



## Proper attire for dance practice



- Leather soled dance shoes are highly recommended
- Character shoes can be purchased at dance stores
- A simple and inexpensive dance skirt for the choreography
- Comfortable blouse or T-shirt
- No cleavage or midriff showing



The Gala Ball is a black tie event, requiring attendees to be dressed in floor length evening gowns and tuxedos.



When the dancers are changing out of the díszmagyar they have to wear a full-length evening gown for the rest of the gala.  
No exceptions.



If in doubt -  
ask the Dress Coordinator!



## THE PALOTÁS - LADIES YOUR GUIDE FOR THE AUTHENTIC DRESS



### HUNGARIA GALA BALL

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The díszmagyar for the Palotás dance is a historical formal Hungarian dress. The Palotás dance was usually performed in courts of nobility and at elegant balls. Since both the dress and the dance are traditional and historical they need to complement each other.

A díszmagyar may be borrowed or you may decide to have one sewn.

To reserve a díszmagyar costume

- Indicate on your registration form that you require a full or partial díszmagyar
- Pay the dancer registration fee and the security deposit
- The costume coordinator will offer a couple of costumes in your size to choose from
- Dress preference will be considered but it may not be possible to fulfill

Díszmagyar dress pieces include: pártá, full-length dress, vest, a blouse with a skirt and/or apron.

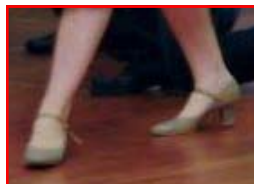


When trying on and wearing the díszmagyar be mindful of the following:

- The blouse sleeves should be puffy
- The skirt should be one inch off the floor
- If the skirt does not have a petticoat you will need to add one
- The apron needs to be secured to the dress so it does not shift while dancing
- If it has ribbons to tie at the back, it should be pressed and tied neatly in a bow
- The vest should fit well
- The pártá (headpiece) has to be securely pinned into the hair
- Its ribbons pressed and neatly tied at the nape of the neck



- White gloves should not reach higher than the elbows
- Avoid wearing jewelry over the gloves as it may slip off undetected
- Hair needs to be off the face and shoulders
- Makeup should be polished and elegant for the evening
- Polished and clean character shoes in good repair are recommended
- Shoe colour should match the skirt colour i.e. dark coloured skirt with dark shoes and light coloured skirt with light coloured shoes



To have a díszmagyar made please follow these guidelines to make your dress as authentic as possible

### Pattern

- Speak to the costume coordinator to receive instructions and advice
- Some sewing pattern books may have suitable patterns under the heading of "costume"

### Style, material and colour

- The dress and vest material should be heavier such as brocade, velvet, or raw silk
- The petticoat should be full to hold the dress out, either sewn in or separate from the dress skirt
- The skirt of the dress needs to be full and flowing
- Any rich and historical gem colour such as: red garnet, sapphire blue, emerald green, etc. Omit the use of yellows as it is not a traditional Hungarian colour
- Material may have subtle pattern
- Skirt and vest may be the same colour and material; or not. But they should coordinate

### Pártá (Headpiece)

- Request a pattern and instructions from the costume coordinator
- Same colour as the vest with ribbons to cascade down the back
- Married ladies have a short veil attached as opposed to ribbons

### Dress sleeves and apron

- Generally fashioned out of lace to complement the dress
- The sleeve length is above the elbow and puffy

### Embellishment of the vest and pártá

- It can be gold, silver, white or black cording to complement the dress colour
- Sparkling glass buttons, pearls in any combination may be used in a Hungarian pattern. Never use sequins!
- This is time consuming as it needs to be done by hand so allow plenty of time