

Music — Strings Solo

Name _____ City ____ Grade Level: JH SH

Composition Title ______ Composer ______

Time _____ (A five point penalty is deducted from total score if performance violates the 8-minute time limit.) 🗖 Bowed 🛛 Plucked

| Factors Evaluated | Poor 4 points | Fair, Average 5-6 points | Good, Above Average 7-8 points | Excellent, Superior 9-10 points |
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| TONE and INTONATION | Does not demonstrate proper tone quality; consistent problems with plucking of strings; poor bow control 4 | Rarely demonstrates proper tone qual- ity; frequent problems with plucking of strings; inconsistent bow control 5 6 | Mostly demonstrates proper tone quali- ty; mostly avoids inconsistent tones of strings; mostly consistent bow control 7 8 | Demonstrates proper tone quality; con- sistent beautiful and clear timbre; focused and consistent sounds; excellent bow con- trol 9 10 |
| TECHNIQUE | Does not demonstrate proper tech- nique or articulation; frequent slips with poor recovery 4 | Occasional sections do not demon- strate proper technique or articulation; occasional slips with some recovery 5 6 | Mostly demonstrates proper technique or articulation; recovered from slips with average poise and technique 7 8 | Excellent demonstration of proper tech- nique or articulation; recovered from slips seamlessly 9 10 |
| ARTICULATION and RHYTHM | Inaccuracy of notes; poor articula- tion; lack of rhythmic precision 4 | Occasional inaccuracy of notes; occa- sional inaccurate articulation and rhythm 5 6 | Mostly accurate in notes and articula- tion; rhythm is mostly consistent 7 8 | Consistent accuracy of notes, articulation, and rhythm 9 10 |
| INTERPRETATION | Lacks dynamic contrast; poor phras- ing; improper interpretation of tem- po 4 | Little dynamic contrast, proper phras- ing, and appropriate tempos; no obvi- ous styling 5 6 | Mostly accurate in use of dynamics; tempo and phrasing often appropriate; styling is sometimes communicated 7 8 | Sensitive use of dynamics and tempo; ap- propriate phrasing; styling communicated consistently 9 10 |
| MUSICIANSHIP | Poorly communicates artistry or mes- sage; lacks proper interpretation of mood and emotion 4 | Inconsistently communicates artistry or message; occasionally lacks proper interpretation of mood and emotion 5 6 | Mostly communicates proper artistry or message; mostly demonstrates proper interpretation of mood and emotion 7 8 | Excellently communicates proper artistry or message; demonstrates proper interpre- tation of mood and emotion 9 10 |
| PRESENTATION | Inappropriately dressed ; lack of ease and confidence; poor posture; poor positioning of instrument; composi- tion introduction lacked volume or quality 4 | Distracting inconsistencies in dress and style; average posture; inconsistent in instrument position; composition in- troduction inconsistent in volume and quality 5 6 | Dress is not distracting; instrument is mostly positioned correctly; mostly good posture; composition introduction could be heard 7 8 | No distracting elements; instrument is positioned correctly; performs with ease and confident; excellent posture; composi- tion introduction was strong in volume and quality 9 10 |
| SELECTION | Music not appropriate for festival; too easy or too difficult for performer 4 | Some parts suitable but does not match abilities in every part 5 6 | Selection mostly appropriate; mostly matches performer's abilities 7 8 | Selection appropriate in style and difficulty 9 10 |
| Comments: | | | | |

64-70.....1 Rating

Points Total 57-63.....2 Rating

50-56.....3 Rating

Total Points 70 Possible

Judge's Signature