



SCORE SHEET EXPLANATION

JAZZ CATEGORY

Jazz encompasses any range of jazz movement including but not limited to traditional jazz, contemporary, lyrical, musical theatre jazz, and jazz funk. Important characteristics include stylized dance movements and combinations, visual effects, and technical elements. Emphasis is placed on proper technical execution, control, musical interpretation, and team uniformity.

EXECUTION

EXECUTION OF MOVEMENT – This caption focuses on proper placement, control, and completion of movement as well as posture and alignment. Movement should have strength but in a smooth and elastic way.

EXECUTION OF SKILLS – This caption focuses on the proper execution of technical skills including the approach and completion of skills. Examples of technical skills can include but are not limited to turns, leaps, jumps, kicks, and lifts.

SYNCHRONIZATION/UNIFORMITY – This caption focuses on how well the team moves as a group as well as the accuracy of timing throughout.

SPACING – This caption focuses on consistent and even spacing throughout the routine including transitions.

CHOREOGRAPHY

CREATIVITY/MUSICALITY – This caption focuses on the creativity of the choreography including originality, innovation, and artistry. Choreography should use the intricacies of the music to ensure a cohesive and complementary routine.

ROUTINE STAGING – This caption focuses on utilization of a variety of formations, unique and seamless transitions, and the performance area as a whole.

COMPLEXITY OF MOVEMENT – This caption focuses on the intricacy and variety of movement including but not limited to tempo changes, weight changes, footwork, and full body movement.

DIFFICULTY OF SKILLS – This caption focuses on the degree of difficulty of technical skills as well as the number of dancers performing each skill. Examples of technical skills can include but are not limited to turns, leaps, jumps, kicks, and lifts.

OVERALL

COMMUNICATION/PROJECTION – This caption focuses on the genuine use of projection and expression to convey the intended emotion/story/concept of the routine to the audience.

OVERALL IMPRESSION – This caption focuses on the appropriateness of the routine and the cohesiveness of the music, choreography and costuming while fulfilling the category description.