

Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas
Prelude, Apprentice, Concert II, Concert I
Concert Attire Information 2010-2011

Concert Attire for Girls:

CCGD dress (Used \$35; new \$75)

Black opaque tights or knee-highs

Black ballet slippers

Hair must be secured away from face and shoulders with discrete black or invisible clips.

NO make-up, nail polish, jewelry – NO EXCEPTIONS

NO sports bras - Please take care in choosing your singer's bra or camisole, if needed. Sports bras are not acceptable. They cross in the back and can be seen from the stage. White or beige undergarments are best. Red, black, bright orange, etc. are hard to hide!

To Purchase a Dress:

Saturday, July, 24 or

August 21

1:00 – 4:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 1928 Ross Avenue

(There will be signs directing you to the proper room.)

These are dress fitting days for all CCGD **girls**. New and used dresses will be available to try on and purchase. We'll place orders for any sizes we run out of, and these dresses will arrive in four to six weeks. Payment is required with your order. New dresses are **\$75** (cash or check to CCGD), and used ones, if available, are \$35. Bring your used dress to exchange – even exchange for a used dress and \$35 credit toward a new dress. [Any returning CCGD girls or moms who'd like to volunteer to help, to bring "stain-free" snacks, or just to hang out and welcome our newest members are welcome!]

Note: If you wait until the last fitting, there may be a very long wait. After August 21st, dresses will cost \$125. You may contact Shelly Wemhoener at shellywemhoener@verizon.net to schedule a fitting after that date. Please allow six weeks for delivery.

To Purchase Black ballet slippers - Check with a dancewear retailer in your neighborhood to purchase these shoes. (Bedroom shoes that resemble ballet slippers are not acceptable.)

New dresses arrive unhemmed, so allow for time to hem it yourself, or have it done professionally. Dresses are to be hemmed **one inch from the floor**, in ballet shoes, turning under no more than three inches for a hem. Remember that girls grow! A July hem may not work for a September performance. Saving as much hem as possible (up to three inches) extends the life of the dress for your chorister. CCGD requires concert dresses to be worn *very loosely* for the comfort of the singer and to allow for growth through the year. The dresses run small, and most girls wear them two full sizes larger than their street clothes.

Please dry clean or wash and press your outfit before each major performance. If you are singing several times in a short period of time, please make sure to hang up the dress and press, if needed.

Concert Attire for Boys:

Tuxedo shirt, tuxedo pants

Black tie and black cummerbund

Black socks

Black shoes – NO athletic shoes

Boys' concert attire measurements are complicated, and we've found that it works best for boys to go directly to **Al's Formal Wear, 5850 LBJ and Preston** (Southwest corner), 972-387-3999 to be measured. Ask for the manager and tell them that you are with CCGD—they are familiar with our organization. Total cost is around \$60-\$70, and orders should be ready within three or four days.

All choristers must obtain full concert attire prior to the October attire check. Returning choristers must ensure their concert attire still fits appropriately (not too short, not too tight). We now have three variations of the girls' concert dress, to accommodate all shapes and sizes!

Please Turn Over

If you have used concert attire you'd like to sell or donate:

- 1 Please bring or send it to CCGD, 400 N. Saint Paul St., Suite 510, Dallas TX 75201 sometime before July 24th. Garments must be **clean** and on hangers. Ballet slippers may be in a large zip-lock bag.
- 2 To each item, safety pin an index card with *chorus member's name, parent's name, address, phone number, & size*.
- 3 Include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive payment by mail, or
- 4 Indicate on the index card that you'd prefer \$35 credit toward another dress, or
- 5 **CCGD gratefully accepts donations of used concert attire!** Just write "donation" on the index card.