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Rehearsal Etiquette

CMA is a very special musical community that we all value. Friendships are an important part of what makes CMA such an enjoyable place to be, and we love seeing those friendships develop and grow over the years.

At the same time, rehearsal time is precious. To achieve our best as ensembles, everyone needs to be focused and engaged throughout rehearsals. It is important to remember that each individual's behaviour contributes to the experience of those around them. By working together to create a positive and respectful rehearsal environment, we can ensure that CMA remains a welcoming, supportive and enjoyable place for everyone.

By following these simple expectations, we can make rehearsals enjoyable, productive and rewarding for everyone:

- Bring a music stand and pencil to every rehearsal (instrumentalists).
- Arrive 10 minutes early and be set up, warmed up and ready to start on time unless agreed otherwise with office or leader.
- Keep phones on silent and out of sight.
- Stop playing or singing immediately when the conductor stops. Do not start a conversation with friends
- Listen whenever the conductor or leader is speaking or rehearsing, even if they are addressing another section.
- Avoid side conversations, including whispering.
- Mark instructions and corrections on your music as soon as they are given.
- Sit and stand with good posture. It makes a real difference to your sound and performance.
- Only water is permitted during rehearsals.

Above All Please respect your conductor and leaders.

They give their time, expertise and experience to help you develop as a musician. The more focused we all are, the more we will achieve together and the better we will sound.

Every minute counts. Let's make the most of every rehearsal.