

**Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas**  
**Prelude & Apprentice**  
Concert Attire Information 2021-2022

**All singers in Prelude & Apprentice must obtain a concert dress prior to the February concert. I know this seems early to order, but because of production delays, we need to schedule the fittings now. We have two variations of the girls' concert dress, to accommodate all shapes and sizes!**

**Returning Singers: PLEASE TRY ON YOUR CONCERT ATTIRE BEFORE THE FITTINGS!**  
**Check that your dress still fits appropriately (not too short, not too tight) – you haven't worn it in over a year!**

**Do not wait until the February concert**

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

**Concert Attire for Boys: Please see back – deadline to order is October 1.**

**Concert Attire for Girls:**

CCGD dress (Used \$40; new \$80) (**Fittings on August 28 and September 11**)

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:**

**Saturday, August 28 10:00-2:00 Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, 9200 Inwood Road**  
(Use Entrance A.)

**Saturday, September 11 10:00-2:00** No appointment is required.  
There is free parking at the church.

These are dress fitting days for all Prelude and Apprentice **girls**. New dresses will be ordered and delivered at rehearsal. Payment of \$80 (cash or check to CCGD) is required with your order. Used dresses, if available, are \$40 (cash or check to CCGD) 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: After these fittings, dresses will cost \$95 and fittings will be at the chorus office on a weekday during office hours (9:30 am – 4:00 pm). Contact Susan at [susan@thechildrenschorus.org](mailto:susan@thechildrenschorus.org) to schedule a fitting.*

**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.)



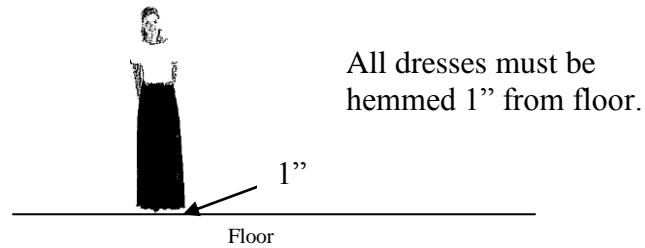
Black leather ballet slipper

**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
- Since your first concert isn't until February, wait until closer to hem the dress.
- 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! Saving as much hem as possible (up to three inches) extends the life of the dress for your singer.
- 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 many girls wear a size larger than their street clothes.



**Please dry clean or wash and press the outfit before each major performance.** If 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 **August 14th**. Garments must **have been cleaned** and be on hangers.
- 2 Include a self-addressed envelope to receive payment by mail, or
- 3 **CCGD gratefully accepts donations of used concert attire!**

### 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 dress socks – no short athletic 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. Items may have to be ordered from overseas, so **the deadline to purchase from Al's Formal Wear is October 1. Don't wait until the last minute.**

**Please dry clean or wash and press the 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.