



Guidance for Observing Performances

1. Arts for Learning (A4L) believes that having Program Observers attend performances is good for our artists, beneficial for the organization, and essential to understanding the work A4L does. The provided schedule of events will give you some options of performances to attend.
2. If you are planning on attending a performance, please call or email the A4L main office first (757-466-7555 ext 304 or Scheduling@YAV.org) in the event that the program may have been rescheduled. We also like to call the schools in advance to notify them that an A4L program observer will be present.
3. Always check-in with the school's main office first to identify yourself before going to the performance. Just let them know that you are an A4L Program Observer and that you are here for a performance observation.
4. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself to the artists before or after the performance. Your presence is a good thing.
5. All artists love to hear positive feedback. If you want to congratulate, praise, or thank the artists, please do! If you have negative feedback or constructive criticism, Arts for Learning wants and needs to hear it, but please use the form provided. Please do not share negative feedback, constructive criticism, or program advice with the artists. It is a delicate business to maintain positive and productive relationships with the artists who work with us.
6. Please consider bringing a friend or colleague with you to observe a performance. This is a great way to spread the word about Arts for Learning.