2025-26 COYC Concert Attire

Whether you are new to the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus or just hit a growth spurt, many of you will need to purchase or loan new concert attire for this season. **Each family is responsible for purchasing and/or loaning concert attire for their own chorus member**. The exception to this would be families applying for financial assistance with uniform costs, in which case parents should be sure to submit the Financial Assistance Application while completing registration materials for the season.

Returning choristers should take some time in the coming week to **try on** all pieces of their concert uniform, and confirm whether everything still fits properly.

TUXEDO

- Choristers may choose to wear a **full tuxedo**, with a black lay down collar shirt. We will NOT be using the traditional white shirt worn in the past, to more closely align with recent changes in the orchestra's dress code.
- Choristers typically borrow a tuxedo from their school or community choir program.
- The Chorus Office does have a limited stock of tuxedo jackets and pants available to borrow. Please note, we d**o not have a supply of** black button down shirts.
    - A **$50 deposit** is required to borrow a tux, **$40** of which is refundable.
    - The deposit will be returned once all items are returned in the original condition at the end of the chorister's tenure with the COYC.
    - Checks are the preferred form of payment and should be made payable to **Musical Arts Association**.
    - If you wish to borrow a tuxedo, please contact Taylor Mills Logan at tlogan@clevelandorchestrs.com as soon as possible to schedule a fitting at Severance Hall.
    - We will begin scheduling fittings as soon as possible.

BLACK LAY DOWN COLLAR UNISEX DRESS SHIRT - STYLE 2109BK

Direct Link: https://formalfashionsinc.com/formalwear/shirts/style-2109bk-black-dress-shirt.html

OR:

1. Go to www.formalfashionsinc.com
2. In the search box, type ***2109BK***
3. Select ***STYLE 2109 BK- Black Dress Shirt***
4. Use the size chart, and select the size that accommodates ALL of your child's measurements

DRESS

The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus is happy to work with Formal Fashions Inc. to dress our choristers for performances. Choristers who choose to wear a concert dress, and **each chorister's family is responsible for purchasing their own garment.** This dress has NOT changed from the one we used in our 2019- 2020 season; choristers should only need to order a dress if they are new to the Youth Chorus, or if their old dress no longer fits properly.

Ordering Deadline (No Later than October 1) & Dress Hemming

- Dresses are built to order and take **several weeks** to be manufactured and shipped, so it is crucial that choristers order their dress as early as possible to ensure timely arrival.
- To accommodate our first dress service, all orders must be placed **no later than October 1.**
- Dresses must be hemmed to **2 inches from the floor when wearing dress shoes** (little-to-no heel, please).
- Dresses will be shipped **unhemmed.** Choristers will need to ensure that their dresses are hemmed **prior to our first concert**, **November 16**.
- You may hem your dress at home or hire a professional. Many dry-cleaning companies have tailoring services.

Ordering Online

The style number of the dress you will be ordering is:
3793 – Princess Style Dress
Fabric: Crepe Back Satin (Matte Finish)
Direct Link: https://formalfashionsinc.com/style-3793-princess-style-dress.html

OR

- Go to www.formalfashionsinc.com
- Enter ***3793*** into the search box in the upper right corner.
- **Two options** will appear. Select Style ***3793 – Princess Style Dress*** in black.
- Select fabric ***Crepe Back Satin (Matte Finish)***
- Do NOT select the "performance knit" option.

- **After taking measurements**, select the size that accommodates ALL measurements. (Please measure as these sizes do not always match what you might think your size is.)

Measuring

1. Click the ***Videos*** link in the navigation bar at the top of the page.
2. Scroll down to the video titled, ***How to Measure***. This video will provide detailed instructions for correctly measuring for the garment.
3. You only need to take **bust, waist, and hip** measurements.
4. Choristers should enlist another person to help with this process; taking your own measurements can be difficult and leave lots of room for error.
5. Please take new measurements for this dress, as older measurements may no longer be correct, and **do not guess** as sizing.

Sizing Chart

1. Once you have your measurements, compare them to the size chart available on the dress's product page.
2. Note that these are **not the same** as department store sizes; you **cannot** go by the size you typically wear.
3. Select the **largest size needed** to accommodate all measurements. You can always have parts of the dress taken in; it is much easier to alter a dress that is too large than one that is too small.
4. If you have questions or concerns about selecting the correct size, call 1-800-528-7909 to speak with a customer service representative. Be sure to mention that **Taylor Logan from The Cleveland Orchestra** noted that you may contact them about your uniform. They will be able to pull up the correct dress and answer questions.

Checkout Details

- When viewing your cart, the SKU for this dress should read **3793-BLK-CS**. (*3793* is the style number, *BLK* stands for *black*, and *CS* stands for *crepe back satin*.)
- List ***Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus*** under ***school/company***. Representatives at Formal Fashions are on the lookout for our members' orders to ensure that everything is ordered as specified, and to better assist you should you have any questions throughout the ordering process.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Mills Logan, Manager of Youth Choruses at tlogan@clevelandorchestra.com