

## **Choral Society of Greensboro Performance Dress Code**

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As an ensemble aspiring to perform the significant works of classical and contemporary choral literature, it is important for us to project an image of competency and confidence without distracting from the focus on the music. The idea is to blend as a group and never stand out as an individual.

Most amateur and professional choral groups have adopted dress codes to ensure clear guidelines that foster the desired aesthetic. The Choral Society of Greensboro embraces the established standard known as “Concert Black” which is the policy adopted by many professional and semi-professional choral groups around the world.

As one choral group in Pennsylvania describes it, the intent of a “Concert Black” dress policy is to focus on all-black attire with no adornment of any kind. “Regardless of personal style, gender, religious expression, or other factors, [Concert Black]...is formal, classy, elegant, modest, and above all, allows for comfort and freedom of movement to allow for the best possible performance.”

### **Specifics of Concert Black Dress Code for Choral Society of Greensboro**

Members may choose their concert black attire from the elements described below:

- Black dress pants, slacks, skirt, or dress (skirt length is formal/ankle length)
  - Those who want an easy option for a dress may order black skirt and blouse through the Choral Society
- Black belt for those wearing pants/slacks, etc.
- Black long-sleeved dress shirt, blouse, or dress (avoid particularly low necklines). Ensure shirts/blouses also have black buttons
- For those wearing black pants/dress shirt, a black jacket and/or black tie are allowed, but not required.
- For those wearing black dress shirts without a tie, any undershirt must be black if it is visible
- Black socks or black opaque stockings/tights
- Black dress shoes (heels are not recommended due to need for standing during performance)
- Any jewelry should be limited
- No perfumes or strong fragrances
- Cleanliness and use of deodorant is required

The following are prohibited, even if black

- Jeans, dresses less than full-length, yoga pants, shorts or other similar attire
- T-shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or crop tops
- Sports or workout shoes, flip-flops/sandals, Crocs, or black shoes with logos or colored trim
- White or colored/patterned socks, bare legs/feet
- Any jewelry or item that is reflective