



Figaro Says . . .

Going to the opera is fun but here are a few things that you need to know before you leave the house:



During the performance:

Please remain seated from the time the music starts to the time the music stops. There is an intermission when you can use the bathroom, get a drink, or stretch your legs. Talking or opening candy and gum wrappers may distract other audience members.

Be sure that your pager, cell phone, and watch alarm are turned off while in the theater. And it is important not to sing, tap or clap along with the music. People around you might find these things distracting.



What to Wear:

Going to the opera can be fun because there is no dress code. Some people wear clothes that they would wear to church on Sunday while others like the glam factor and will wear a ball gown. The best idea is to be comfortable because you might be sitting for a while.



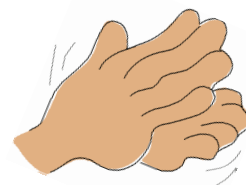
What's going on:

Sacramento Opera has Super-titles. This means that the English translations of the words that are being sung are on a big screen above the stage. This way, you can understand the story while listening to a foreign language. Even when an opera is in English, the words are displayed on the screen for your convenience.

Clapping:

Clapping can be a tricky thing at the opera. There are a few places that you can be sure about your clapping.

- When the conductor comes out to start the overture.
- At the end of an act or the end of the opera and the singers are taking bows.
- At the end of an aria.



If you are unsure of whether to clap or not, it is better to just not. When in doubt, clap when everyone else around you is clapping.