



# CARMEN SHOWCHOIR SCORING

## Music

### **Tone & Technique**

*Demonstration of breath support, lack of tension, focus, resonance, tone quality, and other techniques associated with trained singing*

### **Intonation**

*Choir is in tune when singing in unison and in parts*

### **Balance & Clarity**

*Relative volume of voice parts and individuals is well proportioned, unobtrusive, and is perceptible throughout venue, achieved by combination of tone, intensity, and articulation*

### **Blend**

*Unification of vowels and tone quality are achieved with placement and conformity*

### **Dynamics**

*Dynamic contrast is appropriate and used with control*

### **Diction**

*Lyrics are understood; consonants and vowels are natural and appropriate*

### **Rhythm & Precision**

*Choir demonstrates rhythmic integrity, synchronized onsets, and uniform releases*

### **Musicality & Interpretation**

*Elements of phrasing, sensitivity, and nuance are present*

### **Stylistic Authenticity**

*Ensemble uses distinctive sounds according to song genre choice*

### **Consistency**

*Unification and conformity of good vocal technique is maintained throughout performance*

### **Difficulty**

*Level of skill and work needed to successfully perform music*

### **Innovation**

*Materials pertaining to Music are creative, effective, and original*

### **\*Accompaniment**

*Accompaniment facilitates and enhances all aspects of Music*

## Show

### **Staging**

*Ensemble achieves spacing and layering that compliment visual effect of performance*

### **Stylistic Authenticity & Content**

*Ensemble fully performs distinctive aesthetic movements according to song genre choice*

### **Appearance**

*Ensemble's costuming and grooming are assembled well and enhance presentation*

### **Transitions & Pacing**

*Performance flow is uninterrupted and reaches peak*

### **Precision & Execution**

*Choreography and movements are presented with energy and commitment, and are rhythmically synchronized throughout the ensemble*

### **Poise**

*Ensemble demonstrates professionalism and confidence*

### **Communication & Expression**

*Emotion, characterization, and intent are clear, true, and believable*

### **Objectives & Atmosphere**

*Performers create cohesive environment that engages audience*

### **Entertainment Value**

*Ensemble's presentation of choreography, costuming, accompaniment, and, if present, sets, props, and special effects combine to enhance performance*

### **Consistency**

*Unification and conformity of quality dance technique is maintained throughout performance*

### **Difficulty**

*Level of skill and work needed to successfully perform show*

### **Innovation**

*Materials presented in Show are creative, effective, and original*

### **\*Accompaniment**

*Accompaniment facilitates and enhances all aspects of Show*

\*Optional additional category