

Costume Shoe Guidance

Female characters – Black Character Shoes or similar style



We only have one or two pairs of these in the costume room. If you are providing your own, these do NOT need to be dance shoes (some of those can get pricey) – just shoes made in the same general style. – Try to stick to around the 2” or so heel range.

Make sure to get ones with a standard ankle strap (like pictured above).

The shoes cannot be a t-strap or another design or in a different color.

Male characters – Black or brown (depending on costume) wingtip or similar style dress shoes

We have a few pairs of these in the costume room – CHECK THESE FIRST - if you need to provide you own pair and don't already own them, THRIFT for them – new ones are usually \$\$\$.

If you have to get your own, the most important thing is the style of the sole. Many modern dress shoes have a thick sole – often made from rubber



← It's a nice shoe, but **BAD** for our purposes

Older (and higher end, today) dress shoes have a thin (and repairable) sole made from leather



What you find doesn't have to be exactly like these examples, but find a shoe with a leather or similar sole – this will almost always read perfectly fine. Avoid the rubber soles.