

Glossary of Terms

Term	Meaning
Artistry	Displaying a high level of skill in visual and musical expressive qualities as well as creativity, clarity and quality in all design elements.
Control	Clarity of intent through the delivery and maturity of performance.
Emotional Commitment	The ability for the performer to express intent of mood with conviction.
Environmental Challenges	A. The outdoor elements faced by all competitors on the performance area of competition and the issues created by this exposure.
	B. The combination of design complexities for the individual performer, and how these are related to a given proximity. Examples include but are not limited to:
Expressive Components	Inherent elements inclusive to the design with intention to create varied moods and emotions.
Focus (music & visual)	***Need this one - William thinks this is about focus and emphasis for the visual and musical lines. Some would argue this is about spirit and professionalism. I think it is clearer as a design/repertoire term.
Idiomatic Interpretation (music & visual)	Demonstrating understanding of nuanced communication of music and/or visual design or character/role.
Journey (music & visual)	Each show should have some unifying concept – a storyline, subject, theme, musical thread.
	How the journey is presented may differ widely from unit to unit.
	Musical and visual acing, continuity, horizontal development, tension/release, climaxes, arrival points, contrasting dynamics, and moods are the underlying tools that engage the audience in the cohesive journey.



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Motivation (purpose)	The intent of the design through the musical and/or program concept expressions to drive the program.
Musical Devices	Compositional techniques used in music to create moods and varied expressions.
Pacing	The development of the musical / visual line and the shape of the story it tells.
Professionalism	The ability of the performers to understand the intention of the moment and who they are, and to communicate both to the audience.
Simultaneous Responsibilities	Assigning two or or concurrent challenges to the individual performer
Spirit and Energy	During a performance, there is an energy cycle. The performers put forth energy through their performance, including the direct physical connection of sonic energy on the eardrum, visual energy to the eye, and a certain subtle tactile energy that is felt by strong sound waves, or impacts. The greater the range and control of this energy, the greater the reward.
Visual Musicality	Understanding of musical intent through visual expression by shaping, defining, and clarity in form, body, equipment, color, props, staging
Lack of Intent	without definition or clarity of direction of program design. No Direction.