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Recital Etiquette Guidelines

PERFORMERS

- ✓ All performers are asked to check in with their individual teachers fifteen (15) minutes before the recital begins. This will allow for teachers to know that the performer is present and for the performer to note his/her position in the performance order. Warmups should take place at least half an hour before this time.
- ✓ All music scores are to be held in a plain black, 3-ringed binder.
- ✓ All music scores must be placed on an appropriate music stand if music is not being performed from memory.
- ✓ Please dress appropriately:
Males – Dress pants, dress shoes, long-sleeved dress shirt, tie, jacket/blazer (opt.).
Females – Slacks, knee length, or longer, skirts or dresses, blouse.
Absolutely NO Jeans, T-shirts, spaghetti straps, flip-flops, or sneakers are allowed.
- ✓ Please do not wear any jewelry; dress code will be in full effect for the recital.
- ✓ Remember, proper attire shows respect to your audience and sends the message that you have respect for what you have accomplished in reaching the recital stage.
- ✓ Do not use excessive cologne or perfume. Certain fragrances may irritate other performers' eyes or throat, or may cause their sinuses to act up.
- ✓ When it is your turn to perform, walk purposefully to the stage and bow to begin the performance. Professionally and succinctly introduce your piece (your teacher will guide with the details you should include), settle yourself comfortably, collect your thoughts, and begin when you are ready.

- ✓ Bow at the end of your performance. Ensure you practice with your instructor how you should bow before and after your performance. If your performance is accompanied, acknowledge your accompanist after you have taken your bow.
- ✓ Be confident, carry yourself with humility, and be yourself. You have something to share with your audience and they want to hear it. Give them your best.
- ✓ Once the recital begins, show your respect for your fellow performers by quietly and actively listening to their performance. Please refrain from reading, studying, working on assignments, texting, or writing during the recital. There should be no talking, whispering, eating, or drinking in the recital.
- ✓ Please silence or turn off cell phones.