

Stages Theatre Company

Expectations for Participants

Stages Theatre Company is committed to the enrichment and education of children and youth in a professional theatre environment that stimulates artistic excellence and personal growth.

Creating quality theatre is a collaborative effort that requires creativity, dedication and self-discipline. For actors and technicians alike, the experience of mounting a full-scale production can be tremendously rewarding, challenging and fun.

Our expectations for participants are based on common sense and respect, within the walls of the theater and beyond. It is important that each participant respect others in the process, whether they are fellow actors, staff or running crew. In the theatre everyone plays a vital role in the creation of great art.

- Be kind to your fellow artists. Support the work of others, elevating them to greatness. Put-downs are always destructive. Stages Theatre Company understands that the socialization of groups extends beyond the rehearsal room. We ask that you be respectful in all interactions, including interactions through social media (for example-Facebook.)
- Be on time or early for rehearsals and performances. It is very important that you respect the time of everyone else involved by being prompt.
- Distractions get in the way of a good working environment. Please turn off cell phone ringers and other electronic devices. Texting, talking on the phone, etc. should not be done during a rehearsal. Please check messages only on break times. All electronic devices **MUST** be powered off or silenced ½ hour before a show begins. This is a time for preparation and focus. Electronics may be used again after the performance is finished.
- Listen carefully. Let others have their say before speaking your mind.

We also must respect the spaces we use to create theatre. As in the ancient days when theatre was used as community ritual and religious observance, we treat our stage with respect.

- Please only drink water in the theatre. Gum in rehearsal is an obstacle to good diction and can be messy if left on the floor.
- During breaks, be aware that others may be using the facility. Quiet voices show respect for others in the space.
- Destruction of space and equipment will not be tolerated. If something is not yours to use during the course of your work, leave it alone.

Finally, respect the art itself. We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to work in the theatre. Always be aware that as artists, we must show others that we respect our work and ourselves as artists.

- Unexcused absences from rehearsal can be cause for dismissal. If you are sick or will be late, you must call the stage manager.
- Keep track of your script, score and rehearsal schedule. Always come prepared to every rehearsal and performance with these materials, a pencil and a notebook.
- Tobacco, drugs and alcohol use are not permitted. Any violation of this policy will result in immediate dismissal.

If you have questions or suggestions about how to make your experience better, please contact Sandy Boren-Barrett at (952) 979-1122 or Melanie Salmon-Peterson (952) 979-1115. Thank you.