

# lafayette choir

## Performance Etiquette Expectations

During a performance a choir is evaluated as much on its professional behavior and appearance as it is on the performance it offers.

### Pre-Concert Instructions

- Wear designated performance attire. You must inspect all the pieces of your uniform the day before the performance to make sure they are clean and wrinkle free,
- Avoid flashy jewelry, abnormal piercing, and extreme hair styles/colors or anything that could become a distraction to fellow singers or our audience.
- Arrive at the designated call time for that performance. Enter the building quickly and quietly.
- Take care of personal business prior to lining up with the choir.
- Listen carefully to all pre-performance instructions.
- Always be in the appropriate designated place at the appointed time prior to performance.
- Prior to a concert, turn off any cell phones, pagers or wristwatches that make noises.

### During a Concert:

- Maintain a proper singing posture with a quiet body. (Do not stand with hands in pockets or clasped together in the front of back of your body.)
- Always keep eyes on the conductor. Do not look around or to the audience.
- Never sing directly behind a singer in front of you. Everyone should be visible from the audience.
- Do not talk or whisper to your fellow performers during a performance.
- Remain focused throughout your time on stage.
- Avoid all scratching, bringing hands up to the hair, adjusting glasses or hair, etc.
- Never do anything that would call unnecessary attention to yourself or that would distract other performers. Remember you are a part of an ensemble and want the audience's attention on the music.
- Exercise discipline in walking on and off the risers. This sets the mood for the performance. Walk on and stand with dignity and pride. The director will indicate when to walk off stage. The first person off the risers should be alert for this direction. Keep in mind the performance is not over until the last person is off of the risers.
- If you are ever incapacitated on the risers for any reason, do not wait until it is too late. Sit down quietly in place. If you need assistance from those on either side, give a tug on their arm. If you develop a cough or must be sick, leave the stage.
- Quiet must be maintained back stage before the concert begins and between performing groups. If you are seated in the audience while another group is performing, you should set an example as an outstanding audience member.

**Always remember that whether you are wearing formal attire, choir t-shirt, singing on stage, or simply walking to your car after the concert, YOU ARE REPRESENTING THE CHOIR!**

Grades for each performance will be based on the following:

- **Punctuality**
- **Proper Attire**
- **Following Instructions**
- **Proper Concert Etiquette as detailed above**
- **Singing to the best of one's ability**
- **Staying for entire concert**