



Texas Forensic Association

Poetry Interpretation Ballot

Contestant's Printed Name: _____ School Code: _____

Round: _____ Section: _____ Speaker Number: _____

Title/Author of selection: _____

Judge's Instructions: Evaluate the speaker using the following *CRITERIA*. * **Please offer justification for the ranking in the round and provide constructive suggestions to improve the student's skills.**

***NOTE: TIME LIMIT FOR THIS EVENT IS 7 minutes with a 30 second grace period.**

Criteria for Evaluation

Judge's Remarks

Choice of Material: Does the material have literary merit? Is it appropriate for the speaker?

Adequacy of Introduction: Are the title and author clearly stated? Is the mood set? Is the information relevant and sufficient to get your attention?

Insight and Understanding: Does the speaker appear to fully understand the material? Does the speaker appreciate the author's intent?

Interpretation: Does the speaker convey his understanding of the material to you? If more than one poem is used, does the speaker develop an adequate theme?

Voice and Diction: Is pronunciation acceptable? Are rate, pitch, and volume appropriate? Is vocal variety adequate?

Style: Is body movement confined? Is the presentation excessively dramatic? Does the speaker draw attention to himself instead of the material?

Bodily Action: Are gestures used in an effective and restrained manner? Does the speaker appear poised?

Overall Effectiveness: Is the total effect of the performance pleasing?

Time (length of performance): _____

Rank the performer. Circle one (1st being best, etc. *Each student must be given a rank- there cannot be a tie)

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th *No Show*

Judge's Printed Name _____ **Affiliation** _____

Judge's Signature: _____