BLUE TIE CONCERT DRESS



In UCAC, "blue tie" means every choir member wears one or the other (your choice) of the following formalwear outfits:

Tuxedo outfit:

- Black single-breasted dinner jacket and tuxedo trousers (*not* a black business suit)
- White formal shirt (wing or spread collar is acceptable) with black, pearl/grey, or royal blue studs
- UCAC-regulation blue satin bow tie, cummerbund, and pocket square
- Black dress shoes and socks

Any jewelry or hair accessories should be black or neutral colored and not eye-catchingly sparkly or large.

Your jacket may have a peak, notch, or shawl lapel, and any number of buttons, but must be a single-breasted dinner jacket. No tailcoats, no double-breasted styles. Wear your jacket unbuttoned to show off the blue cummerbund.

Dress shoes are preferred, but if your safety and comfort require you may wear any shoes or boots that are 100% solid black. Do not wear shoes that have white, tan, or any other color laces, straps, soles, or other detailing. Do wear black socks or boots so that there is no exposed skin at your feet or ankles.

OR

Skirt/gown outfit:

- Solid black evening gown/dress or equivalent separate blouse/top and skirt, with
    - ***floor length*** skirt (at least long enough to cover your ankles and touch your shoes) or full palazzo pants/divided skirt (***not*** businesswear type trousers)
    - scoopneck top (rounded neckline, below your collarbone)
    - short-to-3/4 length sleeves
    - Any solid black fabric and any cut is acceptable provided the hem length, neckline and sleeve length meet these requirements
- UCAC-regulation blue satin scarf
- Black dressy shoes and solid, unpatterned black hosiery

Any jewelry or hair accessories should be black or neutral colored and not eye-catchingly sparkly or large; NO visible necklaces please!

By "scoopneck" we mean a rounded neckline that is low enough to expose your collarbone. No turtlenecks, shirt collars, V-necks or straight-across boatnecks. Sleeves must fully cover your shoulders and end somewhere between armpit level at the shortest, and midway between wrist and elbow at the longest; no full-length long sleeves, no tiny cap sleeves, and no sleeveless tops.

By "floor length" we mean your skirt or dress is at least long enough to cover your ankles with the bottom hem touching your shoes; a slit in the skirt is fine, but please wear solid black hose/tights/leggings under a slit skirt. Please do *not* wear a midi or tea length skirt! Very wide-legged palazzo pants are acceptable instead of a skirt, but do not wear business-style trousers, slim-leg pants nor any other style of pants that do not mimic the look of an evening gown/skirt.

There is a visual "dos and don'ts" guide for the top and skirt on the last page below.

Dress shoes are preferred, but high heels are not required, and if your safety and comfort require you may wear any shoes or boots that are 100% solid black. Do not wear shoes that have white, tan, or any other color laces, straps, soles, or other detailing. Do wear black socks, tights or hose (or boots) so that there is no exposed skin at your feet or ankles.

The blue scarf is to be worn around your neck or shoulders, not around your waist and not over your head/in your hair, but you may choose exactly how to drape or tie it.

All performers:

NO SCENTS PLEASE. Many people are sensitive or allergic to ingredients in scented products, such as perfume, after-shave, cologne, and lotions. DO NOT WEAR ANY FRAGRANCES. However, please do use deodorant.

Please no visible necklaces, and no flashy jewelry of any kind.

We encourage makeup, to help prevent all the black clothing from “washing out” your face.

If you choose to wear a face mask during the performance, use solid black (preferred) or solid white (if you need the functionality of a duckbill or other style that isn't available in black). Please no surgical blue, pink, fashion prints, etc.

Music must be in a black binder or folder, or on a black-covered tablet.

Thank you as always for your attention and cooperation to ensure we look at least as good as we sound!

Correct neckline, correct sleeve length



This is the longest allowable sleeve

This is the shortest allowable sleeve



TOO SHORT!



A true floor length skirt shows little or no shoe

This is the shortest acceptable skirt - it barely covers the ankles





Wrong sleeve length

Wrong neckline