

Short Film

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Student(s):

School:

Selection:

Troupe:

SKILLS	4 Superior Above standard	3 Excellent At standard	2 Good Near standard	1 Fair Aspiring to standard	SCORE
Storytelling Visual development of story and dialogue; opening and closing titles, credits, graphics, and animations; conclusion.	Story is well organized, fully developed, and compelling; visuals and dialogue seamlessly advance the narrative to enhance the audience connection to the plot and character(s); choice of opening and closing titles, credits, graphics, and animations enhance and support film's message; ending concisely resolves the central conflict.	Story is well organized, and engaging; visuals and dialogue advance the narrative and the audience connection to the plot and characters; choice of opening and closing titles, credits, graphics, and animations support the film's message; distinct conclusion.	Story is somewhat organized and mostly developed; visuals and dialogue are moderately effective in advancing the narrative and the audience connection to the plot and characters; choice of opening and closing titles, credits, graphics, and animations inconsistently support the film's message; conclusion is somewhat unclear .	Story is disorganized and/or difficult to follow; minimal use of visual cues and weak dialogue fail to develop the narrative or produce an audience connection; choice of opening and closing titles, credits, graphics, and animations do not support the film's message; conclusion is lacking or unclear .	
Comment:					
Cinematography and Audio Integrated use of camera, lighting, and sound.	Scenes/characters are skillfully shot or framed and align with filmmaker's vision; lighting exposure and camera movement/angles are purposefully chosen to enhance performances and advance the story; music (if applicable) underscores action and offers clues to character/ plot; sound levels are consistently even and well metered.	Scenes/characters are appropriately shot or framed and align with filmmaker's vision; lighting exposure and camera movement/angles are purposefully chosen to advance the story; music (if applicable) is appropriate to the story; sound levels are mostly even and well metered.	Inconsistent use of appropriate shots or framing and lighting exposure do not align with filmmaker's vision; camera movement/angles sometimes advance the story visually; some music (if applicable) is appropriate to the story; sound level errors are evident .	Most scenes/characters are not shot or framed properly, are under or over exposed, and do not align with filmmaker's vision; scenes include multiple errors in camera movement/angles; music (if applicable) deducts from rather than supports the story; sound levels are inconsistent .	
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Editing Editing skills; scene length and flow.	Purposeful continuity in editing produces well-composed transitions that enhance scene flow, audience engagement, and narrative; scene length and flow purposefully and effectively lead audience from one focal point to another while consistently maintaining physical/spatial relationship of the narrative.	Continuity in editing produces composed transitions that enhance scene flow, audience engagement, and narrative; scene length and flow effectively lead audience from one focal point to another while consistently maintaining physical/spatial relationship of the narrative.	Inconsistent continuity in editing produces transitions that disrupt scene flow, audience engagement, and narrative; scene length and flow sometimes lead audience from one focal point to another yet seldom maintain physical/spatial relationship of the narrative.	Discontinuity in editing does not produce well-composed transitions that enhance scene flow, audience engagement, and narrative; scene length and flow does not lead audience from one focal point to another, and does not maintain physical/spatial relationship of the narrative.	
Comment:					

Acting Emotional and physical believability; choices and tactics.	Character movements, actions, gestures, and expressions are consistently believable ; choices and tactics toward an objective prompt instinctive reaction to partners or events that create insight into the text.	Character movements, actions, gestures, and expressions are believable ; choices and tactics toward an objective prompt reaction to partners or events.	Character movements, actions, gestures and expressions are sometimes emotionally/physically believable ; choices and tactics toward an objective sometimes prompt reactions to partners or events.	Character movements, actions, gestures, and expressions are rarely emotionally/physically believable ; choices and tactics toward an objective are not evident and do not prompt reactions to partners or events.	
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Comment:

Filmmaker's Vision Use of film elements to create a successful final product.	Filmmaker conveyed clear vision and consistently adhered to rules established for film; all elements worked together to create an impactful, engaging film with a powerful voice.	Filmmaker conveyed mostly clear vision and frequently adhered to the rules established for the film; most elements worked together to create an engaging film.	Filmmaker attempted to convey clear vision and inconsistently adhered to the rules established for the film; few elements worked together to create an engaging film.	Filmmaker failed to convey a clear vision and did not adhere to the rules established for the film; elements did not work together to create an engaging film.	
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Comment:

RATING (Please circle)	4 Superior (Score of 20-18)	3 Excellent (Score of 17-13)	2 Good (Score of 12-8)	1 Fair (Score of 7-5)	TOTAL SCORE
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_____ Judge's name (Please print)

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ATTENTION TABULATION ROOM: Please note the following:

Timing issue: (_____ mm _____ ss)

Rule violation: _____ ; _____ ; _____

Other comments: _____

This rubric should not be considered an assessment of student learning. However, it can serve as a model for designing curriculum- based performance assessments and for this reason, alignment to the National Core Standards has been indicated on this form.

Example National Core Theatre Standards aligned to this rubric: TH:Cr3.1.1.a, TH:Cr3.1.1.b, TH:Pr4.1.1.a, H:Pr6.1.1.a

To access the full descriptions of the above and all the Core Theatre Standards go to: www.nationalartsstandards.org

For additional Standards resources visit: www.schooltheatre.org/advocacy/standardsresources

Optional aligned state standards: _____

State Standards website: _____