Independent World Class guards demonstrate virtuosic and standard-setting qualities in repertoire and performance. Sophisticated challenges emphasize the physical and mental capabilities of these more mature performers.

Stylistic diversity is to be encouraged with all choices given equal potential for success.

# Repertoire Effect

## Score

100

#### Whose repertoire contained the greater:

- Program concept and production values
- Dramatic contour and pacing of planned effects
- Effective craftsmanship and design of equipment, movement, and staging
- Range and variety of effects: aesthetic, emotional, intellectual
- Visual musicality/mood
- Effective use of programmatic risk and difficulty considering safety and compatibility

Box 1	Box 2		Box 3		Box 4			Box 5			Box 6		
0 to 6	7	14	22	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	93	96	99 to 100
Seldom Experiences  O to 6	Rarely Discovers 7 to 29		Sometimes Knows 30 to 59		Frequently Understands 60 to 89		Always Applies <b>90 to 98</b>		Sets New Standards 99 to 100				

### Performance Effect

#### Score

100

#### Whose performers better:

- Embodied/sustained character, role, identity, style
- Delivered/sustained dramatic contour and planned effects
- Demonstrated excellence as an effect
- Engaged the audience through a range and variety of effects
- Established/sustained designed mood, artistic qualities, and visual musicality
- Demonstrated authenticity and believability as a result of emotional maturity

#### Sub Caption Spread Guidelines

Insignificant Differences	Slight Differences	Moderate Differences	Significant Differences
0 to 1 tenth	2 to 3 tenths	4 to 6 tenths	7 or more tenths

### TOTAL

200

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#### WGI GENERAL EFFECT INDEPENDENT WORLD CLASS

Box 1 Seldom Experiences	Box 2 Rarely Discovers	Box 3 Sometimes Knows		Box 4 Frequently Understands	Box 5 Always Applies	Box 6 New Standards	
0 to 06	07 to 29	30 to 59	POINTS OF	60 to 89	90 to 98	99 to 100	
0 3 6	7 13 14 21 22 29	30 39 40 49 50 59	COMPARISON	60 69 70 79 80 89	90 92 93 95 96 98	99 100	
	UNT OF CRITERIA MET/ AMOUNT OF TIME	SOME/SOME MOST/MOST ALL/ALL/ TO 4 SOME/SOME		SOME/ MOST/ ALL/ALL TO 5 SOME/SOM	SOME/ HOST/ ALL/ALL	5 ALL/ALL + 6 ALL/ALL	
	REPERTOIRE I	FFECT -AT AN ADVANC	ED/VIRTUOSIC 1	TO STANDARD-SET			
	Undeveloped, some thought and clarity. Some creativity with unsophisticated concepts. Minimal or growing PV. Incomplete program limits scoring potential.	<ul> <li>Clear, moderately developed, with adequate, although unsophisticated, creativity.</li> <li>Generally successful PV provides moderate enhancement.</li> <li>Program may still be a work in progress.</li> </ul>	PROGRAM CONCEPT AND PRODUCTION VALUE	Strong and well developed.  Concepts, while excellent, may not explore new realms of creativity.  Strong attention to detail and PV enhance the program	Superb and fully developed.  Superior concepts explore new realms of creativity and imagination  Consistently successful and effective PV provides constant enhancement.		
• Pacing is attempted, at times engaging.		Mostly successful and moderately engages the audience.	DRAMATIC CONTOUR AND PACING OF PLANNED EFFECTS	Consistently successfirmed guides the audience through intended aesthetic, emotional, and intellectual responses	Completely successful in producing optimum intended impact.	dards.	
The program is unclear and under developed.	Some fundamentals, often weak, occasionally depict the concept and create effect. Coordination is attempted. Crafting of EQ and MV phrases is not apparent.	Proper fundamentals of EQ/MV design, staging, and coordination yield moderate effect.  Crafting of EQ and MV phrases is apparent and moderately effective.  Some moments of unique and effective design	EFFECTIVE CRAFTSMANSHIP AND DESIGN OF EQ, MVT, AND STAGING	Reflects a mature understanding of repertoire design and crafting of phrase.  Excellent range and variety, with consistent quality and interest.	An unparalleled profusion of creative and effective design, combining optimum quality, originality, variety, and detailed crafting of phrase.	• Sets new standards.	
• The pro	Sometimes attempted, at times engaging.	Moderately with mostly successful responses.	RANGE AND VARIETY OF EFFECTS: AESTHETIC/ EMOTIONAL/ INTELLECTUAL	Excellent and consistently successfu in guiding the audience through the intended responses.			
	• Sporadic.	Usually successful in guiding the audience through the program intent.	VISUAL MUSICALITY/ MOOD	<ul> <li>Always successful in guiding the audience through the program intent.</li> </ul>	Maximized, producing full effect.		
	• Minimal.	• Moderate.	EFFECTIVE USE OF DIFFICULTY AND RISK	• Strong.	• Superb.		
PERFOR	RMANCE EFFECT - AT AN	ADVANCED/VIRTUOSIC	TO STANDARD-	SETTING LEVEL, W	HOSE PERFORMERS	BETTER:	
	<ul> <li>Occasional or inconsistent.</li> <li>The program may limit the opportunity to demonstrate skills.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An average range is understood and moderately successful.</li> <li>Program may be a work in progress, but provides adequate opportunity.</li> </ul>	ENGAGED THE AUDIENCE THROUGH A RANGE AND VARIETY OF EFFECTS	A broad range is understood and consistently achieved	A broad range throughout, with maximized manipulation of audience response.		
in creating	<ul> <li>A fair understanding, although may be sporadic in their definition and inclusion.</li> </ul>	Aware, with moderate achievement most of the time.	EMBODIED/SUSTAINED CHARACTER/ROLE/ ID/STYLE	Strong awareness and consistency.	Superlative achievement of a broad range		
involvement motion.	Occasional or inconsistent.	Developing, with some consistency from section to section and moment to moment.	DELIVERED/ SUSTAINED THE DRAMATIC CONTOUR & PLANNED EFFECTS	Strong and consistent from section to section and moment to momer	Sets new standards.		
• There is a lack of performer involvement in creating audience engagement and emotion.	Occasional or inconsistent.	Developing, with some consistency from section to section and within the show.	ESTABLISHED/ SUSTAINED DESIGNED MOOD, ARTISTIC QUAL AND VIS MUSICALITY	Strong and consistent from section to section and moment to momer		• Sets new	
	Occasional or inconsistent.	Aware, with moderate achievement for longer periods of time.	DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENCE AS AN EFFECT	Strong and consistent from section to section and moment to momer			
	Occasional or inconsistent.	Developing, with some consistency from section to section and within show	DEMONSTRATED AUTHENTICITY AND BELIEVABILITY AS A RESULT OF EMOTIONAL MATURITY	Strong and consistent from section to section and moment to momen			