

Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas
Prelude, Apprentice, Concert II, Concert I
Concert Attire Information 2017-2018

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!

Returning Singers: PLEASE TRY ON YOUR CONCERT ATTIRE NOW!

Do not wait until the Concert Attire Check

See guidelines for hems and dress length and fit below – you **MUST** look professional!

Concert Attire for Boys: Please see back

Concert Attire for Girls:

CCGD dress (Used \$40; new \$80)

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, perfume – 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 CCGD Dress:

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| Saturday, July 8 | 10:00-12:00 A-L | 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.) (Bring quarters for street parking.) |
| | 12:00- 2:00 M-Z | |

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| Saturday, July 22 | 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 five to six weeks. **Con I and Con II singers have a concert on October 1st so you need to order your dress at one of these fittings.** Payment of \$80 (cash or check to CCGD) is required with your order. Used dresses, if available, are \$40 and may be purchased at these times.

If you want to bring your used dress, be sure it is cleaned and pin a self-addressed envelope to it. **We do not give credit at the time of the fitting.** If and when the dress sells, you will be mailed the \$40.

Note: If you wait until the last fitting, there may be a very long wait. After these fittings, dresses will cost \$95 and fittings will be at the chorus office 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.

To Purchase black leather ballet slippers:

Check with a dancewear retailer in your neighborhood to purchase these shoes. (Bedroom shoes or black flats that resemble ballet slippers are not acceptable.)



Black leather ballet slipper

Please Turn Over

HEMS:

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 – see picture below
- Leave some hem turned under for letting out, but turn under no more than three inches. Be sure your tailor knows to leave hem for letting out.
- 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.



All dresses must be hemmed 1" from floor.

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.

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

- 1 Please bring or send it to CCGD, 325 N. Saint Paul St., Suite 2020, Dallas TX 75201 sometime before **July 8th**. 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 envelope to receive payment by mail, or
- 4 **CCGD gratefully accepts donations of used concert attire!** Just write "donation" on the index card.

Concert Attire for Boys:

Tuxedo shirt (wing-tip collar with white buttons, no black studs), tuxedo pants

(The hem of the pants should be just resting on the top of the shoe with a small break in the front and falling just above the heel in the back.)

Black bow tie and black cummerbund

Black socks

Black dress shoes – NO athletic shoes and no cowboy boots

NO jewelry or makeup is to be worn, and no perfume.

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 a local tuxedo retailer to be measured. If you go to an Al's Formal Wear, they have our information and you will receive a slight discount. Total cost is around \$50-\$60, and orders should be ready within three or four days.

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

We do not accept used concert attire for boys. However, we would love to have used black bow ties and cummerbunds if you would like to donate them.