

Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association Poetry Interpretation

Performer _____ School Number _____

Title/Author of Selection _____

Judge _____ Time of Performance _____

Type of Round:	Prelim			Semis			Finals		
Ranking in Round: <i>(No Ties with Ranking.)</i>	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
Rating of Performance:	Superior			Excellent		Good		Fair	Poor

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Rules: If a rule is broken, judge should lower performers one ranking and rating

- *The selection should be poetic in form and have quality and aesthetic value.
 - *If the reader chooses two or more short poems, they should have a common theme or author.
 - *Reader must use script, which should be in a performance notebook.
 - *An introduction should be presented in a creative manner explaining poem or linking poems together.
 - *Title(s) and author(s) must be stated in the introduction.
 - *Reader should have no movement below the waist during presentation.
 - *Time limit, inclusive of introduction, is 4-6 minutes.
- * Note: It is the expectation that performances are the artistic creation of the performer(s). It is plagiarism to copy a performance in detail from a video online. If there is suspicion of plagiarism, please be prepared to cite the source that was copied and consult with the tournament director. The tournament director will then consult with the coach of the performer(s) concerning consequences, which may result in their disqualification from the tournament.*

Criteria	Not Evident	Needs Improvement	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Reader does not show heavy dependence on script directing their attention toward giving meaning to the material.					
Poems are appropriate for reader and audience.					
Reader provides proper interpretation of author's intent and clearly communicates author's intent to audience.					
Reader provides proper transitions between introduction & selection, & if more than one poem is used, reader provides proper transitions between poems.					
Reader handles manuscript in a way that is not distracting to audience or takes away from reader's interpretation.					
Appropriate body language is used during presentation.					
Appropriate gestures are used during presentation.					
Appropriate eye contact is given to the audience.					
Appropriate facial expressions are used during presentation.					
A wide variety of attitudes and voices are used to enliven the presentation.					
Articulation and diction are clear.					
Projection of voice is appropriate for audience and presentation area.					
Appropriate rate changes are used during presentation.					
Appropriate phrasing and pauses are used during presentation.					
Inflection and voice flexibility are evident during presentation.					
Reader displays confidence and professionalism during presentation.					
Reader enters/exits presentation area / round in a professional manner.					

Strengths / Weaknesses:

Judge's Signature