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## Musical Theatre – Duet/Group Performance

In a musical theatre duet/group performance, the entrants must present one musical selection from a published script written for musical theatre. The judges will consider how well the piece is acted, not only how well it is sung. The selection may contain dialogue; however, this is primarily a “sung and not spoken” selection.

A musical theatre duet is defined as a musical theatre performance for two players. A musical theatre group scene is defined as a musical theatre performance for three to 16 players. In each case, every participant must be actively involved in the scene chosen for performance.

In Musical Theatre – Duet/Group Performance, the skills measured are:

- Use of transitions into and out of character
- Ability to create a believable character
- Communication of objective, tactics, and relationships through dialogue and music
- Use of focus and concentration
- Vocal skill and technique
- Use of dance and movement
- Integration of voice, body, movement, and staging

In a Musical Theatre – Duet/Group Performance, the entrants must follow these guidelines:

- Begin with an introduction (slating). The introduction must include only:
  - The entrant’s names
  - Title of selection
  - Name of the composer and lyricist
  - Troupe number (optional)
- Remain within strict time limits:
  - After the introduction (slating), time begins with the first word or acting action (if it precedes the first word).
  - Musical theatre duet/group performances are not to exceed 5 minutes.
- Appropriate material:
  - Each participant must be actively involved in the performance.
  - Prior to the event, validate the material using the [guidelines for acceptable/unacceptable material](#).
- Follow strict limits on musical accompaniment:
  - Performers **MUST** use pre-recorded, non-vocal musical accompaniment; no live music is permitted.
  - Accompanists are not permitted.
  - A cappella performances are not permitted.
- Entrants will present themselves as a blank slate, refraining from clothing or accessories that distract from the character. Follow strict limits on clothing and props:
  - Props (including hand-held props), costumes, or theatrical makeup are not allowed.
  - For a duet musical theatre performance, two chairs may be safely used.
  - For a group musical theatre performance, one table and up to six chairs may be safely used.
  - Entrants must wear all black. **Clothing and shoes must be all black.** Any visible color, including white, will result in a disqualification.
  - Clothing should be professional yet allow easy movement for the actors to accommodate the action of the performance.
  - Entrants should refrain from wearing anything that might distract the adjudicators.
  - Failure to follow any of the guidelines in this document will result in a disqualification.

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- Follow COVID-19 safety guidelines:
    - If performing in the same space and actors are six feet apart, masks are not required.
    - If performing in the same space and actor are less than six feet apart, masks are required.