

# Science Olympiad, February 23, 2002

## Sounds of Music C: Judging sheet

\_\_\_\_\_ School name

Place a checkmark or X in all circles (○) when you have inspected that the instruments satisfy the stated conditions. Score the students by entering a number before the slash in each scoring box 

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 /  $n$  where  $n$  is the maximum number of points for that category.

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| 3 | One octave exactly            |
| 4 | Up to an octave and a fifth   |
| 5 | More                          |

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 / 3 Sound quality compared to standard instruments:

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
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| 3 | Pretty good |

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 / 2 Pitch accuracy for  $F_5$

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 0 | Could not tell pitch         |
| 1 | More than a quarter-tone off |
| 2 | Within a quarter-tone        |

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## Theory

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Ask questions as necessary to establish their understanding of music science. (30 points total; either student can answer)

/ 6 What is sound, and how do your instruments produce it? (Full-credit answer must mention vibration and resonance)

/ 4 How do you change the pitch?

/ 2 How do you change the volume?

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- / 5 If  $A_4$  is 440 Hz, what is the frequency of  $A_5$ ?
- / 3 If a guitar string is tuned to  $C_6$ , what note will that same string produce at the same tension if it is  $\frac{1}{3}$  as long?

### *Team performance of Ode to Joy (3 minutes total)*

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- / 1 Range as given, or transcription provided if transposed
- / 1 Steady tempo
- / 2 Tempo matching between players
- / 3 Intonation
- / 3 Expression

### *Team performance, student's choice (3 minutes total)*

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- / 1 Legible transcription
- / 1 Tempo steady
- / 1 Tempo matching between players
- / 2 Intonation
- / 2 Expression
- / 3 Difficulty
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | <i>Mary had a little lamb</i> or easier |
| 2 | Reasonable                              |
| 3 | Complex                                 |

## Team scoring

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<div>/ 10</div>	Originality/creativity
0–4	Fundamental design flaws
5	Decent copies of an existing design in the same material
10	Would require all of: novel or unique materials (2); novel or unique design (3)
<div>/ 10</div>	Variety
2	Same instrument type
4	Same family, different type
10	Different families
<div>/ 10</div>	Workmanship
0–4	Did not survive the demonstration in working order
5	Ugly but it worked
10	Would require all of: high quality materials (1); beautiful fabrication and finish (3); decorative touches (1)

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Judge's signature