

Information for Choir Members



Welcome!

Congratulations! Your group has been selected to perform in the Massed Choir for Disney Parks' longest-held and most beloved holiday tradition, the 63rd year of the Candlelight Processional and Massed Choir Program. You will be performing alongside choirs from all over Florida, our 55-piece orchestra, the Voices of Liberty, and a celebrity narrator.

While we want you to have a memorable and enjoyable performance experience, "Candlelight" is a professional production, and we have high expectations of the choirs we have selected.

Important Information and Reminders

- You **must** arrive on the bus with your choir in order to perform.
- Remind friends and family that only performers, authorized chaperones, and directors are to be in the backstage area, and need a Candlelight escort to be in that area.
- Please inform all friends and family who intend to come see you perform, they **MUST** have a ticket with an EPCOT reservation to enter the park. Reserved seating for the show is **NOT** provided. They should arrive early, and wait in the queue to be seated. They may purchase a Candlelight Dining Package, which guarantees seating.
- Any personal items you bring with you will be left in the tent during your performance. There will be hundreds of people in this area so it is best not to bring any valuables!

Cell phones and smart watches will be permitted in the backstage tent area ONLY until rehearsal begins. At that time, please leave these items on your designated group table. Performers with these items on stage or in rehearsal will be removed from the performance.

- The theater for this event is an open-air facility with a covered stage. "The show must go on" and every effort will be made to perform the show, even during inclement weather, so please be prepared.
- In order to perform you must meet our performance attire guidelines.
- Most Importantly, Have Fun!



Performance Day Schedule



ARRIVAL

- Arrive at 3:00 PM or 5:00 PM depending on your show time
- Welcome to Candlelight!

SNACK TIME

- A nutritionally balanced snack box (e.g. items such as granola bars, applesauce, etc.) will be provided
- Make sure to drink plenty of water!

REHEARSAL- 30 MINUTES

- You will be called into the rehearsal tent according to voice part
- Make sure to leave cell phones and smart watches on your designated table at this time!
- You will be standing on risers, so make sure you are wearing comfortable shoes

ROBE DISTRIBUTION AND BREAK

- Utilize this time to sit

RISER LINEUP, PROCESSIONAL FORMATION AND CANDLE DISTRIBUTION

- Meet your Guest Talent Coordinators!
- You will be standing for approximately 30 minutes, so make sure you are wearing comfortable shoes. NO heels.

IT'S TIME FOR THE SHOW!

- You will be standing for approximately 60 minutes, so make sure you are wearing comfortable shoes. NO heels.

SHOW ENDS

- You will be escorted back to the tent.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND HAVE A GREAT NIGHT!

A Note about the weather

Winter weather can be unpredictable and ranges from 30°- 80°F, so please be prepared. Also, the stage can be very hot. It is usually another 10°-15° warmer on the stage. If it is a cool day, dress in layers, and leave coats and sweatshirts in the tent at your designated group table. If it is a warm day, the stage will be very hot, make sure to wear lighter breathable materials, such as cotton t-shirts and tank tops (as long as they are solid white, with no midriiffs showing).



Dress Code for Performers



HAIR

- NO EXTREME HAIR COLORS PERMITTED. MUST BE A NATURAL HAIR COLOR OR A MIXTURE OF NATURAL HAIR COLORS.

ACCESSORIES

- NO CHOKERS OR NECKLACES THAT CANNOT BE COMPLETELY HIDDEN BY THE ROBE COLLAR.
- NO MORE THAN ONE BRACELET PER ARM.
- NO MORE THAN ONE RING PER HAND NO LARGER THAN A DIME.
- NO MAGICBANDS

EARRINGS

- MAXIMUM OF TWO PER EAR. MUST BE NO LARGER THAN A QUARTER, OR DANGLE BELOW THE EAR LOBE BY MORE THAN 1".
- NO "GAUGES", "RAM HORNS" OR FACIAL PIERCINGS.



SOLID WHITE SHIRTS

- NO PRINTS OR LOGOS (OTHER THAN A SCHOOL LOGO), HIGH COLLARS OR TURTLENECKS
- T-SHIRTS AND TANK TOPS ARE ACCEPTABLE AND RECOMMENDED DURING WARMER WEATHER.
- NO BARE MIDDRIFFS

SOLID BLACK PANTS

- WE REQUIRE FULL-LENGTH, BLACK, DRESS PANTS IN GOOD CONDITION.
- NO CAPRIS, SWEATPANTS, JEANS, OR TIGHTS.
- NO RIPPED, PRINTED, FADED OR STONWASHED PANTS.
- SKIRTS ARE NOT PERMITTED. RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

BLACK HOSIERY/SOCKS

- SOCKS OR HOSIERY ARE REQUIRED AND MUST COME ABOVE THE ANKLE.

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ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

- COMFORTABLE, ALL-BLACK ATHLETIC OR DRESS SHOES
- BOOTS SHOULD BE ALL BLACK, NO VISIBLE BUCKLES, STRIPES, OR FUR THAT CANNOT BE COVERED BY THE PANTS



UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

- **HIGH HEELS (INCLUDING CHARACTER SHOES) NO HIGH HEELS ARE PERMITTED**
- SHOES WITH NON-BLACK SOLES
- NON-BLACK LACES, NON-BLACK STITCHING
- SANDALS
- OPEN TOED SHOES
- BACKLESS SHOES
- CLOGS (e.g. Crocs)
- FLIP FLOPS
- UGGS
- SHOES WITH METAL/RHINESTONE ACCENTS

All violations of the appearance guidelines will be judged by the Candlelight Production Team on a case-by-case basis.