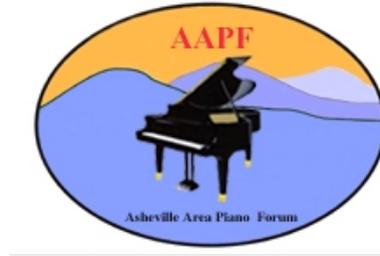


Asheville Area Piano Forum Student Recital Etiquette



All Teachers, Parents, & Students should be informed of the following:

1. Please arrive at the performance hall at least 20 minutes before the recital. The teachers should make it a point to inform the recital chairperson when all of their students have arrived.
2. It is expected that all students will dress neatly in semi-formal but comfortable clothes (some might call this “church dress”). Dangle bracelets, tee shirts, mini-skirts, jeans, sneakers, and flip-flops should be strongly discouraged.
3. The performer should take a few seconds to adjust the bench (The chairman will help younger students with this.)
4. Applause should be acknowledged. The performer should remain seated between pieces, turn, face the audience, and “nod a smile.” At the end of the set, the student should take a standing bow before returning to her/his seat.
5. RECITALS ARE A LEARNING EXPERIENCE. Everyone should do their best to stay for the entire recital. Students thrive when they have support. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend (Toddlers who might be disruptive should not attend).
6. Distractions can cause a performer (and the audience) to lose concentration. For this reason, we ask that **all audience members remain seated during performances!** Please encourage young children to wait until a performance is over before exiting or entering from a restroom break, etc.
7. Recordings are allowed with permission from the Recital Chair. Flash cameras should not be used during a performance, but iPhones & other noninvasive devices are generally acceptable. Permission to videotape must be granted by the Recital Chair who will determine whether the facility being used lends itself to unobtrusive videotaping. Parents must abide by the chair’s decision in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this rule, please ask BEFORE the day of the recital.
8. It is hoped that the performers will stay for the reception in order to meet the other performers and receive deserved praise from their audience. Parents should contribute by bringing finger foods for the reception.