

## Your Theatre Experience: Guidelines for Schools

### Do:

- ★ Do **arrive at the venue early**; we recommend aiming for 20 minutes before the start time, in case of travel delays. This also allows time when you arrive for bathroom trips, and for our ushers to get you seated as a group. We have a no late-comers policy, so please do make sure you arrive in good time.
- ★ Do **let Amanda know if you are running late**, by phoning 07942 676 503. We can then see if we can delay the start time until you arrive.
- ★ Do **let children exclaim and react verbally** during the performance. It is only a problem if they start talking/whispering to one another, as this is distracting for other audience members; if this happens, please ask them to be quiet.
- ★ Do **talk to your class about the themes of the show** before and/or after the performance. Our 'Talking About Theatre' interactive resource has been designed for this purpose: <http://classroom.imagnate.org.uk/>. We highlight each show's links to the CfE on each show page (click the 'Schools Information' green bar on the left): <http://www.imagnate.org.uk/festival/whats-on>
- ★ Do remember that we offer 10-15 min **Q&A sessions with the creative team** after each morning performance (but not for nursery-level shows or Small Wonders). Pupils can ask questions and gain a first-hand insight into artists' creative process.

### Don't:

- ★ Don't allow children to use **electronic toys, phones or cameras** during the performance, as this can be distracting for other audience members and the performers. It is fine to take photos in the theatre space, before the performance begins.
- ★ Don't give pupils **drinks and snacks** to take into the theatre. However, if you arrive at the venue early, this is a good time to have a snack in the waiting area, before going into the auditorium.
- ★ Don't hesitate to ask Amanda if you have any questions!  
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