

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
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