

Sutton Choral Stage Presence Guidelines

1 Dress

Women: ALL BLACK.

LONG skirt or loose fitting trousers, black top with LONG sleeves, black tights and shoes.

Men: Dinner Jacket and trousers, white shirt, black bow tie, black shoes and socks.

NO Handbags on stage.

NO bottles of water on stage.

2 Entry onto platform

Line up in the order you have been given in rehearsal. You should have been told which line(s) go first.

Hold folder in right hand, sit as soon as you reach your seat. Refrain from talking.

Please do not cross your legs.

3 During the performance

Ensure you have all stands and sits in your score. Try and stand as one group.

During solos, if possible, look up and interested!

4 End of first half

At the interval, exit in the reverse order. Hold your score in your right hand going off. Do NOT leave it on your seat.

5 After interval as 2

6 End of the concert

At the end of the performance, remain standing until you are given the signal to sit. Do NOT clap while standing as you are taking your bow. Hold your score in your right hand at your side. Acknowledge the audience's applause with a warm, sincere smile.

When sitting you may applaud.

7 Exit

As 4, after Soloists and Conductor leave.

8 NB a copy will be kept in all folders