

Youth Chorus and Women's Youth Chorus Concert Attire Information 2011-2012

Concert Attire for Girls:

CCGD Youth Chorus/Women's Youth Chorus Dress (Used \$35.00; New \$75.00)

Black Panty Hose or knee-highs (must come to knee, not ankle; no black socks)

Black Leather Ballet Slippers

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

Small stud earrings and small watch are appropriate; NO bracelets or necklaces.

NO facial piercing or tongue studs.

To Purchase Dresses & Ballet Shoes:

**6:00-7:00 PM Monday, August 22, First United Methodist Church, Crossroads Room
Monday, August 29 or
Monday, September 12**

These are dress fitting days for all Women's Youth and Youth Chorus females and they are one hour before the first three rehearsals. It is very important that we never use rehearsal time for concert attire issues. After you try on a dress, we will place orders for new dresses and they will arrive in four to six weeks. Payment of \$75 (cash or check made out to CCGD) is required with your order. Used dresses, if available, are \$35 and may be purchased at this time.

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.

Ballet shoes - A representative from Spotlight Dancewear will be available to take your order for ballet shoes at all three fittings. Cost is \$19 and may be paid by cash, credit card or check made payable to Spotlight Dancewear. The shoes will be delivered at rehearsal. Alternatively, you may check with a dancewear retailer in your neighborhood.

New dresses arrive un-hemmed, 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 even high school girls grow! A July hem may not work for a November performance. CCGD requires concert dresses to be worn *loosely* for the comfort of the singer and to allow for growth through the year. "Appropriate fit" is one of the criteria for compliance with concert attire standards, and non-compliance can be brought to the attention of the director by a parent volunteer at any time during the year. A dress that is too tight not only restricts the breathing and movement of the singer, but can attract inappropriate attention during a performance.

Concert Attire for Boys

White pointed "wing tip" collar tuxedo shirt, tuxedo pants and jacket

Black bow tie and black cummerbund

Black dress shoes (no athletic shoes)

Black socks

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

Only a watch is appropriate; NO bracelets or necklaces.

NO facial piercing or tongue studs.

Boys may wear their school choir tuxedo, or borrow one from a friend, but it must be black. For those wishing to purchase a tux, we've found that it works much better for the boys to go to Al's Formal Wear (or elsewhere) and place their orders individually. Al's Formal Wear, 5850 LBJ and Preston (southwest corner) 972-387-3999. Ask to speak with the manager and tell them you are with CCGD.

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 your outfit and press if needed.

If you have used girl's 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 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.