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Rehearsal Etiquette



What is rehearsal etiquette?

Rehearsal etiquette is the way we act during an ensemble rehearsal, lesson, or anytime we are playing music with other people.



How should I act in a rehearsal?

Whenever you are in a rehearsal it is always important to give the conductor your full attention. This also applies to your private teacher during a lesson and even your friends when you get together to practice.



Why is it important to practice proper rehearsal etiquette?

Practicing the correct rehearsal etiquette will help you achieve the greatest success from a rehearsal, lesson, or practice session. Just like in school, if you are not paying attention you are likely not learning the material and then do not know how to complete your assignments; the same applies in music. If we use our best listening ears and respect those that are trying to teach us we will become excellent musicians but if we forget to listen and are rude or disrespectful there is little opportunity to learn.



Rehearsal Etiquette Checklist:

- Always be at least 10 minutes early to a rehearsal!
 - This will allow you plenty of time to set up and get comfortable.
 - This also applies to your private lessons. If lessons are in your home, you can best prepare by having all of your materials set up and ready to go so that when your instructor arrives you can get right to work!
 - You could (should) even go through your warm-up beforehand to be extra prepared for your lessons, rehearsals, etc! 😊



Always Be Prepared by Bringing:

- Flute
- Music
- Music Stand
- Flute Stand
- Pencil!!!
- Metronome/Tuner
- Water



Always Have a Good Attitude! 🎵

Always try to have the best attitude possible. Whenever you enter a musical setting try to leave any “outside problems” at the door. This will give you a nice break from those pesky problems and allow you to enjoy the music!