

HOUSTONFEST

Duet Acting Critique Sheet

Contestants: _____ Circle level: **Lower** **Upper**

School: _____ Title of selection: _____

Judge's initials: _____ Beginning time: _____ Ending time: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

Please read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet.

RULES

Entry Limit: 2 Lower Level pairs (German I-II) and 2 Upper Level pairs (German III-V) per school

Time Limits: Lower Level 1: 3-5 minutes Upper Level: 5-7 minutes

Contestants have a 30-second grace period (under or over).

This competition follows the basic rules of the National Forensic League, which include the following: The 2 contestants may use no more than 2 chairs, no other props, and no costumes; may only pantomime actions; must have a memorized introduction in German; may have no prompting; must use a piece from a published work (including movie or television transcriptions) by a German-speaking author (no translations); must have 2 copies of this piece for the judges; and must adhere to the time limits set forth above with a 30-second grace period (under or over). The merit of the selection will be a criterion in judging. Duets may not be excerpts from a skit or puppet show in which the contestants are performing.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. **Selection and preparation:** The selection is interesting and at the appropriate difficulty level; the contestants know their lines well and give an appropriate memorized introduction. (0-20 points)
2. **Pronunciation:** 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; they use changes in volume, rate, pitch, and inflection. (0-20 points)
4. **Blocking, movement, and characterization:** The blocking is adequate and motivated; the actors are poised and avoid unnecessary movements; the contestants clearly and accurately develop the characters without aid of props or costumes. (0-20 points)
5. **Overall effect:** The contestants create and maintain a mood; they maintain character and pace; 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.)