



Why Singing Along to *Wicked* in Theaters Is a Bad Idea

Description

Something *Wicked* this way... sings?

Instead of simply reclining in a comfortable theater seat, munching on Goobers while basking in the film adaptation of the hit Broadway musical *Wicked*, fans are treating early screenings as personal sing-along sessions, according to [The New York Times](#).

Indeed, moviegoers are ignoring numerous public service announcements that urge them to refrain from talking during films, opting instead to belt out their favorite *Wicked* songs as though they're auditioning for a community theater role.

While persistent cell phone use and chatter can be aggravating, disrupting a movie screening by singing Broadway tunes is a significant violation of cinema etiquette. It transforms a communal experience into an uncomfortable situation for those simply wishing to enjoy the film.

It's true that audiences have historically sung along at certain events, such as at midnight showings of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* or designated sing-along screenings. However, experiencing someone loudly belting "Popular" while you are trying to savor your Diet Coke and enjoy the IMAX spectacle is akin to having someone blow cigarette smoke in your face during a fine dining experience.

If you feel compelled to sing *Wicked* songs with strangers, fear not: [Universal will provide sing-along screenings](#) starting this Christmas. You can dress as your favorite character, unleash your vocal talents, and join fellow fans without disturbing others.

Until then, please respect the theater environment. Many moviegoers simply want to revel in the performances of trained professionals, so let's save our singing for designated occasions. After all, everyone deserves a chance to enjoy the movie in peace.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Etiquette** /'etɪkət/ (noun): The customary code of polite behavior in society or among members of a particular profession or group.
2. **Aggravating** /'ægrə'veɪtɪŋ/ (adjective): Causing annoyance or difficulty.
3. **Transform** /træns'fɔrm/ (verb): To make a thorough or dramatic change in the form appearance or character of something.
4. **Compelled** /kəm'pɛld/ (verb): Forced or driven to take action.
5. **Revel** /'revəl/ (verb): To take great pleasure or delight in something.
6. **Spectacle** /'spɛktəkl/ (noun): A visually striking performance or display.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What behavior are fans engaging in during early screenings of the movie adaptation of *Wicked*?
 - Option: Singing along to their favorite songs from the musical
 - Option: Talking loudly
 - Option: Using cell phones
 - Option: Eating loudly
2. How is disrupting a movie screening by singing Broadway tunes described in the text?
 - Option: A violation of cinema etiquette
 - Option: Socially acceptable behavior
 - Option: Encouraged by the theater management
 - Option: A new trend in movie-watching
3. What is the comparison made in the text to emphasize the impact of someone singing loudly during a movie screening?
 - Option: Having cigarette smoke blown in one's face during a fine dining experience
 - Option: Blaring loud music in a library
 - Option: Talking during a prayer session
 - Option: Performing a stand-up comedy routine
4. What option is provided to fans who want to sing along to *Wicked* songs without disturbing others?
 - Option: Sing quietly to oneself
 - Option: Join sing-along screenings provided by Universal starting Christmas
 - Option: Don't sing at all
 - Option: Sing loudly at all movie screenings
5. Why does the text emphasize respecting the theater environment for moviegoers?
 - Option: To ensure everyone can enjoy the movie in peace
 - Option: To prevent fans from having fun
 - Option: To restrict audience participation
 - Option: To discourage people from attending movie screenings



6. What is suggested as the appropriate time and place for fans to sing *Wicked* songs with strangers?

- Option: Designated sing-along screenings
- Option: During any movie screening
- Option: At home alone
- Option: Only in the car

True-False

7. Singing along to *Wicked* songs during a movie screening is considered a violation of cinema etiquette.
8. Audiences have historically sung along at various events, as mentioned in the text.
9. Universal will not provide sing-along screenings for fans who enjoy singing *Wicked* songs.
10. The text suggests that singing Broadway tunes during a movie can be as disruptive as using cell phones.
11. The comparison made in the text emphasizes the discomfort caused by disruptive behavior during a movie screening.
12. Fans are encouraged to respect the theater environment and save their singing for designated occasions.

Gap-Fill

13. Instead of simply reclining in a comfortable theater seat, fans are treating early screenings as personal _____ sessions.
14. The text mentions that audiences have historically sung along at certain events, such as at midnight showings of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* or designated _____ screenings.
15. Universal will provide _____ screenings starting this Christmas for fans who want to



sing *Wicked* songs with strangers.

16. Many moviegoers simply want to revel in the performances of trained professionals, so let's save our singing for designated _____.

17. Experiencing someone loudly belting "Popular" during a movie is akin to having someone blow cigarette smoke in your face during a fine _____ experience.

18. If you feel compelled to sing *Wicked* songs, Universal will provide _____ screenings starting this Christmas.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Singing along to their favorite songs from the musical 2. A violation of cinema etiquette 3. Having cigarette smoke blown in one's face during a fine dining experience 4. Join sing-along screenings provided by Universal starting Christmas 5. To ensure everyone can enjoy the movie in peace 6. Designated sing-along screenings

True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. sing-along 16. occasions 17. dining

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to being unable to act or respond?

Option: Exploiting

Option: Infringement

Option: Incapacitated

Option: Contend

2. Which term describes a loud and rowdy behavior or noise?

Option: Mischievous

Option: Captivates

Option: Serene

Option: Raucous



Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

3. The band made their _____ performance at the music festival.

4. Over the years she _____ a vast collection of rare coins.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

5. The company increased profits for the next fiscal year.
6. The fans the release of the new album.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Incapacitated 2. Raucous

Gap-Fill: 3. debut 4. amassed

Matching sentence: 1. Projected 2. Anticipated

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