

Concert Dress – Northern Valley Youth Orchestras

The following is a guide to choosing attire for formal performances.

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

Notes:

- **All concert dress items should be black, with exception of white shirt as part of a complete black tuxedo/suit. SHOES and SOCKS 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 asked to follow the intent and guidelines for concert dress:** that the attire chosen is formal in appearance, 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

See attached for a great graphic put together by our colleagues at the Chicago Youth Symphony! We echo their intent in providing these guidelines:

"concert dress code is designed to ensure professionalism, an ensemble that appears uniform on stage, and students' ability to perform."

*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. NO perfume, strong hairspray, or body spray/cologne as they can create problems with breathing for other performers.*** Please choose items that will be comfortable to perform in, however all clothing should be dressy, and should not be casual/lounging attire. This includes no denim, athletic clothing, or sweatshirts/sweatpants.

In addition, we want concert clothing to be affordable, for families to understand easily what is expected on stage, and for students to be able to determine the clothing choices that work best for them within the constraints of the dress code.

a) concert attire for all Philharmonic musicians is all-black dressy clothing, neck to feet, see picture below. (no denim/sweats, please)

all musicians: black hose/socks/shoes. – dress shoes. No snow boots, tennies, etc.

all musicians: NO glitter/sparkles/perfume.

b) concert attire for all Symphony musicians is EITHER

a) all-black dressy clothing, neck to feet, see picture below (no denim/sweats, please)

- OR -

b) black tux or black suit (including the black jacket) with white or black shirt.

all musicians: black hose/socks/shoes.

all musicians: NO glitter/sparkles/perfume

Notes: When NVYO's concert attire is presented as options, those are open to any musician.

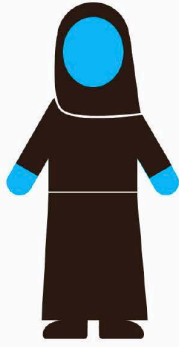
NVYO has a limited assortment of extra concert attire, please reach out if you are in need of help. Most school-issued black concert clothing should fit within our concert dress code.



Religious headwear is acceptable

A white shirt is acceptable as part of a tuxedo

Sleeves must be 3/4 length or longer



Black dress shoes are required

Legs must be all black, including pantyhose, tights, or socks.

Black tie, black bow tie, or no tie are all acceptable

What NOT to wear:



Short sleeves



Bare toes, legs, or ankles



Clothing with words or graphics



Casual or athletic wear



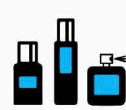
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Hats



Large accessories or clothing with colored accents



Cologne or perfume of any type