

# Tips for a Successful State Theatre Field Trip

## 1. Get ready.

Students who come prepared with an understanding of the content and context of the show are always more engaged with the performance. To help you and your students get ready for your visit, the State Theatre provides *Keynotes*, in-depth study and activity guides. The informative, easy-to-use materials contain background on the performance and artists; classroom activities that engage students in reading, writing, listening, analyzing, and creating; information for students about their roles and responsibilities as members of the audience; and resources for further study. Each booklet is grade-level appropriate and curriculum-specific to the performance, with information presented in an eye-catching format that will engage students' interest.



## 2. Get set.

All it takes to spoil a performance is one disruptive audience member. Before you arrive at the theater, please make sure your students understand that attending a live show comes with important responsibilities. Review the following rules:



Before the show begins, turn off and put away cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, and other electronic equipment.



During the show, remain quietly in your seat, with your full attention focused on the stage. Activities such as talking, eating, drinking, text messaging, or playing video games are not appropriate during a live performance.



The audience is not permitted to take photographs or make any kind of sound or video recording of the performance.

## 3. GO!

To allow safe bus parking, unloading, and seating of your group, please be sure to arrive at the theater at least 20 minutes before the performance is scheduled to start.