## KEYS TO HIGHER SCORES IN THE MUSIC CATEGORY (more or less in this order):

- Pick music that suits YOUR group--NOT an easy process!!!
- Sing the right notes
- ...in tune
- ...at the same time
- Improve basic vocal skills, especially breath support and vocal stamina
- Sing as an ensemble, not a collection of individual voices
- Sing connected-ly
- Sing in an appropriate, consistent tempo (uptune) or ad lib phrase plan (ballad)
- Sing with energy
- Maintain your vocal stamina
- Sing the message of the song=artistry (dynamics, interpretation, inflections, emotional involvement, FREEDOM)