

Concert Dress – Northern Valley Youth Orchestras 2021-22

The following is a guide to choosing attire for formal performances. For community performances, students may be asked to wear a NVYO tshirt and jeans or black bottoms.

Goal: polished, unified orchestral appearance, no visual distractions from the performance.

Notes:

- **All concert dress items should be black and/or white. SHOES should be black.**
- NVYO has a limited number of “extra” concert dress items for students who need assistance with appropriate concert wear.
- **Also note that students are allowed to follow the guidelines for either gender,** as long as the attire chosen blends in with the ensemble and is not distracting. Please contact Naomi Welsh if you have any concerns or questions about concert dress. nwelsh@novyo.org

Concert Dress- Symphony

*All: black shoes and socks/tights. No cologne/perfume/heavy hairspray (for health/breathing reasons!) Any hair clips, etc. should be either black or a natural hair color. The goal is a unified and professional appearance, so no performer should stand out. **No glitter, sequins, sparkles etc. please, as they are distracting in stage lights, photos and recorded video.***

Male – Black tux OR black suit jacket and black dress pants; white tux or dress shirt; **black** tie/bowtie (no patterns or other colors); black socks and **black dress shoes**.

*If you are interested in owning a tux: **Tip Top Tux** (now on Columbia Rd. near Kinkos/Fedex) often extends a purchase deal to NVYO students. You must typically leave 4 weeks for ordering. Suit or tux separates are also available at JC Penney, often on sale. Your school may also have tuxes they loan out, these are usually completely fine.*

Female – ALL BLACK bottoms and black top, OR all-black dress.

Please choose items that will be comfortable to perform in. No sleeveless or backless tops/dresses - no bare legs. Choose mid-to-long sleeved top and dressy pants or a long skirt/dress with thick/opaque black tights. Unless specifically requested by conductor for the concert, no other color accents should be worn. All clothing should be dressy, not casual/lounging attire.

Concert Dress – Philharmonic

All: – ALL BLACK bottoms and black top, OR an all-black dress.

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