

Waco Community Band

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Formal Concert Dress Guidelines

The purpose of ensemble concert attire is to assist the listener in concentrating on the performance of the music. This is accomplished by minimizing the individuality of the performers on the stage through dress requirements that approach uniformity.

Therefore, the following suggestions are made:

- * Your clothing should not attract attention to you. We should not attempt to impress others with what we wear. In fact, the exact opposite (no attention) is the goal.
- * Part of participation in an ensemble is “group contribution.” Concerts, while important events, are not an appropriate occasion for you to express your individuality.
- * **Avoid use of perfumes/colognes.**

Men: * black tuxedo (pants, coat - no tails, no vest) or black suit
* black bow tie
* white shirt (standard or wing-tip collar)
* black cummerbund (optional use)
* black socks
* black dress shoes

Women: * all black clothing (no patterns in fabric unless barely noticeable)
* black dress shoes (flats or heels; closed-toe shoes preferred)
* black/dark hosiery
* conservative necklines
* long-sleeved dresses or shirts (to wrist; no half-sleeves)
* pants or dress/skirt (tea length or to ankle; no slits except in back of skirt)
* no sundresses or sleeveless tops/dresses unless covered by jacket
* no jewelry/pins on blouse; minimum of necklaces (must be subdued)