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ABOUT THE ELIZABETHAN DINNER

What does the Elizabethan Dinner include?
The Elizabethan Dinner provides an exciting evening of holiday-themed music and theater, combined with a wonderful multi-course meal, for nearly 1,000 guests over four nights each December. Roughly 200 students from four of the Upland High School Choirs (Madrigals, Aria, Men’s Ensemble and Sonata) perform at each show.

Students are cast and elaborately costumed as members of either Queen Elizabeth’s “Royal Court,” or as “Middle Class,” or “Servants.” The Royal Court and Middle Class entertain and interact with the audience, while the servants provide the guests with food and beverages. After the dinner service is completed, the fun continues with music and dance, ending with a brief choral concert from each group.

Where is the event held?
The dinner is held at the Pacific Christian Center, located at 800 West Arrow Highway, at the southwest corner of San Antonio Avenue and Arrow Highway (just a few blocks south of Upland High School). The building we use is the largest one within the Center, and may be familiar as the one also used for crafts fairs throughout the year.

How early should we arrive?
Parking on-site is available, but is rather spread out over the grounds, and access is limited to one driveway. Allowing five to ten extra minutes for parking can eliminate stress. We try to open the doors at least 30 minutes before showtime, so that our guests can be seated in time for the performance to begin promptly. Latecomers will be seated during breaks in the performance.

Is the facility accessible?
A limited number of handicapped parking spaces are available; alternately, individuals who have difficulty walking can be delivered and picked up near the entrance of the hall. The facility is wheelchair accessible, and seating for wheelchairs can be accommodated around the edges of the room if requested in advance. Please make a note on your ticket order form if someone in your party will require wheelchair seating.
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What do people usually wear?
Dress generally ranges from holiday casual to semi-formal, though occasionally guests will choose to wear Renaissance garb. There is no strict dress code, but a sweater or light jacket is recommended, as the hall is often drafty in some areas and warm in others.

What will be served for dinner?
We consistently receive compliments on the quality of our food - our caterer (Ambassador Catering) is a wonder! For our Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening performances, they provide a multi-course meal including: whole grain bread rings with herbed cream cheese; vegetable beef soup; tossed green salad with vinaigrette dressing; rolled, stuffed pork roast with gravy, a chicken breast with lemon sauce, red potatoes and mixed vegetables; and cranberry cake with spiced, poached pears for dessert, plus Wassail (warm, spiced cider), water, and coffee (regular and decaffeinated) to drink. On Thursday night, we serve a light supper including soup, salad and a dessert for a reduced ticket price. Our ability to accommodate special dietary requests is limited. We can provide an alternative vegetarian entree (generally a small quiche) in place of the pork and chicken, and can provide chicken only (rather than pork) if requested in advance. Please indicate these requests on your ticket order form.

Can we sit wherever we like?
No. In order to accommodate all of our guests, all seating is assigned in advance and cannot be rearranged. This helps to ensure that your entire group will be seated together. If you have a request to sit near the restrooms or an exit, please indicate this on your order form and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Should we bring our children?
We have found that the dinner may be too lengthy to hold the attention of young children, and generally do not encourage attendance by children ages 8 or younger. Parents should use their discretion before attending with children aged 12 or younger - many love it, but others just cannot stay still long enough to enjoy the entire show.

How long does the show last?
The evening generally ends around 9:30, give or take 15 minutes.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to leave a message on the “Royal Hotline” at (909) 949-7880, extension 560.