

Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas
Prelude, Apprentice, Concert II, Concert I
Concert Attire Information 2011-2012

Concert Attire for Girls:

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

Black opaque tights or knee-highs (must come to the knee, not ankle; no black socks)

Black leather ballet slippers (Bedroom shoes that resemble ballet slippers are not acceptable.)

Hair must be secured away from face and shoulders with discrete black or invisible clips. If hair is longer than shoulder length, it must be secured in a pony tail.

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 and Ballet Slippers:

Saturday, August 6 10:00-12:00 A-L
12:00-2:00 M-Z

First United Methodist Church, 1928 Ross Avenue
(There will be signs directing you to the proper room.)
(Times arranged by first letter of last name.)

Saturday, August 20 10:00-12:00 M-Z
12:00-2:00 A-L

These are dress fitting days for all Prelude, Apprentice, Concert II and Concert I **girls**. New dresses will be ordered and will arrive in four to six weeks. Payment of \$75 (cash or check to CCGD) is required with your order. Used dresses, if available, are \$35 and may be purchased at that time.

There will be a representative from Spotlight Dancewear at both fittings. Ballet Slippers will be \$19.00, payable by cash, credit card or check (made payable to Spotlight Dancewear). The shoes will be delivered to rehearsal. Alternatively, you may check with a dancewear retailer in your neighborhood. (Bedroom shoes that resemble ballet slippers are not acceptable.)

If you want to bring your used dress, be sure to pin a self-addressed stamped envelope to it. **We will no longer give credit at the time of the fitting.** If and when the dress sells, you will be mailed the \$35.

Note: If you wait until the last fitting, there may be a very long wait. After August 20th, dresses will cost \$125 and fittings will be at the chorus office and will have to be on a weekday during office hours. Contact Susan at susan@thechildrenschorus.org to schedule a fitting after that date. Please allow six weeks for delivery.

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.

Please Turn Over

Concert Attire for Boys:

Tuxedo shirt (with white buttons, no black studs), tuxedo pants

Black bow tie and black cummerbund

Black socks

Black dress shoes – NO athletic shoes

NO jewelry or makeup is to be worn.

Hair must be clean and secured away from the face, using only black or discreet clips, if necessary.

Hair longer than shoulder length must be secured in a pony tail.

We suggest that boys not wear an undershirt because it is too hot. However, this is a personal choice.

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.

Please dry clean or wash and press your outfit before each major performance

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 have two variations of the girls' concert dress, to accommodate all shapes and sizes!

If you have used girls' concert dresses 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 **August 6th**. Garments must **have been cleaned** and be on hangers.
- 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 **CCGD gratefully accepts donations of used concert attire!** Just write "donation" on the index card.