

## CHECKLIST FOR MUSIC SELECTION:

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**Rate the following from 1-5 with 1 being weak and 5 being strong.**

**Song Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Interesting melody line?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Each voice part performing in her optimal range most of the time?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lead? \_\_\_ Bass? \_\_\_ Baritone? \_\_\_ Tenor? \_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Smooth/singable part lines for Lead? \_\_\_ Bass? \_\_\_ Baritone? \_\_\_ Tenor? \_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Strong musical climax? (Ballad lyrics create tension for emotional impact leading to a strong musical/lyrical climax?)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Strong intro. that sets up the story line?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Strong tag that reinforces the ending?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good potential for dynamics?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Effective tempo possibilities?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Potential for effective choreography?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Few or simple key changes?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clear message/tells an interesting story?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Message appropriate to the performing group?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical/energy demands match the chorus'/quartet's abilities?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rhythmic and dynamic patterns match those of the words?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rise and fall of the melody fits the story told in the lyrics?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Embellishments add interest but do not hinder the performance?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Challenges in the voice parts match strengths of the chorus/quartet?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chord voicings strong?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Strong barbershop flavor? (Chord progressions create interesting and varied harmony appropriate to the barbershop style?)

### **Use in Repertoire:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Contest ballad?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contest uptune?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Show opener?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Show theme related?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Show finale?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swing ballad?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Comedy/variety?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heavy ballad?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Driving uptune?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Choreography/staging showcase?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Solo?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature song?

### **Special Considerations:**

- Projected length of learning time? \_\_\_\_\_
- Coaching/extra staging time needs? \_\_\_\_\_