

Youth Chorus and Women's Youth Chorus Concert Attire Information 2010-2011

Concert Attire for Girls:

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

Black Panty Hose or knee-highs

Black Ballet Slippers - change from black character shoes

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 & Shoes:

**6:00-7:00 PM Monday, August 23, First United Methodist Church, Crossroads Room
Monday, August 30 or
Monday, September 13**

New 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. (Checks made out to CCGD.) These dress fittings are one hour before the first three rehearsals. It is very important that we never use rehearsal time for concert attire issues.

Ballet shoes - A representative from Spotlight Dancewear will be available to take your order for ballet shoes at the fittings on **August 23** and **August 30**. Cost is \$17 and may be paid by cash or check made out to Spotlight Dancewear. The shoes will be delivered at rehearsal. Alternatively, you may check for a dancewear retailer in your neighborhood.

CCGD maintains an inventory of used and new dresses throughout the year, and the process of exchanging a dress is as simple as bringing your old dress in and asking a parent volunteer for help. Used dresses, should they become available, are sold by CCGD for **\$35**. If you have a used dress and need to purchase another, you'll receive \$35 credit toward a new one, even exchange for used. *CCGD gratefully accepts donations of used concert attire.*

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" color tuxedo shirt, tuxedo pants and jacket

Black bow tie and black cummerbund

Black dress shoes (no athletic shoes)

Black socks

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.