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**3MT® JUDGING CRITERIA:**

**COMPREHENSION & CONTENT**

- Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance?
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- Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
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- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
- Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience’s attention?
- Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
- Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation - was it clear, legible, and concise?

**RULES**

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations or ‘movement’ of any description are allowed. The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (i.e. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

**PEOPLE’S CHOICE**

A ballot will be distributed to all audience members to select People’s Choice. Audience members may only vote once. Competitors who are awarded overall winner, first runner-up, or second runner-up are also eligible to win People’s Choice.
Welcome Message and Overview
Dr. Deborah L. Floyd, Dean of the Graduate College and Professor

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Lynn McNutt, Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance

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Intermission
- Score Tabulation
- Door prize drawings
- Musical arrangement “Koncertstück á la Feidman” - István Kohán
  - Dr. Heather Coltman, Dean of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, Piano
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  - Dylan Sanchez, Clarinet

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