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Dear NOVA Community Chorus Women-

I want to bring the appearance of our chorus women in line with the formality and uniformity of our chorus men. I asked a group of women to work on this, and they developed the following profile of appropriate concert dress. I think it will be a big improvement and I thank them for their good work.

Yours-DrW

Women's Concert Dress

Dress Options

Floor length dresses or separates (top with floor length skirt or formal dress slacks)
Floor length means to the ankle/top of the shoe.

Color

Black matte finish

Neckline

Modest, unadorned "V" Neckline--no ruffles, no flounces, no collar, no cleavage

Sleeves

Long sleeves or 3/4 sleeves

Footwear

Black shoes with black hosiery

Accessories

Jewelry should be unobtrusive--modest, not flashy.

[Purses should not be brought on stage. Options are to lock it in your car or in a room identified for such use at the performance venue. If you choose a skirt or slacks with pockets, you may be able to carry all you need there. If you are using a ring binder for your music, a pencil case clamped in with your music can hold keys, a comb and lipstick.]

The following are NOT be acceptable:

Slacks

Leggings, chinos, denim jeans, khaki-style, any pant that would expose the midriff

Fabrics

Velvet, satin/shiny fabrics, sheer/see-through fabrics like chiffon or lace, sequined fabrics, heavily patterned fabrics

Chorus members are encouraged to look at websites of vendors specializing in outfitting ensembles to get an idea of the overall look of formality we are trying to achieve. If you need to purchase garments to fit the profile, the following websites are just a few we looked at that have appropriate clothing choices. The profile is basic enough that you may be able to find "the right stuff" at a local department store. You may already own an outfit that fits the profile, or you may be able to borrow one from a friend or family member.

<http://www.formalfashionsinc.com/>

<http://www.formalwear-outlet.com/>