

SHEFFIELD PHILHARMONIC CHORUS – WOMEN’S CONCERT DRESS

It is important that all singers feel comfortable and confident in what they are wearing. The criteria for concert dress is designed to give freedom of choice and design, but there also needs to be a degree of uniformity and appropriateness to the overall appearance of the chorus and to where we sing.

BASIC OUTFIT: FORMAL EVENING WEAR

- Full length black dress, skirt or smart trousers which can be worn with ease of comfort for walking and climbing stairs.
- Long or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeved black top or tunic.
- Design to be plain (no frills & flounces)

FABRIC:

Non-patterned (unless within the weave), non-shiny and no open-weave.

HEMLINE:

Trousers, dresses and skirts **must be full-length** (ie resting on top of the foot when wearing concert shoes) – no crop or ballerina length.

NECKLINE:

Modest - not plunging (either front or back).

ACCESSORIES (optional):

Black clutch style or small evening handbag.
Discreet necklace and/or earrings.

SASHES:

The silk sashes (specialist clean) are mandatory and available at the cost of £7. To be worn over the outer shoulder, secured by a discreet gold pin/brooch.

FOOTWEAR:

Smart black shoes or smart black sandals if preferred (but worn with black/nearly black tights). No boots unless ankle length and decorative.

BLACK MUSIC FOLDER:

Regulation folder.

OTHER

Please avoid strong perfumes as they can cause problems for allergy sufferers and other people.

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