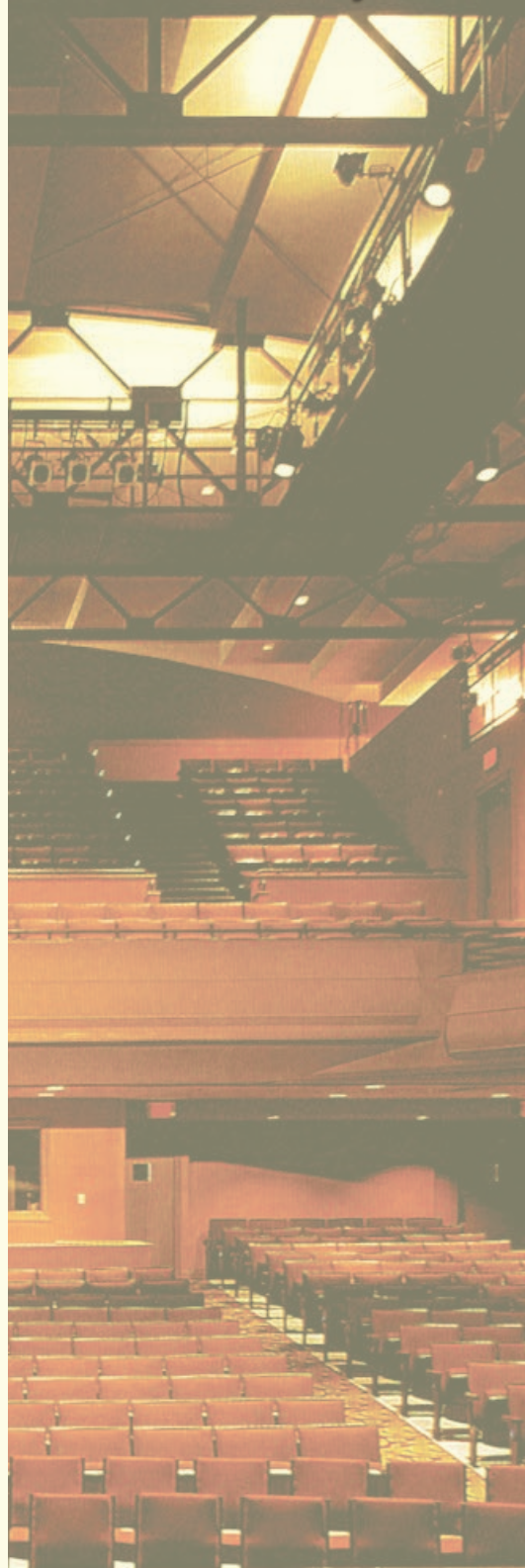
Plan to arrive early so you have plenty of time to find your seats, get comfortable, and take some cute pictures for your instagram. A trip to see a play is definitely worthy of documentation; just make sure to turn off your phone after you post that selfie. That way when you turn it back on at the end of the play you'll be able to just bask in all your likes and comments.

The best part about a play is the actors' interactions with the audience. They respond to the energy of the live audience as much as you respond to their live performance. If you pay close attention you can lose yourself in the story completely. Don't worry that you won't be able to share your thoughts on the show with your friends/family, that's what intermission is for.

Speaking of intermission, it's the perfect time to check your hair or your #OOTD (outfit of the day). It's also a great time to get up and stretch or walk around a little. Plays are generally longer than most movies, thus why they offer an intermission. While you're watching the play, just relax and focus on the story, sets, costumes, and all the amazing tricks the actors are able to pull off right in front of you!

Seeing a play is a great experience that is unlike any other entertainment out there. Enjoy yourself and make sure you don't get in the way of anyone else's enjoyment. Also, remember, the theater is a great excuse to break out your fanciest clothes!

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