

# HOUSTONFEST

## Photography Critique Sheet

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's initials: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

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

### RULES

Entry Limit: 2 entries per school (Entries consist of a single student's work – NO group entries. Photos must be submitted by two different contestants.)

Size Limits: 5" x 7" minimum

Entries consist of 1 photograph, which may include 1 image or multiple images. Image(s) must be original and taken by the contestant. Images taken from the Internet or any other source are unacceptable. Image(s) may be either black-and-white or color, or a combination of both. The photo must be matted and/or framed. The photo must have a German theme, which may be candid or staged. The name of the contestant, the school, and the city must be on the back of the matte/frame. For all images used, additional documentation must include 4" x 6" original, unaltered photo(s) indicating when and where taken.

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. **Originality and Creativity:** Imagery is revealing of Germanic culture/flair in a creative way. Elements within the imagery have purpose. (0-20 points)
2. **Composition:** The photo exhibits elements of design and thought in how it is composed. (0-20 points)
3. **Detail and Clarity:** The subject of the photo is in focus. Depth of field and background complement the subject. There is no evidence of errors or distortion. (0-20 points)
4. **Presentation:** The photo may show unexpected or well-executed use of software or other photographic capabilities. The photo is mounted professionally and creatively. (0-20 points)
5. **Overall Appearance/Quality:** The photo looks professional, really catches your eye. The photo could be seen as part of an art exhibit or a print that someone might purchase. (0-20 pts)

**TOTAL POINTS:** (100 possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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