

PERFORMANCE LEVEL GUIDELINES – A+ TO A-

SOUND CATEGORY		
<u>A+ LEVEL (94-100)</u>	<u>A LEVEL (86-93)</u>	<u>A- LEVEL (80-85)</u>
Complete mastery of vocal skills demonstrated Tuning of all chords is instant and impeccable Flawless delivery of vowels with matched resonance Barbershop balance is instinctive and always present Seamless vocal lines appear to float on a pillar of energy Artistry and finesse epitomize the barbershop style Performance completely transcends technique	Exceptional mastery of vocal skills demonstrated All chords instantly tuned into locked, ringing unit Vowels consistently produced with matched resonance Balance maintained at all dynamic levels and ranges Seamless vocal lines consistently energized and flowing Strong sense of barbershop style with artistry and finesse Performance consistently transcends technique	High level of proficiency in vocal skills demonstrated Chords usually tuned into locked, ringing unit Vowels usually produced with matched resonance Balance usually maintained throughout performance Vocal lines usually seamless and fully energized Strong sense of barbershop style usually evident Performance usually transcends technique
MUSIC CATEGORY		
<u>A+ LEVEL (94-100)</u>	<u>A LEVEL (86-93)</u>	<u>A- LEVEL (80-85)</u>
Highly creative arrangement of strong barbershop song Complete mastery of vocal skills demonstrated Tuning of all chords is instant and impeccable Interpretive plan captures essence of barbershop style Interpretive plan flawlessly executed Artistry and finesse epitomize the barbershop style. Performance completely transcends technique	Creative arrangement of strong song Exceptional mastery of vocal skills demonstrated All chords instantly tuned into locked, musical unit Interpretive plan fully supports song and arrangement High level execution of interpretive plan Strong sense of barbershop style with artistry and finesse Performance consistently transcends technique	Strong song, arrangement shows some creativity High level of proficiency in vocal skills demonstrated Chords usually tuned into locked, musical unit Creative interpretive plan appropriate to song Strong execution of interpretive plan Strong sense of barbershop style usually evident. Performance usually transcends technique
EXPRESSION CATEGORY		
<u>A+ LEVEL (94-100)</u>	<u>A LEVEL (86-93)</u>	<u>A- LEVEL (80-85)</u>
Complete mastery of vocal skills demonstrated Exemplary performance of open, matched vowels Flawless unit word delivery Flawless execution of masterful interpretive plan Excellent use of barbershop style and vocal drama Strong emotional communication captivates audience Performance fully transcends technique	Exceptional mastery of vocal skills demonstrated Vowels and diphthongs fully matched and resonated Total unity evident in word delivery Excellent interpretive plan consistently performed as unit Artistic use of stylistic elements and vocal textures Strong character and genuine involvement in message Performance consistently transcends technique	High level of proficiency in vocal skills demonstrated Vowels consistently matched as a unit Consistent vertical alignment of word elements Minor flaws in execution of strong interpretive plan Strong sense of unit delivery in barbershop style High degree of involvement in character and message Performance usually transcends technique
SHOWMANSHIP CATEGORY		
<u>A+ LEVEL (94-100)</u>	<u>A LEVEL (86-93)</u>	<u>A- LEVEL (80-85)</u>
Complete mastery of vocal skills demonstrated Superb command of the stage Strong theatrical skills used to project character of story Audience totally captivated throughout Energized visual performance breathtaking! Impeccable visual plan supports and enhances music Performance completely transcends technique	Exceptional mastery of vocal skills demonstrated Total command of the stage Complete involvement in character of story High degree of audience rapport High level of energy exudes joy of performing Strong visual plan reinforces musical plan Performance transcends technique most of the time	High level of proficiency in vocal skills demonstrated Poised and confident stage persona Character and personality well defined and projected Strong rapport with audience High degree of energy consistently demonstrated Visual plan works well to enhance musical plan Fleeting moments of technique evident