

Choral Large Ensemble Assessment Stage Performance

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Event No./Time		Class		Date		
School/Name of Organization	1					
City	State	District	School Enrollment	Number of Singers		
Adjudicator will g A - Superior - "Consistently	grade principa r" B - Exce	l items A, B, C, D, dellent - "Mostly"	or E in the respective squares for C - Good - "Sometimes" D -	r each caption. - Fair - "Rarely" E - Poor - "Never"		
TONE						
☐ Characteristic sounds for age group						
☐ Control ☐ Centered, focused						
☐ Blend within sections☐ Blend in all ranges						
INTONATION						
☐ Melodic line ☐ Unison						
☐ Chords ☐ Within section						
☐ Between sections						
TECHNIQUE						
☐ Rhythmic accuracy						
☐ Note accuracy☐ Breathing and Posture☐ Precision						
☐ Diction ☐ Clarity of Consonants						
☐ Purity of Vowels☐ Naturalness						
BALANCE						
□ Blend						
☐ Melodic awareness ☐ Within sections						
☐ Within ensemble						
MUSICIANSHIP						
☐ Interpretation						
☐ Fluency ☐ Sensitivity to phrasing						
☐ Feeling of Ensemble ☐ Appropriate tempo						
☐ Use of Dynamics ☐ Artistry						
OTHER FACTORS (Chains of man	icio Instrumenti	ation Discipling Boots	ure Annearance)			
OTHER FACTORS (Choice of music, Instrumentation, Discipline, Posture, Appearance)						

Signature of Adjudicator _

Choral Large Ensemble Assessment - Stage Performance - Grading Criteria

	A – Superior "Consistently"	B – Excellent "Mostly"	C – Good "Sometimes"	D – Fair "Rarely"	E – Poor "Never"
TONE	Tone is consistently characteristic and performers match within their sections.	Tone is mostly characteristic and most performers match within their sections.	Tone is sometimes characteristic and performers do not match within their section.	Tone is rarely characteristic and weak with no tonal center; performers do not match within their section.	Tone is never characteristic and is poor due to incorrect breath support and/or undeveloped technique.
	 A centered, focused tone is consistently evident as there is control in all ranges and volumes. 	A centered, focused tone is mostly evident; however, there are occasional harsh or pinched tones due to inability to control in extreme ranges/volumes.	A centered, focused tone is sometimes evident; however, there are frequent harsh or pinched tones due to inability to control tone in extreme ranges/volumes.	A centered, focused tone is rarely evident and there are frequent harsh or pinched tones in all ranges/volumes.	A centered, focused tone is never evident and there are harsh or pinched tones in all ranges/volumes.
INTONATION	The ensemble consistently demonstrates an awareness of tuning within and between sections. Minor flaws may occur, but adjustments are made quickly as performers have a good understanding of pitch tendencies.	The ensemble mostly demonstrates an awareness of tuning within and between sections but there are numerous minor flaws. Some adjustments are made as performers have an understanding of pitch tendencies.	The ensemble sometimes demonstrates an awareness of tuning within and between sections but there are numerous flaws. Lack of correct breath support hinders characteristic tone causing some pitch discrepancies.	The ensemble rarely demonstrates an awareness of tuning within and between sections and there is an abundance of flaws that remain uncorrected. Lack of correct breath support hinders characteristic tone quality and causes many pitch discrepancies.	The ensemble never demonstrates an awareness of tuning within and between sections. Lack of correct breath support hinders characteristic tone quality and causes significant pitch discrepancies.
TECHNIQUE	 There is consistently a uniform interpretation of rhythmic patterns. 	 There is mostly a uniform interpretation of rhythmic patterns. 	 There is sometimes a uniform interpretation of rhythmic patterns. 	 There is rarely a uniform interpretation of rhythmic patterns. 	There is never a uniform interpretation of rhythmic patterns.
	 Performers consistently adhere to key signatures and sing correct notes without lapses. 	 Performers mostly adhere to key signatures and sing correct notes, with few, if any, lapses. 	Performers sometimes adhere to key signatures and sing correct notes.	Performers rarely adhere to key signatures and there are incorrectly performed notes.	Performers never adhere to key signatures and there are frequently incorrect notes.
	There is attention to correct interpretation and clarity of articulation that consistently matches across the ensemble.	There is often attention to correct interpretation and clarity of articulation that mostly matches across the ensemble.	Attention to correct interpretation and clarity of articulation is inconsistent and performers sometimes matches across the ensemble.	There is seldom attention to interpretation or clarity of articulation and performers rarely match across the ensemble.	There is never attention to interpretation or clarity of articulation.
	 Performers consistently demonstrate vocal dexterity and flexibility with only minor flaws in precision and clarity that recover quickly. 	 Performers mostly demonstrate vocal dexterity and flexibility but there are often lapses in precision and clarity that do not recover quickly. 	 Performers sometimes demonstrate vocal dexterity and flexibility but there is a consistent loss of precision and clarity that do not recover quickly. 	Performers rarely demonstrate vocal dexterity and flexibility and there is an overall loss of precision and clarity.	Precision and clarity are never present.
	 Entrances and releases consistently together. 	Entrance and releases are mostly together; there may be occasional anticipation/false entrances or individual lapses on releases.	Entrance and releases are sometimes together; there is frequent anticipation/false entrances and individual lapses on releases.	Entrances and releases are rarely together; anticipation/false entrances and individual lapses on releases are evident throughout.	Entrances and releases are never together.
	 Performers consistently display an awareness of clarity of consonants, purity of vowels, and naturalness in diction. 	 Performers mostly display an awareness of clarity of consonants, purity of vowels, and naturalness in diction. 	While performers sometimes have an awareness of clarity of consonants, purity of vowels, and naturalness between phrases. recovery takes too much time and diction is sometimes problematic.	Performers rarely have an awareness of clarity of consonants, purity of vowels, and naturalness between phrases. with little to no recovery. Diction is usually problematic.	Performers never maintain a clarity of consonants, purity of vowels, and naturalness in diction. Diction is problematic.
BALANCE	 Performers consistently achieve proper balance and blend within and across sections with only minor lapses that are quickly corrected. 	 Performers mostly achieve proper balance within and across sections but there are flaws that do not recover quickly. 	 Performers sometimes achieve balance and blend within and across sections, but it is limited due to timbre differences caused by poor tone production. 	Performers rarely achieve balance and blend due to timbre differences caused by poor tone production.	Performers never achieve balance and blend.
BA	 Performers consistently show an awareness of melody. 	 Performers mostly show an awareness of melody. 	 Performers sometimes show an awareness of melody. 	 Performers rarely show an awareness of melody. 	Performers never show an awareness of melody.
MUSICIANSHIP	 Performers consistently achieve meaningful and expressive phrasing through the shaping of musical passages. 	 Performers mostly achieve meaningful and expressive phrasing through the shaping of musical passages, but there are minor flaws that detract from the performance. 	 Performers sometimes achieve a degree of musical expression through the occasional shaping of musical passages. 	Performers rarely achieve musical expression, and attempts are rarely made to shape the melodic line.	Performers never achieve musical expression, and attempts are never made to shape the melodic line.
	 Interpretation, style and tempos are consistently appropriate 	 Interpretation, style, and tempos are mostly appropriate. 	 Interpretation, style, and tempos are sometimes appropriate. 	 Interpretation, style, and tempos are rarely appropriate. 	 Interpretation, style, and tempos are never appropriate.
	 Dynamic contrast is consistently obvious and effective 	 Dynamic contrast is mostly obvious and effective. 	Dynamic contrast is sometimes obvious and effective.	Dynamic contrast is rarely obvious and effective.	Dynamic contrast is never obvious and effective.