

MHBA/MHYF Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals

Arts Contest – Performing Arts & Digital Media Category

Scorecard, Submission Form, & Statement of Authenticity

Overview:

The Arts Contest is unique in that it provides an opportunity for youth to demonstrate his/her creative abilities and self-expression through a number of different avenues. Youth are eligible to submit **up to five** different Arts exhibits (one submission for the 'Traditional Media' category, one submission for the 'Non-Traditional Media' category, one submission for the 'Crafts' category, one submission for the 'Written Expression' category, and one submission for the 'Performing Arts & Digital Media' category). Entry fees for each of these Arts categories are assessed *only* for youth **not** entering cattle in the MHBA/MHYF Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals.

All Arts submissions **must** be created by the contestant themselves, without the assistance from a parent, guardian, or other adult (except in cases when adults serve as safety monitors). Contestant will be required to sign a Statement of Authenticity (which is included on the following pages). Each Arts submission must demonstrate originality. Should the submission(s) be determined to be the result of plagiarism, then all Arts entries made by the contestant will be disqualified.

The Performing Arts & Digital Media category within the Arts Contest is a new opportunity for youth to showcase his/her interests. These submissions may include short films, recorded musical recitals, animated GIFs, digital paintings, dance routines, skits, and more. There are no restrictions as to the topic for Performing Arts & Digital Media submissions (meaning that, although encouraged, submissions do not necessarily have to relate to Miniature Herefords or the cattle industry), assuming topics are appropriate for all ages. All Performing Arts & Digital Media submissions **must be emailed** to the Arts Contest Coordinator by June 1st, because these will be judged prior to arrival at MHJN. **No late entries will be accepted at MHJN Check-in!**

Scorecard:

The following is the scorecard that will be utilized during the judging of all Arts – Performing Arts & Digital Media submissions. Judging will be conducted according to contestant age class. Please note that judges will not have access to contestant names, as a method of avoiding potential conflicts.

Please refer to the following pages for the Arts – Performing Arts & Digital Media Contest Scorecard and the Submission Form that must be filled out by each contestant and returned via email to the Arts Contest Coordinator, Alyssa DuVal (duval.alyssa3@gmail.com), no later than **June 1st.**

Arts – Performing Arts & Digital Media Scorecard

Criteria	Elements Considered	Score	Judges Comment(s)
Originality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission shows clear signs of originality and reflects age-appropriate content • No evidence of plagiarism is present • As applicable, any references included within the submission are appropriately cited in MLA format (i.e. sources are correctly cited) and submitted in a separate Microsoft Word document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Citations are required, for example, for background music in a performance and photographs in digital cartoon skits. 	_____ out of 10 points possible	
Creativity and Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contestant creativity is clearly perceived (according to type of performing arts or digital media item submitted) • Contestant ‘voice’ and personality are clearly perceived within the tone and content of the submission 	_____ out of 15 points possible	
Technique and Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance submission quality will be considered according to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Video recording quality (visual and audio) ○ Performance technique (i.e. interpretation, execution, showmanship/stage presence, degree of difficulty, etc.) • Digital Media submission quality will be considered according to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age-appropriate expectations for software/program application and skill ○ Craftsmanship and design (colors, fonts, organization, etc.) 	_____ out of 20 points possible	
Submission Explanation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contestant submitted an explanation of the ‘Written Expression’ submission importance that explained <i>why</i> the author created the piece 	_____ out of 5 points possible	

TOTAL POINTS: _____ out of 50 points possible

Submission Form – ‘Performing Arts & Digital Media’ Arts Contest:

Each contestant must complete the following form and include with the Performing Arts & Digital Media submission. Submissions must be received by the Arts Contest Coordinator via email (duval.alyssa3@gmail.com) **no later than June 1st**. Performing Arts & Digital Media submitted after this date will **not** be accepted and entry fees will **not** be refunded. Performing Arts & Digital Media entries may NOT be submitted during MHJN Check-in at the venue.

1. Contestant Name:
2. Contestant Age:
3. Performing Arts & Digital Media Submission Title:

***Note:** Please ensure that the submitted performing arts/digital media file name includes the contestants name and the title listed here. For example, the digital file name could be “DuVal_Alyssa – Singing in the Rain”.

4. Dates of Performing Arts exhibit or Dates of Digital Media creation:
5. Location of Performing Arts (please type N/A for Digital Media submissions):

6. Creation or Editing Software Used? **Yes** **No**
 - a. If yes, please identify the software and describe what functions were used (i.e. GIF rendering, background removal, audio clarity edit, etc.).

7. Photograph of Contestant working on Performing Arts & Digital Media exhibit creation:

***Note:** Please submit a photograph that shows the youth physically working on the creation of the submitted Performing Arts & Digital Media submission. This photograph is not necessary if the youth is the focus of the performing arts item (i.e. youth is the focus of the recorded musical recital, etc.).

I have submitted a photograph along with my Performing Arts & Digital Media exhibit.

Yes

No

8. Explanation of Performing Arts & Digital Media Submission:

***Note:** Contestant written explanation (i.e. his/her individual intention & the importance of the submission) should describe why they created the piece, (if applicable) any messages or deeper meaning behind the art exhibit, and acknowledge its personal importance to the contestant (at a minimum).

Type your written explanation here:

Statement of Authenticity – ‘Performing Arts & Digital Media’ Arts Contest:

Each contestant must sign this ‘Statement of Authenticity – Performing Arts & Digital Media Arts Contest’ and include with the Arts submission.

I, _____, do agree that all of the works submitted for the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association (MHBA) / Miniature Hereford Youth Foundation (MHYF) Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals (MHJN) Arts Contest are the result of my own creativity and activities. I agree that I physically performed/compiled the included ‘Performing Arts & Digital Media’ submission and that the information included with my submission Explanation is the result of my own thoughts, intent, and interpretations. I also consent to allow my submission to be published in MHBA, MHYF, and MHJN publications.

Contestant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

***Note:** A Parent/Guardian signature is required for contestants in the Pre-Junior *and* Junior Arts contest.