

TEXAS STATE GERMAN CONTEST

Chorus

Critique Sheet

School: _____

Judges' Names: _____

Number of singers: _____ Beginning time: _____ Ending time: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES: Please make sure you have read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet.

RULES

Entry Limit: One chorus per school: 4 – 12 singers

Time Limits: 5 - 10 minutes, with a 30-second grace period

The piece(s) must be chosen from German-speaking composers and be recognized works of music. Song(s) must be classical and/or folk. A performance may consist of one song or a medley of songs and singers may use pantomime and choral reading to enhance their production. Song(s) must be sung in German and must be memorized. Groups are responsible for their own accompaniment, whether recorded or live, or may sing *a cappella*. No instruments or audio-players will be provided at the contest site. Two copies of the **sheet music (notes and lyrics)** must be provided for the judges.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. **Selection, Preparation, and Memorization:** The selection is interesting and appropriate; logical transitions between songs (if applicable); all the contestants are well memorized; all the above-listed rules are followed. (0-20 points)
2. **Pronunciation and Tone:** The contestants' pronunciation of the German language is correct and understandable; the intonation is characteristically German. (0-20 points)
3. **Voice and Diction:** The contestants enunciate; their voices are clear and audible. The contestants maintain pitch and good balance of sound/vocal parts. (0-20 points)
4. **Interpretation:** The contestants observe dynamics and use changes in volume, rate, and inflection as appropriate. Contestants display feeling and musicianship. (0-20 points)
5. **Overall Effect:** The contestants create and maintain a mood and have spirit; they maintain character/poise and have showmanship; costumes and/or make-up (if any) enhance rather than distract; the performance leaves a lasting impression. (0-20 points)

TOTAL POINTS: (100 possible) _____

MORE COMMENTS TO HELP THE CONTESTANTS (Write on the back if necessary.)