

## North Country Chorus Costumes for Spring 2017

The **WOMEN'S** costume for Spring 2017 concerts is a dress and jacket to be purchased or rented through the Costume Committee, along with black hose (NO leggings, knee highs or tights), black **DRESS** shoes, small earring (1/2" at most) and optional watch. Makeup to include blush and lipstick, mascara and liner. A **SMALL** black bag may be used (preferably one that fits in music binder) to carry cough drops, tissue, etc. Store under your chair after being seated.

**Undergarments:** A short black slip will be helpful to smooth the dress. Be mindful that the slip does not show through the slit in the back. Bras, camisoles, t-shirts are best if black, but must not be visible. Remember that the jacket is transparent, so anything with sleeves will show through.

**Alteration of Dress:** Alterations such as taking in around the arm holes and shortening shoulders should be done with a basting stitch. Hem changes are as follows: hem dress 1" from floor, wear intended shoes for measurements, hem the outside and lining **SEPARATELY**. Outer layer is to be hand stitched. Lining may be machine sewn with basting stitch. Leave at least 3" of material if you are renting the dress or intend to donate the dress to NCC in the future. If the layers are stitched together, deposit will NOT be returned and the hemming will be removed.

**Alteration of Jacket:** If sleeves need to be shortened, they can be hand rolled and hand stitched. The jacket snaps to the dress at the shoulders. Be sure you have snapped and/or ask for snapping help as the snaps will keep the jacket from wandering around.

The **MEN'S** costume for Spring 2017 concerts is a tuxedo with bow tie and cummerbund which may be rented or purchased through the Costume Committee, along with black socks and black **dress** shoes, optional rings and watches. Studs for the shirt are provided with the tuxedo. It is strongly recommended that men wear blush and a bit of lipstick as the lighting is unforgiving in our venues.

**Alteration of Trousers:** Trousers are to be hemmed to a half break (one break on top of shoe). If trouser is rented, please leave 3" of material.

<http://www.realmenrealstyle.com/mans-trousers-break/>

ALL SINGERS - Music is to be carried in a black binder/choral folio. Here are a few suggestion for a variety of folios.

<http://www.wbw.com/Search/Default.aspx?src=choral%20folio>

Please remember to NOT wear any products that have a scent. Some singers are particularly sensitive and/or allergic. Feel free to ask a member of the costume committee if you have any questions! We will be available at the concerts to assist with any last minute issues.

NCC makes a beautiful sound and will have a beautiful uniform look. It is our desire that the music will be honored and free of distractions so that our audiences, and we, can be comfortably present to enjoy and learn from our performances.

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